

EARL GREY NOT CALLED TO OTTAWA

RETURNS TO MEET AMBASSADOR BRYCE

Governor-General Planned to Be Back in the Capital To-day

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 1.—The announcement in a Winnipeg dispatch that Earl Grey, who had been attending the performances at Winnipeg in connection with his excellency's annual dramatic musical contest, has been summoned to Ottawa lacks confirmation here. When his excellency left for the West a week ago Thursday his intention was to be back in Ottawa to-day, and in leaving Winnipeg on Saturday night Earl Grey was only carrying out his pre-arranged programme.

Ambassador Bryce proposed to pay a visit to Ottawa several weeks ago, but found it impossible to do so. It was then arranged that he would be in Ottawa on Tuesday, May 2nd, and would be the guest of his excellency at Rideau hall. The necessity of Earl Grey returning to Ottawa is thus made clear. Beside the capital this week has its first horse show and his excellency promised to grace the occasion by his presence.

Ambassador Bryce has made a practice of visiting Ottawa occasionally to confer with his excellency and the Canadian government on matters of international importance affecting Great Britain, Canada and the United States. This will be done on the approaching visit of the ambassador.

Besides reviewing the situation generally some special attention will be given to the question of preservation of seals, sea otter, etc., in Pacific waters. The conference with regard to this matter will open in Washington, May 22, at which representatives of Great Britain, Russia, Japan, the United States and Canada will be present. The Canadian representative will be Joseph Hope, head of the Canadian department of external affairs.

Not Summoned to Ottawa.
Winnipeg, May 1.—There is no disposition in well-informed circles here to attach undue significance to the return of the vice-regal party to Ottawa on Saturday night, although it had been hoped that their excellencies would be here for the marriage and the marriage, under the direction of the Sheffield choir this week. The departure of the party was on the initiative of his excellency himself and not due to any request from the city government. It is no secret that Earl Grey was much perturbed at the aspect of the absence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from the imperial conference owing to the political crisis at Ottawa in connection with the reciprocity agreement.

There was no modification in the programme of the closing day of the visit. Their excellencies were guests of the lieutenant-governor, Sir Daniel Macdougall, at luncheon and afterwards attended the two matinee performances at the Walker theatre in connection with the Earl Grey Musical and Dramatic trophy. Thence they drove to the corner of Maryland and Westminster avenue, where his excellency laid the corner stone of the Presbyterian New Westminster church, which will cost \$144,000. A brief visit was then made to the fine banking premises of Messrs. Alloway and Champion, which his excellency formally opened and christened "Lauris Court."

The vice regal party attended the closing performance in the musical and dramatic competition, of which the winners will not be announced for a fortnight. Particularly pleasing on Saturday evening was the work of the Margaret Eaton School of Elocution of Toronto in "She Stoops to Conquer."

At the close of the performance J. A. M. Atkins, K. C., made a brief speech, thanking their excellencies on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg for their visit, in the course of which he said that Earl Grey had done more in various ways for western Canada than any other governor-general, a sentiment which was received with cheers by the audience. The vice-regal party then drove directly to the station.

LIUT-GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA

Sir D. McMillan Remains in Office For Further Term of Six Months.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, May 1.—It is understood here that Sir Daniel Hunter McMillan whose term of office as Lieut. Governor of Manitoba expires this month has consented to continue his duties for a further term of six months.

WILL BOND CLAIMS.

(Special to the Times.)
Nelson, B. C., May 1.—A hundred thousand dollar bond on the McKinnon group of mineral claims in Frankton camp will be signed in a few days by the British Columbia Copper company.

WILL HEAR VIEWS ON RECIPROCITY

U. S. SENATE COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR WORK

Much Time Likely to Be Given to Discussion of Trade Agreement

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The senate began to-day the consideration of a tariff programme, when the finance committee, which has before it the Canadian reciprocity bill, took up that measure and discussed plans for the hearings on it. Members of the committee are disposed to give a good amount of time to those who desire to oppose or advocate the measure before it is reported to the open senate. During the committee fight the House continued consideration of the free list bill in the House.

W. F. MUNROE DEAD.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, May 1.—W. F. Munroe, aged 78, formerly commercial editor of the Globe and registrar for West Toronto, died on Saturday. Wm. Munroe, Winnipeg, and James Munroe, Armstrong, B. C., were sons.

WILL BE BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

Funeral of the Late Lieut.-Governor of Quebec to Be Held Wednesday

(Special to the Times.)
Quebec, May 1.—Flags are flying at half-mast all over one city in memory of the lieutenant-governor, Sir C. A. P. Pelletier, who passed away at Spencerwood late on Saturday afternoon. His honor, who has had several bad turns since his return at Atlantic City, had rallied somewhat on Friday, and was able to sign some state papers. During Friday night, however, he again became so ill, and it was realized the end was near. He died surrounded by members of his family, to whom he gave his blessing prior to his passing away. Arrangements for the funeral have been completed. The body will be transferred from Spencerwood late this evening to the legislative buildings, where it will lie in state in the legislative assembly chamber from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Tuesday. The funeral service will take place at the basilica at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which the body will be taken by special train over the Intercolonial railway to Riviere Quebec, his native parish, where another service will be held and the interment take place. The funeral will likely be military in character. Telegrams of condolence have been received from Earl Grey, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lady Laurier, Mr. Stangl, Hon. R. Lemieux, Mayor Guerin of Montreal, and a telegram from Sir Lomer Gouin, who is in Paris. Numerous floral tributes are also arriving.



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STRIKE AT TORONTO.

Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Quit Work When Employers Refuse to Raise Wages.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, May 1.—The bridge and structural iron workers of the city went out on strike this morning because the bosses refused an increase from 35 to 40 cents an hour. At a mass meeting here this morning the men prepared to fight the issue to a finish. The strikers claim that over 1,000 men are affected and they expect the Hamilton members of the union to join them. If prolonged the situation will seriously affect the building trades.

EIGHT PASSENGERS BURNED TO DEATH

Scores of Others Sustain Injuries and Death Roll May Be Increased

Easton, Pa., May 1.—As far as is possible to ascertain here and at the scene of the wreck, eight people were burned to death, three fatally injured, two others so seriously injured that their lives are despaired of and scores of persons were cut, burned and bruised in the wreck of the teachers' special from Utica, N. Y., to Washington, D. C., on the Baltimore-Philadelphia road at Martin's creek, N. J., Saturday afternoon.



THE POOR OLD TORY BIRD APPEARS TO BE MOULTING

Subsidy Is Granted for Dry Docks

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 1.—An order-in-council was passed on Saturday authorizing the granting to the Esquimaut Graving Dock and Ship-building Company of the Dominion Government subsidy provided for what are known as docks of this class, being three and a half per cent of the total cost for a period of thirty-five years.

The amount upon which the subsidy will be paid is estimated at \$2,637,800, which includes cost of dock, wharf, repair, machinery and buildings. The dock will be 900 feet long, 128 feet wide, 11 feet deep and will accommodate the largest vessels afloat.

Messrs. Bullen, who have undertaken this extensive enterprise, have associated with them, Denny Brothers, of Dumbarton, Scotland, one of the best known shipbuilding firms in the United Kingdom.

TOGO AND NOGI TO ATTEND CORONATION

Admiral and General Will Be Among Representatives of Japanese Emperor

Tokyo, May 1.—A notable delegation from Japan will visit England as the representative of the Emperor at the coronation of King George. Prince and Princess Huguhi Fushime are the most prominent, but the most interesting personality to Englishmen will be Admiral Count Togo, the hero of Japan and the victor of the battle of the Sea of Japan. Count Togo has retired from active service in the navy, but he remains the most noted figure in Japan. General Count Nogi, who commanded the attack on Port Arthur, accompanies the admiral.

Prince and Princess Huguhi will leave here by the Kamo Maru and will reach London June 6. The Japanese cruisers Kusunami and Tone, both of which were built entirely in Japan shipyards, are due to arrive at Dover or Portsmouth June 10.

Vice Admiral Shima Mura, who is Admiral Togo's chief of staff during war, is in command of the coronation squadron.

WOMEN TO BE STARTED ON NEW RAILWAY

Contract for the Hudson Bay Pacific Line Has Been Signed

Prince Albert, Sas., May 1.—Prince Albert was galvanized into activity Saturday afternoon by the announcement by the board of trade of the receipt of a cable from the Hudson Bay Pacific Railway company in London, England, to the effect that the contract for construction of the road had been signed and that work would be started right away.

Real estate operators went to work and before midnight nearly \$1,500,000 worth of property had either been sold or given under option.

MAINE CITY IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

LOSS AT BANGOR REACHES \$6,000,000

Bangor, Maine, May 1.—One-third of Bangor is in ruins, thousands of persons this morning are homeless, wet, hungry and exhausted by their long fight against the flames, and a property loss estimated at \$6,000,000 has been sustained, as the result of a fire which raged for hours last night.

When dawn broke over the stricken city, hundreds of groups of men, women and children could be seen huddled around smouldering basins or stretched along the edge of the smoking ruins, endeavoring to warm and dry themselves.

Starting in a hay shed on Broad street the fire swept along Broad and Exchange streets through the heart of the city, leaving residences, churches, schools, business buildings, and all the public buildings, with the exception of the city hall, a mass of smoking ashes. For many hours the flames assisted by men and apparatus from other Maine cities belted against the breeze before they conquered it. At 7:45 a. m. to-day the fire was virtually extinguished, but not before one-third of the city had been destroyed, including some of the finest homes in the residential part of Bangor.

During the fierce sway of the fire dynamite proved of little avail. Buildings were blown up, but the flames easily leaped the chasm thus made, and it was not until the wind, which had been blowing almost a gale during the night, shifted and a light rain fell, that there was any indication that the firemen would win.

Checked by the help from this unexpected quarter, the fire fighting forces were concentrated near the corners of Hammond and Central streets, nearly two miles from the start of the blaze, and the spread of flames was partially checked. But while the rain and the shifting of the wind to the east eased the rest of the city, it only added to the discomforts of thousands who had been

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NEW STEAMERS FOR THE PACIFIC

CONFIRMATION BY SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY

C. P. R. Will Shortly Award Contract for Two 15,000-Ton Vessels

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, May 1.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who arrived home from England yesterday, announced that contracts for two new 15,000-ton steamers for the Canadian Pacific Oriental route would be given out shortly. The ships will be larger than the Atlantic Empresses to be completed in eighteen months.

Sir Thomas denied the rumor that the Atlantic Empresses would be transferred to the Pacific service and replaced by the new vessels on their completion.

Sir Thomas also said the C. P. R. would not extend the line through the Yellowhead Pass and denied the rumor that George Bury would be appointed second vice-president.

He announced that the Dominion Atlantic line from Yarmouth to Halifax would shortly be taken over by the C. P. R.

DEMAND MORE PAY AND SHORTER HOURS

Practically All the Union Bakers in Vancouver Are Idle

Vancouver, May 1.—The supply of bread fell off very visibly in Vancouver this morning, and there were many householders who sought their usual number of loaves to-day in vain. Practically all the union bakers in the city, numbering between 30 and 100, went out last night, declaring that they were going to observe May 1 as a holiday.

Whether their departure from work will constitute a strike remains to be seen, but it is claimed at union headquarters that the bakers have no intention of going back to their jobs unless their demands are acceded to by the proprietors.

Briefly, the bakers seek the observance of the closed shop principle, an increase in wages of about \$2 a week, an eight-hour day shift instead of eight hours and a half as at present, and time and a half for overtime.

The police were called out at one shop last night where union pickets had become active.

HON. PHILLIP ROY WILL GO TO PARIS

Appointed as Canadian High Commissioner in Succession to the Late H. Fabre

Ottawa, May 1.—Hon. Phillip Roy, Edmonton, who represents northern Alberta in the Senate, has been appointed Canadian High Commissioner at Paris in succession to the late Hector Fabre. Senator Roy left for Edmonton last night and will assume his new duties immediately. The vacancy thus caused in the Senate will be filled by the appointment of Hon. A. F. Forget, former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

The appointment of Hon. Mr. Roy to Paris will mark the inauguration of a more active administration of the Canadian office at the French capital. Hitherto the office has been sort of joint arrangement between the Federal and Quebec Governments. A large appropriation will now be made for its upkeep and for extending its work and influence in inducing emigration and the investment of French capital in Canadian enterprises. The new commissioner has already been largely instrumental in interesting French capital in western Canada.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOUND IN ROOMS OF COUNTESS AFTER HER DEATH

St. Petersburg, May 1.—Princess Shachwoscow is dead after twenty years voluntary seclusion in two rooms of the palace at Moscow, to which she retired after the death of her betrothed on the eve of the wedding. Death was due to starvation. Notes and coins amounting to \$500,000 were found in her room.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT

Tacoma, Wash., May 1.—Clark Veach, superintendent of agents for the First National Life Insurance company of this city, was arrested Saturday, charged with embezzling \$2,000 from the Prudential Insurance company at Cheyenne, Wyoming, thirteen months ago. He will be taken to that city to-morrow. Accompanied by his young wife, he came to this city six months ago. She is ill, and for that reason was not apprised of his arrest.

CHINESE REBELS TAKE THREE TOWNS

MURDER AND PILLAGE RIFE NEAR CANTON

It is Feared Troops May Desert If Insurrection Continues to Spread

Hongkong, May 1.—The insurrection at Canton is spreading through the countryside. The rebels have taken three important towns in the West River district, Wen Chow and Woo Chow. Murder and pillage are reported from all parts of the district.

All advices from Canton indicate desperate conditions in that city. There are 30,000 soldiers within the walls and there is great fear that many of these will prove disloyal if it appears that the rebels are about to gain the upper hand.

The rebels are strong in numbers and have carried their work of destruction with fanatical bravery. They made an attack upon the provincial arsenal, but were repulsed by troops under loyal officers. Many were killed and some fled to an unoccupied rice store and built a barricade with hundreds of bags of rice. The troops found great difficulty in assaulting the barricade, as the rebels threw bombs with accuracy. Finally the store was set on fire, while the troops remained at some distance to pick off those who might seek to escape the flames. Thirty or more were burned to death, while others committed suicide rather than be taken.

Plot Against Government.

There has been a gathering at Canton of many of those opposed to the Manchu dynasty. Several hundred advanced from Hongkong. The plot to overthrow the government was betrayed and the leaders of the movement urged the viceroys bodyguard to join forces and kill the Manchus. This the bodyguard refused to do, with the result that when the attack was made upon the residence of the viceroys a few days ago, the revolutionists were routed.

Captain bodies of troops may be depended upon, and all attempts by the rebels to induce them to join the revolt have proved futile. But the rebels, working together according to a well devised plan, have succeeded in doing much damage to property in addition to killing some of the officials. The fallen viceroys is now living on a gunboat.

Wu Sun, a Chinese who was educated in Japan and wears European clothes, is the leader of the movement. Both he and his confederates came to Canton from Singapore. While the authorities have not been able to capture these men, several suspects have been arrested and decapitated. It is feared, however, that some of these were innocent.

The American gunboat Wilmington is now at Spanish, the foreign concession, above the city, southward of the western suburb and facing Madam Fort passage.

Two Hundred Killed.

During the fight in the streets, Chinese gunboats patrolling the west river fired into several parties of rebels, slaughtering 200 of them.

Retreating to the countryside the revolutionists attacked and captured Sam Shui, 30 miles west of Canton, and murdered the prefect. The troops were put to flight and the rebels moved on to Wen Chow and Woo Chow, both of which towns they took after slight resistance. Brigands following in their wake looted the shops of three towns.

The triumphant sweep of the revolutionists continued westward along the west river, and reports from that district say the movement is spreading, and rebels are murdering and pillaging in other places.

While the movement to the west is being directed by Wu Sun, the brigand chief Luk has led a force to the north of Canton. He looted the market at Chung Lok, 30 miles north of Canton, then made a wide detour to the west of Canton and fell on Patsian, a town 15 miles to the southwest of the capital of the province. Here he first destroyed the palace of the assistant magistrate and then turned the town over to his followers to be looted.

Communication interrupted.

Advices state that Shui Hung, on the west river, has fallen before the revolutionists, who have murdered the prefect. The battle at Patsian was hard fought, the imperial troops making a stand at Lung Shi. Thirty-seven soldiers were killed before the troops fell back.

The revolutionists are cutting the telegraph wires and communication between Canton and points to the north and west are interrupted. Traffic in the Chinese section of the railway leading north from Canton has been suspended. A report that Shamfai, the foreign concession above Canton, had been invaded, lacks confirmation. The American gunboat Wilmington has the place under her guns.

The viceroys of Canton, who took refuge on a gunboat after his palace was burned Wednesday night, has ordered troops to pursue the rebels. The gates of the city are closed and no one is allowed to enter. A vigorous roundup of suspects is being made. Several gunboats are anchored off the city.

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AN ANGRY SCENE IN GOVERNMENT COUNCIL CHAMBER CONSULT WITH CITY

MORESBY AND HUMBER IN DISPOSITION OF EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS THE RESERVE LANDS

Secret Session Proves No Secret—Recriminations Lead to Accusations Mayor Morley Interviews Premier McBride and Gets a Promise of Consideration

The monotony of council in session was rudely shocked Friday night when the aldermanic body of Victoria was treated to a series of bitter recriminations by two of its members, to wit, Ald. Moresby and Humber. The heat engendered was so intense that both combatants were speedily reduced to simpering ashes, and the mayor, with a flourish of his hand, the temper to approach the combustible factions and succeeded in silencing, if not appeasing them.

Alderman Moresby was the aggrieved party, but his accusations against the other divided the honors of that position. The best that was achieved in actual expression was "contemptible person" and "liar," but it was obvious from the outset of hostilities that both men were laboring under the terrible disability of an inadequate vocabulary.

At Alderman Moresby's belongs the distinction of bringing about the first "secret" session in the council for the year 1911. Rising to a question of privilege with copies of the Times and the Colonist in his hand, he said there was some statement that had appeared in the press in connection with the secret meeting called by the council to consider the position of the city engineer.

"I do not propose to disclose what took place at that meeting. I feel it my duty bound not to disclose anything. I am not in the habit of paying much attention to what appears in the newspapers, especially in regard to myself, and I would take no notice of the present instance if it did not couple my name with the name of another gentleman."



NEIGHBORLY TAFT—Weather backward over there, too? SIR WILFRID—Well, it might be warmer, but my garden's coming along nicely, thanks.

SUFFER HARDSHIP DURING HURRICANE FISHMEN TELL OF BATTLE WITH STORM

New Orleans, La., April 29.—Pierce encounters with a lashing hurricane and angry seas, two nights of exposure and hours of hunger and thirst were the lot of a score of fish and oyster men on the Gulf coast fleets during the West Indian gale of Tuesday and Wednesday.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEET NUMBER OF CHANGES IN PRIZE LIST

Ottawa, April 29.—Changes in the Dominion Rifle Association prize list for 1911 were announced to-day. In addition to certain changes in figure targets, the rifle prize list will also be used in the Borden match at 600 yards and in the military matches.

HUNDREDS DEAD OR WOUNDED REBELS SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AT CANTON

Hongkong, April 29.—The Taotao, has been assassinated by the rebels. The gates of the city have been closed. The loyalty of the troops is doubted and this fear has caused much excitement among the peaceful inhabitants of Canton.

Number of Vessels Wrecked on Shore of Gulf of Mexico

Dispatches from Biloxia tell of the return last night of Daniel Cornejo, son of a prominent packer, who with the crew of the schooner Arapahoe, had a terrible experience during the hurricane.

New Match for Individuals and Teams—Competition Open to Members of Navy

A new match has been added, viz: "City of Ottawa Coronation Match," for individuals and teams, rifles 400 and 300 yards. Team prize \$500 and cup, individual prize gold medal, both presented by the corporation of the city of Ottawa.

Two British Torpedo Boats Have Been Dispatched to Scene of Trouble

London, April 29.—A special dispatch from Hongkong says that the revolutionary outbreak at Canton was promptly suppressed after numbers of persons had been killed and many arrests made.

FATHER GETS SHARE OF SON'S ESTATE Judgment Given by Court of Appeal in Singular Action

Vancouver, April 29.—It would seem that when a man is considered legally dead he ought to remain dead, as resurrection appears only to cause trouble. At least this seems to have been the case of the father of Charles G. Orr, who died intestate in this city in November, 1907, leaving a wife and one daughter.

BUYERS' IRON WORKS. San Francisco, Cal., April 29.—The Call reports to-day that the sale of the Risdon Iron Works in this city to the U. S. Steel Corporation has been virtually completed.

Winnipeg, April 29.—The cold wave which developed in Alberta reached Manitoba last night, and though only one or two degrees of frost were reported the change from 80 in the shade of yesterday afternoon was very sudden.

CANADIAN RECIPROcity BILL. Washington, D. C., April 29.—President Taft began to-day a canvass of the senate situation with reference to Canadian reciprocity.

London, April 29.—The stock exchange will be closed on Monday "May Day."

POACHING IS NOW TIMING OF PAST

NO BOATS INSIDE LIMIT SINCE EDRIE'S CAPTURE

Fishery Commissioners Returning to Ottawa After Patrolling the West Coast

Employing tactics that have had the desired result of stopping all poaching by American vessels along the West Coast, Fishery Commissioners G. W. Miller and H. P. Cousins, who were sent west by the Dominion government, have now completed their patrol on the steam whalers Germania and Sebastian, which returned to port yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Miller, when seen on Saturday by a Times representative, said: "It is the opinion of Mr. Cousins and myself that the patrol instituted by the Dominion government following the representations made by British Columbia federal officials, has demonstrated to the American fishermen that it is far safer to keep outside the three-mile-limit than attempt to drop their lines overboard in Canadian waters."

Following the unexpected capture of the Edrie by H. M. C. S. Rainbow, the Americans have evidently deemed it more advisable to stay outside, as it is a heavy loss to the owners when such craft as these are seized.

When reports that unlimited poaching was being done by the American vessels of the west coast of this island were received, H. C. Brewster, M. P. for Alberni, together with F. H. Cunningham, Dominion fisheries inspector for British Columbia, requested Ottawa to take prompt steps in order to stamp out poaching.

GOLD WAVE HAS REACHED MANITOBA Sudden Change in Temperature—Snowfall Will Be of Value to Farmers

Winnipeg, April 29.—The cold wave which developed in Alberta reached Manitoba last night, and though only one or two degrees of frost were reported the change from 80 in the shade of yesterday afternoon was very sudden.

Twelve degrees of frost was reported last night at Edmonton with from eight to ten degrees in southern Alberta, but it was much milder in Saskatchewan and considerable snow falls over wide areas of that province will be of great value to farmers.

WELCOME SNOW AND RAIN. Saskatoon, Sask., April 29.—Twenty-four hours of soaking snow and rain provided needed moisture for crops in this section.

PRISONERS NOW DECLINE TO TALK

ALLEGED DYNAMITERS OBEY ORDERS OF COUNSEL

Attorneys Who Will Assist in Defence Are on Way to Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., April 29.—Calmly awaiting future developments and whatevs they may hold in store for them, John McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Workers, and his brother, James McNamara, union iron worker and printer, charged with a series of murders by dynamite, are obeying the letter of the instructions of their attorneys and refuse interviews to all other persons.

Judging from the reports of the officers in whose charge the prisoners are, none of the men are nervous about the charges which they must face before judge and jury.

When the total forces which are to engage in the battle over the men's alleged guilt all are gathered here, seven days hence the first court step in the case will be taken.

Nothing more definite regarding the line of defence has been stated other than that it will try to prove that it was gas which caused the explosion in the Times building here.

Although District Attorney Fredericks is busy preparing for the prosecution, his work probably will gain an impetus with the expected arrival here Monday of his assistant, W. Joseph Ford, from Indianapolis.

SHORT SHRIFTED GAMBLERS. Government by Commission Closed Oklahoma Town in One Day

Muskogee, Okla., April 29.—Public gambling is ended in Muskogee. It was stopped in fifteen minutes. Commission form of government did not prevent the closing of the town.

New Westminster, April 29.—The water committee is losing no time in making extensions out of the debris by-law recently passed, and at the meeting of the city council a resolution was adopted.

On the recommendation of the sanitary inspector, it was decided to cut down and clear all the broom and uncleanliness in the vicinity of the Isolation Hospital on Eighth street. This is to prevent fire, as there has been brush fires there in previous years.

CAPTAIN SEARS GOES

NO EVIDENCE FOR MATE AND

Counsel Attributes "Regrettable Course" of Circumstances

Capt. Albert A. Sears, Troquois, which went down the morning of April 18, was committed for trial from the Mac court yesterday.

For the first time, Margaret Sears, the widow of the sailor, was present yesterday, being brought in by the court.

The failure of the Mate Isister and Ensign Angerer H. A. Maclean to appear at the court yesterday, before the court for the first time, was a surprise.

After the commitment was bailed in bonds which \$20,000 was found by Mrs. Brown, H. F. Phillips and J. W. Forman, bondsmen in place of Capt. Sears' own remainder of the bail, \$5,000.

Capt. Albert Berquist, there was only ten inches to the ship when she struck the reef, and the captain had not under the circumstances and weather. She was least, overloaded.

EXTENDING WATER SYSTEM. New Westminster, April 29.—The water committee is losing no time in making extensions out of the debris by-law recently passed, and at the meeting of the city council a resolution was adopted.

A letter was received from the school board asking for a recommissioning of the school bus, which failed to carry, but lacked only one vote. The council are favorable to allowing a recommissioning of the bus.

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MOTIVES FOR OPPOSING RECIPROCIITY.

The Colonist is honest enough, and has sufficient respect for the intelligence of its readers to admit that reciprocity with the United States may be a desirable thing from a business point of view and to repudiate the reiterated parrot cry of its sister, the Vancouver News-Advertiser, that the effect of closer trade relations must be to weaken National and Imperial sentiments in the breasts of the people of this country.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Now that the drift of the agenda of suggestive subjects sent in from the various overseas dominions of the Empire has been published, it is gratifying to note the evidently loyal desire to maintain the integrity of the Empire. Though some of the matters suggested for discussion are radical in their outlook, there is present in all subjective evidence that it is not the desire of any of the self-governing colonies to break away from the Mother Country.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DIED THIS MORNING

Death Occurs of William Harrison—Came to This Province in 1862. (From Monday's Daily.) The death occurred this morning of William Harrison, aged 69 years, one of Victoria's pioneer citizens.

OBITUARY RECORD

(From Monday's Daily.) The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Julia C. Travis, 910 Hillside avenue, of Mrs. George Keithley, aged 76 years.

BABIES WHO SUFFER FROM CONSTIPATION

The little ones who suffer from constipation, colic, indigestion, or any of the many ills that afflict children, will find prompt relief in Baby's Own Tablets—a medicine that is guaranteed absolutely safe and free from all injurious drugs.

POLICE PRESENT MEDAL

Revelstoke, April 23.—The local police force has presented A. W. Duck with a handsome gold medal for the assistance rendered them in making the arrest of Robert Armstrong during the fracas in the Dominion Express Company's office on March 5.

IMITATION COUGH CURES

Is an Imitation Cough Medicine Good Enough for Your Children? When you are sick and send for the doctor you don't want him to send you a young medical student he has just graduated in the cure of disease.

and ascertain openings in the colonies where such persons could find suitable, congenial and remunerative employment, thus maintaining the spirit and practice of independence which has ever been characteristic of the truly British.

In any case, the League might take a leaf out of the book of the Salvation Army and engage to provide places only for those who are actually fitted and prepared to accept the circumstances into which they might be thrust.

OBSTRUCTION AT OTTAWA.

The decision of the opposition at Ottawa to obstruct the progress of business in parliament in the hope of forcing an appeal to the constituencies on the reciprocity agreement makes the issue clear. It is simply a question whether the government, supported by a large majority in the House of Commons, or the Conservatives, in a minority, shall rule.

AN EASTERN TORY "FORGERY"

HON. FRANK OLIVER TO MAKE STATEMENT Will Reply to Attack Made on Him by the Toronto Telegram. Ottawa, May 1.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Hon. F. Oliver promised to make a statement in the house to-morrow regarding the imputation of graft preferred in a well-known article in the Toronto Telegram last week.

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RETURNS FROM A PATROL OF SEAS

BOTH SHEARWATER AND ALGERINE BACK IN PORT

Assistance Rendered to British Citizens Living in Spanish America

(From Monday's Daily.)

Completing their annual cruise in southern waters, which were full of interesting and exciting adventures for the officers and crews of the vessels, the sloops-of-war H. M. S. Shearwater, Commander Vivian and H. M. S. Algerine, Capt. Jones, slipped into Esquimalt harbor yesterday afternoon unexpectedly, and dropped anchor. Both vessels figured prominently in the revolutions of Central America in protecting the lives and property of British and American residents there and the men employed this part of the cruise immensely.

The two vessels the Algerine has had by far the longest trip, and a trip which has been made for the past ten years by one of the cruisers of the imperial navy on this station. She left port in October and during the time was away covered 18,000 miles, and the Shearwater steamer 11,188 miles, calling at 24 ports, being 261 days and in harbor 63 days. The latter vessel followed the usual course in the visit to southern islands, but the Algerine has been in the waters of the Pacific, visiting several of the British possessions in mid-Pacific in the same latitude as Valparaiso.

The only really exciting incident which occurred in connection with the Shearwater's trip was the landing of a party of men at San Quentin about two weeks ago, to safeguard the interests of the English-speaking people. The insurgents were threatening the residents there and the men of the Shearwater were requested to render assistance. The landing party was set ashore, but it was unnecessary to engage in any fighting as the revolutionists had moved off before the men from the Shearwater returned to their ship. Commander Vivian regards the protest which has been entered by the Mexican government as a mere formality, he having decided within his rights in rendering assistance to the British residents.

When the vessel was at Guaymas help was again requested, this time by all the foreigners at that port. They desired that the vessel remain there in order to protect them, as they feared that any moment the revolutionists might sweep down on them. After looking over the situation it was discovered that the rebels, who were 40 miles away from the town, had moved farther inland and that there was little fear of them returning to Guaymas.

During the time she was in Mexican waters the Shearwater acted as a passenger vessel, when she carried two customs officials from San Quentin to Esquimalt. The men requested passage on the vessel, stating that they had been ordered by the officers on the Shearwater to go to the town in order to avoid the attentions of the insurgents. On another occasion the Shearwater offered assistance, which was accepted by those in trouble. A small boat with six men in it was sighted in the Gulf of California while the sloop-of-war was about there. They were seen firing a distress signal and then disappeared. It appeared that they were turtle hunting, having taken their boat and rowed to sea before the water and food supply had been replenished from the stores of the Shearwater.

The Shearwater left Esquimalt on November 6, and met heavy weather before Cape Flattery, which forced her to return to port for shelter. The only other heavy weather encountered on the long trip was when the ship was nearing Salina Cruz and she was unable to get through the strait. She was then ordered to return to port, where she was continuously washed her decks. Throughout the remainder of the trip the weather was exceptionally fine and the Shearwater was enabled to make good time.

Galapagos island, an uninhabited island situated on the equator was visited and here Father Neptune paid his customary visit to all vessels crossing the imaginary line. Five of the sailors had crossed the equator and it was a gala day for everyone aboard the ship who, after having undergone the usual ceremony in the fun of watching the others. The Shearwater also visited the celebrated Cocos island and the sailors, needless to say, set off in various directions in an attempt to locate the hidden treasure. They spent several hours in futile searching and then returned to the vessel doubting the statements that have been made regarding the buried treasure. As a result of the cordiality extended them while at San Diego, the officers and men departed with the best of wishes and on their return they would give a concert and dinner at the Esquimalt club and undertake the supplying of a programme it was an excellent and most enjoyable affair.

Algerine's Experiences. Undoubtedly the Algerine took a more and more conspicuous part in the Central American rebellion than her sister-ship. While coaling at San Pedro de Macoris, Capt. Jones received a telegram from the British admiralty to proceed to Amapala, the only seaport town of Honduras on the Pacific coast, which has been closed by the government following a stand taken by General I. M. Vallandenes, customs collector. He was dismissed by the government from that post, but refused to accept his dismissal and gathered his followers together instigating a rebellion.

On November 10 at 7 p. m., after an arrangement had been made between the commanding officers of the German cruiser Bremen, and the U. S. S. Yorktown, which were also ordered there, Capt. Jones sent his landing party ashore, together with the other ships, in command of the first lieutenant of the Bremen. All the warships trained their searchlights on various parts of the fort and guns were pointing in the direction of them, ready to fire if anything happened ashore.

When things began to go against them the rebels turned from General Vallandenes and finally he accepted his dismissal, leaving the country for Costa Rica. Neither of the parties on the war vessels were in action, being there merely to protect the welfare of the people of that nation, but to represent the interests of the national collector charge, and the port was reopened. Telegrams were received by the captains of each vessel from the president of the Central American republics, thanking them for the timely assistance which was rendered.

EXPECTS BUSY SEASON IN NORTH

Skeena River Millman Says There Will Be Big Demand for Lumber

Prince Rupert, April 29.—E. W. Leeson, of the Skeena Lumber Company, arrived here a few days ago. Mr. Leeson is on his way up the river to resume operations for the season. This lumber mill has a capacity of 30,000 feet of lumber and 60,000 shingles per day. This season, says Mr. Leeson, promises to be one of the most prosperous in the history of this northern country. The canneries always use a large amount of rough lumber, but in addition to the old markets a considerable new market is this year expected on account of the very large influx of people who are certain to come into this district this year.

Northern British Columbia is attracting the greatest attention. Mr. Leeson said he had just returned from a visit to Montreal, Boston and other eastern points, and everywhere he said the attention was the same—looking to this great new country to the north. The Lakelse valley will this year be fairly well settled. A great many inquiries concerning this Lakelse valley is being made. Where the productiveness of this country has been demonstrated it has attracted much attention. About forty men are at present employed by the Skeena Lumber Company.

OVER TWO THOUSAND MEN EMPLOYED

Work of Improving C. P. R. Lines Between Vancouver and Field in Progress

Vancouver, April 29.—Fully 1,500 extra men are employed on C. P. R. improvements between Vancouver and Field on the British Columbia division, it is reported, in an attempt to have the new 80-lb. steel rails, which are taking the place of 55-lb. rails on sidings and branch lines, and the other contemplated improvements, ready for use when the heavy autumn traffic commences.

On every train leaving the city for weeks past gangs of men have been sent out on construction work, being detailed to the various section points between here and Field, where new bridges, sidings and station buildings are being constructed. Track laborers, bridge and building carpenters, painters and workmen of all classes of railway improvements have been secured to help out the regular department employees, who, it is said, number at least 1,000. The maintenance-of-way men, who are about 500 strong between here and the eastern end of the division, have received large additions to their numbers, while many new members have joined the bridge and building forces and other construction gangs.

The government was requested by Mr. Cotsworth's appointment differences of a most contentious nature having risen between Reeve Ward, Councilor McGregor and the auditor, Mr. Cotsworth. It is stated that Mr. Cotsworth's appointment differences of a most contentious nature having risen between Reeve Ward, Councilor McGregor and the auditor, Mr. Cotsworth. It is stated that Mr. Cotsworth's appointment differences of a most contentious nature having risen between Reeve Ward, Councilor McGregor and the auditor, Mr. Cotsworth.

ENGINEER ASTLEY NOT COMING WEST

Receives Offer of \$5,000 to Remain in the Employ of Winnipeg

A dispatch received from Winnipeg Saturday afternoon confirms the statement which appeared in the Times on Friday to the effect that J. W. Astley, who had received an offer from the city of Victoria of the appointment of construction engineer was not likely to come here. He has received an offer of \$5,000 to remain in the employ of the city of Winnipeg, and will remain in his present place.

Mayor Morley expected to receive a reply to the offer of the construction engineering yesterday, but he was disappointed. There can be no doubt, however, that a refusal to come will be the answer of Mr. Astley in view of the fact that he has received an offer of \$5,000 to remain, as against \$4,000 to come to Victoria.

SUFFOCATED IN WELL

Scott, Sask. May 1—Somewhere on the Atlantic coast of Saskatchewan, is a young English woman who left her home a few days ago to marry Harold Barwell, of Scott. The marriage was to have taken place on the arrival of the young lady. But sorrow only awaits her. On Thursday Barwell was suffocated by gas in a well he was digging on a homestead six miles south of here.

GOLD SNAP WELCOMED ON THE PRAIRIES

Spring Wheat Not Yet Out of Ground and No Damage Has Resulted

Brandon, Man., May 1.—The cold snap is regarded here as having come at a most opportune moment. Vegetation was far too rapid and the chilly weather checked the rush. There is evidence of wonderful growth in the wheat which was above the ground just one week after it was sown and everything was rushing along in the same way. It is felt that serious damage would have resulted had growth not been checked as it has been. There was only six and one-half degrees of frost during the night and no damage of any kind resulted. The barometer is still high, the wind very cold and two or three days of chilly weather is expected.

Winnipeg, May 1.—There was anywhere from ten to twenty degrees of frost over most of the prairie west last night, the coldest yet striking northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Spring wheat is not out of the ground in most places and farmers claim the crop will do much good in checking too rapid growth.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR CANCELLED

M. B. Cotsworth Has Been Released From Position at Burnaby

New Westminster, April 29.—At next meeting of the Burnaby council Reeve Ward will formally present the document he has received from Victoria authorizing the release of Auditor Moses B. Cotsworth, appointed auditor of Burnaby under section 55 of the Municipal Clauses Act, a section giving him almost unlimited powers.

BRITISH PRESS ON CANADIAN QUESTIONS

London, May 1.—The Times observes that President Taft's allusion to the ideals of British imperialism betrays a complete misunderstanding of both British and Canadian sentiment. When President Taft accuses British imperialism of seeking to put a Chinese yoke on the neck of the North American continent he surely forgets the conditions under which Canada, against all odds, has grown to its present position.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Vancouver, May 1.—The explosion of a hot water tank in the basement of the Gem barber shop at 49 Cordova street on Saturday, resulted in the death of Alfred Lawrence, the janitor, who was engaged in filling the tank at the time. The shop contains eight chairs and was full of customers at the time that Lawrence went below to fill the tank. A few minutes later there was a terrific explosion which shook the shop and could be felt by hundreds of persons in the vicinity. Mr. Clark, one of the proprietors, went below and found Lawrence lying dead and terribly mangled. His legs and arms were broken and he had been thrown several feet by the force of the explosion.

FOUND DEAD IN CABIN

Georgetown, Alaska, May 1.—Harry Jacobson, a well-to-do trapper, was found dead recently by four prospectors. He was known to all old Alaskans as "Scow Harry" and is thought to have relatives near Seattle, but no record of anyone is found here. He had been dead about a week when found in his cabin and whether death was due to natural causes or to the accidental swallowing of some poison all trappers use, is not known. Breakfast was cooked and on the table yesterday. He had lived two years alone in his cabin.

REJECTED LOVER ATTEMPTS MURDER

Attacks Girl With Razor and Then Ends His Own Life

Montreal, May 1.—Montreal was this morning the scene of an attempted murder and suicide. John Robinson, early this morning armed himself with two razors at his boarding house, 203 St. Antoine street, and going to the ice cream parlor owned by Eugene Larue, on the corner of Beauvelin and St. Jean streets, without warning slashed Miss Larue across the throat with a razor and then cut his own throat from ear to ear with the same weapon. Miss Larue rushed into the street calling for help and crying "Jack Robinson did this." When passers-by ran into the store they found Robinson just breathing his last. Miss Larue was taken to a hospital where it was stated that she would recover.

SUGAR REFINERY ON FIRE

New York, May 1.—Fire in the Arbuckle sugar refining company's plant in Brooklyn spread rapidly throughout the upper half of the main building and caused a loss of \$250,000. The fire started from an explosion of boiling sugar. Two hundred men escaped safely.

WINE AND SLOAN LINE

Operation of Railway Means Much to Kaslo

Nelson, April 29.—"There does not seem to be any doubt but that the mines located along the line of the Kaslo & Slovan railroad will again have transportation facilities this summer," said G. O. Buchanan, Mr. Buchanan was present at the meeting on Friday night at Kaslo and described it as having been marked with considerable enthusiasm on the part of those in attendance.

TURN EXHIBITION

Exposition of Industries and Labor Biggest Affair of Kind Ever Held in Italy

Turin, May 1.—The international exhibition of industries and labor, the biggest affair of its kind ever attempted in Italy, opened Saturday. The exhibition occupies 12,000,000 square feet, extending on either side of the river Po, the two parts being joined by bridges, two built especially for this occasion. The American pavilion comprises the largest exhibition ever made abroad by that government. In all there were 16,000 exhibitors, representing the European countries, North and South America, Japan, Persia, Spain, Turkey, Tunis, and the British colonies.

WANTON FRUIT GROWERS' UNION

Directors Elected at Meeting at Nelson—Warehouse for Current Season

Nelson, April 29.—With the election of the permanent board of directors of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' union, limited, was taken, when, also the large shareholders' meeting held at the board of trade rooms, authorized the newly constituted board to arrange for a temporary central warehouse for the season's crop handling. The election of the new organization was announced as follows: Raymond T. Hikes, Kootenay lake; P. J. Locke, Crawford Bay; G. Hall, Atre, Queens Bay; Gordon Hall, C. W. Busk, W. Army, John Hyslop, Nelson; Chas. P. McHardy, Slovan river and lake; J. E. Annable, Kootenay river. Directors will be remunerated for their cash outlay only. By resolution of the meeting, G. H. Patten of Nelson was appointed auditor.

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TEAMSTERS FIGURE IN STRIKE OF HOURS

Victoria Drivers Make Employers Come Half Way—Strike Over After Lunch

(From Monday's Daily.) The union teamsters of Victoria failed to put in an appearance at the various establishments where they are employed this morning. In view of the failure of their employers to accede to the demands of the new wage scale which came into operation to-day, and in consequence the strike not a little inconvenience and delay was occasioned by the work of the transfer companies.

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THIRTY MILES OF LINES LAID OUT

ONE THOUSAND MEN FOR SUMMER'S WORK

Four Survey Camps on West Coast Line of C. N. R. Construction

Between thirty and thirty-five miles of country has been opened up for railway construction purposes in connection with the Victoria to Barkley Sound railway being built by Mackenzie & Mann.

The contractors, M. E. Earlin and Grant Smith and Company, will put a heavily increased force of men in the field on the approach of the summer.

GUILTY ON THREE BURGLARY CHARGES

James H. Holt, Accomplice of Buckley, Awaits Sentence for Theft of Jewelry

With three charges of burglary against him James Henry Holt, the accomplice of the burglar Buckley, who was sentenced to three years last week, was presented this morning before the police magistrate and pleaded guilty on all three counts.

Robbery from the house of W. E. McIntyre, Battery street, from which jewelry was taken on April 21, was the first charge. The others were burglary at the house of Alexander McMoran, Pandora avenue, and burglary from the house of E. W. Knight, Pandora avenue.

The prisoner's mother was in court and asked the magistrate to deal leniently with her boy, who is eighteen years of age. As the boy pleaded guilty the mother came forward, but the boy from the dock waved her away, evidently desirous that she say nothing.

When the accused was arrested a search warrant was issued empowering the detective to search the home of his parents. There they found much jewelry of a total value of \$400.

John Wilson, for using filthy language on Government street Saturday night, was given two weeks' imprisonment with the option of a \$10 fine.

An assault charge against Harry Gardner, the outcome of an affair on Saturday night, was set for hearing tomorrow, and accused allowed to go meantime on his personal surety.

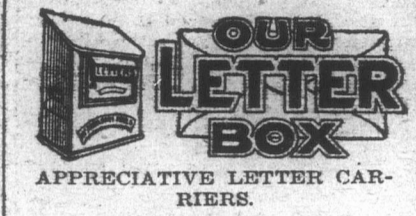
James Strong and George Bell ventilated a grudge three months old on one of the city thoroughfares Saturday night last, with the result that after blows were struck they were escorted to the jail. They were bailed out and this morning paid fines of \$5 each.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 1.—A general carpenters' strike was ordered today to enforce a demand for a daily wage of \$4 instead of the present pay of \$3.50. About 50 carpenters are said to have walked out. Union leaders deny that they intended to call a general labor strike in Los Angeles at the present time.

REFUSED TO OBEY CAPTAIN'S COMMAND

Officer Sentenced for Going Ashore in Defiance of Superior's Orders

Tacoma, Wash., April 23.—For disobeying the lawful commands of his captain while in Tacoma harbor last Christmas day, W. A. Black, third officer of the British steamship Beachy, was sentenced recently to four weeks at hard labor by the marine magistrate's court at Hongkong.



To the Editor: As the best means of reaching the public I am permitted on behalf of the letter carriers of Victoria to express through the columns of your valuable paper our unqualified appreciation—first, to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme of our late concert in the Victoria theatre, and who were the means of making it such an unquestionable success; next, to the magnificent audience for their support.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Editor: An article appeared in the Times a few days ago relative to conditions in the public library. While in the main the points were accurately enough taken, there are several statements which need correction.

The changes which are in progress are, as above hinted, evolutionary rather than revolutionary. The aim of the library has always been to serve the needs of the public, and that it might serve them more adequately more perfectly—is still the ever-expanding objective, for the accomplishment of which each member of the staff works valiantly.

FRAUDULENT VOTING.

Seattle, May 1.—Three election officers of the first precinct of the first ward were convicted Saturday of casting fraudulent votes in the February councilmanic election in the names of electors who were not present at the polling places.

UNIONIST RETAKES SEAT.

London, May 1.—At the bye-election held in Cheltenham, the seat won in the last election by Richard Mathias (Liberal), who was unseated for alleged illegal practices on the part of his agents during the campaign, J. A. Ag-Gardner (Conservative) was returned by a majority of four.

SETTLERS FOR CANADA.

Glasgow, May 1.—Seventeen hundred persons sailed from the Clyde for Canada last Saturday.

BIG MINING DEAL IN THE YUKON

Daniel Guggenheim Pays More Than Half Million Dollars for Properties

Dawson, Y. T., May 1.—One of the largest mining deals in the history of the Yukon territory of Alaska has just been closed whereby Daniel Guggenheim takes over the entire holdings of the National Trust Company of Toronto in the Yukon Territory. These include the oldest and richest portion of Gold Run creek, which has produced millions and is known as one of the banner streams of the Klondike camp.

The transfer also includes the Rager concession of Dominion creek, extending down stream two miles to the mouth of the Sulphur for the full width of the valley. The consideration is said to exceed half a million dollars.

THE CITY MARKET

Pratt's Coal Oil 1.45
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Meats—
Hams (B. C.), per lb. 20¢ 22
Bacon (B. C.), per lb. 25¢ 23

Butter, Cowichan 40
Butter, Victoria 45
Butter (Eastern Townships) 35
Lard, per lb. 20
Western Canada Flour Mills—
Purity, per sack 1.80
Purity, per bbl. 7.10

Wheat, chicken feed, per ton 22.00
Wheat, per lb. 39¢
Wheat, per bushel 40.10
Whole Corn 50.00
Cracked Corn 37.00

Hay (baled), per ton 22.00
Straw, per ton 15.00
Middlings, per ton 32.00
Bran, per ton 32.00
Ground Feed, per ton 33.00
Shorts 33.00
Poultry—
Dressed Fowl, per lb. 35
Ducks, per lb. 35.00
Geese (Canada), per lb. 30.00

Cabbage, per lb. 50
Potatoes (local) 2.25
Seed Potatoes, per sack 10.00
Onions, per lb. 50
Carrots, per lb. 40

Bacon 31
Hams 37
Lard 39
Cheese 160
Creamery Butter 30.25
Eggs 30.25
Apples 2.00
Bananas 40

Campbell's Early Summer News From The Fashion Centre

The leadership of "CAMPBELL'S" as the principal show-room for late spring and early summer fashions must be conceded. As a matter of fact, that leadership has long been taken for granted among the best dressed women of Victoria and suburbs, and among those who are fashion's most ardent devotees.

Even if we gave you in print the price list of every garment in the store it would be simply giving you a rough idea. What we earnestly seek is COMPARISON—that's our best advertisement. See what we have, compare our values, then your decision can be made with ease, with pleasure, and with positive satisfaction.



Smart Suits

Even those acquainted with rare suit values we have offered heretofore, will be surprised and delighted with our success of giving better values. Our suit racks are just full of the most stunning costumes for early summer wear, for both Ladies and Misses, and then, too, we have all the outside sizes.

New Coats

The light weight Coats for early summer and summer wear, cover a splendid range, being extensive in colors, materials and trimmings. There's the severely plain or the elaborate lace coats, then, too, are the popular Pongee Coats, Auto Coats, and the little heavier weight Boating Coats, not forgetting the various serges in plain or striped effects.

Lingerie Dresses

Modish and becoming little gowns with a distinctiveness and style beyond the skill of the ordinary dressmaker, both Ladies' and Misses' sizes. Trimmings are of handsome embroidery and fine lace is carried out in the waists and skirt of several models, eyelet embroidery is an effective feature as well as tucked flounces and exquisitely finished sleeves.

Wash Dresses

The popular Wash Dresses, dresses that are low in price and strictly correct in style, will please many a lady who makes an early inspection while the stock is at its best. Blue, of course, is a much favored color, but we have other colors as well.

Blouses and Waists

A "town crier" could not attract more attention than our Waist Department. Our display this season has utterly eclipsed that of last year. We bought more extensively in this line, and have gathered together an array of Waists representing values that women like to get, but heretofore have been unable to. There are hundreds of Lingerie and Tailored Waists here in a profusion of styles which must be seen to be appreciated.

Table with multiple columns listing various goods and their prices, including items like Asparagus, Beans, Carrots, etc.

PRESIDENT ON RE...

CRITICAL STAGE HAS BEEN...

Supporters of M... Anxious to Gi... ment a...

New York, April 28, spoke at the Joint American Newspaper Association and the Association of the Waldorf-Astoria devoted the greater part of the Canadian representation.

"I am glad to have of speaking to a body presents the most important for the formation of this country on a question now reached a critical settlement. The agreement is not relevant in considering the general economic and social arguments so convincing that I do not dwell on it."

"The treaty provided in all agricultural rough number down planning. 'It reduces the duty food products by a percentage, and it means a number of articles that are being them have assured reductions will substantially already large Canada them."

"We tendered to the missioners absolute products of either cultured or natural, but commissioners did not go so far as to infer, therefore, that those articles upon which free trade to us the profitable price at which we sold by our manufacturers was less than that their manufacturers sell the same either pie or to us."

"In another aspect, of the proposal. Of course, a mere tariff, or the putting of a duty on a corresponding change tariff, will not interfere with the manufacture of goods as made with our own hands."

"But if we do not without any other Canada after the tentatively agreed upon authorized to make coaction in both govern of danger of a nation against us in foreign countries with existing treaties called the favored nations clause has been our statement not to obligation to extend nations which we cor tion in consideration of valuable privileges fr But the serious que arise, is whether, if a tract has been tentat ad, we should grant than the contract re claim that this exte not a pure gratuity, was necessarily exte nations under the clause."

"More than this... Farmers Not..."

PRESIDENT TAFT ON RECIPROCITY

CRITICAL STAGE HAS BEEN REACHED

Supporters of Measures Are Anxious to Give Agreement a Trial

New York, April 28.—President Taft spoke at the joint banquet of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the Associated Press at the Waldorf-Astoria here.

On this subject he said in part: "I am glad to have the opportunity of speaking to a body which fully represents the most important agencies for the formation of public opinion in this country on a question which has now reached a critical period in its settlement."

"The treaty provides for free trade in all agricultural products and in rough lumber down to the point of planing."

"It reduces the duties on secondary food products by a very substantial percentage and effects the duties on imports from each country into the other, and therefore it is difficult to say that a detailed discussion of tariff schedules is not relevant and important in considering its wisdom."

"We tend to the Canadian commissioners absolute free trade in all products of either country, manufactured or natural, but the Canadian commissioners did not feel justified in going so far."

"Hence it follows that their refusal to agree to free trade in these articles, as we proposed, is the strongest kind of evidence that they would take of the existing duty from such articles coming into the United States it would not affect in the slightest degree the price at which those articles could be furnished to the consumers of this country."

"Thus the reason why meats were not put on the free list in this Canadian agreement was because Canada felt the competition of our packers would injure its packers."

"This proposal would be legislation passed for political platform uses without accomplishing any real good."

"In another aspect, however, the effect of the proposal might be serious. Of course, a mere reduction of our tariff on the free list in any articles on our free list without insisting on a corresponding change in the Canadian tariff, will not interfere with the contract as made with Canada."

"This clause has been construed by our statesmen not to involve us in an obligation to extend a privilege to all nations which we confer upon one nation in consideration of an equally valuable privilege from that nation."

"There are two objections, therefore, to inserting in the Canadian contract additions to our free list from Canada. The first is that they are a concession that is of no benefit to us, and the second is that it may involve us indirectly in a doubtful obligation in respect to trade with other countries."

"I am not an anti-imperialist, but I have had considerable experience in the countries over which we have assumed temporary control. I do not know when that control will end, and I do not know in respect to those countries, we have taken over heavy duties and obligations, the weight of

gratuitous concessions are in the nature of an admission that, in some way or other, we have done an injury to a particular class by this Canadian reciprocity agreement. I deny it. It is said that it injures the farmers. I deny it. It is strictly in accordance with the protective principle that we should only have a protective tariff between us and countries in which the conditions are so dissimilar as to make a difference in the cost of production.

"We raise cotton as no other country does; of course, they raise none in Canada."

"We can raise hogs and corn and cattle fed on corn, and with the exception of a small part of the acreage of Canada, in Ontario, it is not possible to raise corn at all in the Dominion."

"It is said that this is an agreement that affects agricultural products more than manufacturers. That is true; but if we are to have an interchange of products between the two countries, of any substantial amount, the chief part of it must necessarily be in agricultural products."

"As it is, we export to Canada more agricultural products than we receive from her, and so it will be afterwards. The effect is not going, to my judgment, to lower the specific prices of agricultural products in our country. It is going to steady them, and it is going to produce an interchange of products at a profit which will be beneficial to both countries."

"If objection can be made to the treaty on the ground that a particular class will derive less benefit from it than another class, then it is the manufacturers of the country who ought to object, because the treaty in its nature will not enlarge their market as much as it will that of the farmer."

"I am aware that from one motive or another, a great deal of effort and money have been spent in sending circulars to farmers to convince them that this Canadian treaty, if adopted, will do them injury. I do not know that it is possible to ally such efforts by argument, pending the consideration of the treaty by the senate."

"There is no obligation on either nation to continue the reciprocity agreement any longer than it desires, and if it be found by actual practice that there is an injury, and a permanent one, to either country, that is a matter everybody knows that they can submit to congressional legislation to bring about a change and return to the other conditions. The only party who are responsible for the Canadian treaty are the Canadian farmers, and it is to that kind of a test."

"Another and conclusive reason for closing the contract is the opportunity which it gives us to increase the supply of our natural resources, which, with the wastefulness of children, we have wantonly exhausted. The timber resources of Canada, which we open ourselves to us inevitably under the operation of this agreement, are now apparently inexhaustible, and we may derive ample supplies of timber from Canadian sources, to the profit of Canada and for our own benefit. There are other natural resources which I need not stop to enumerate, which are available to us as if our own, if we adopt and maintain commercial union with Canada."

"But there are other even broader grounds than this that should lead to the adoption of this agreement. Canada is a great part of the imperial commercial band reaching from the United States to England. Of course it has a good deal of waste land in the far north, but it has a vast tract of uncultivated land, or land settled so sparsely as to be substantially uncultivated which in the next two or three decades will rapidly acquire a substantial and valuable population."

"Canada has now between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 of population. They are a hearty, temperate, persistent race, brave, intelligent and enterprising."

"They are good neighbors; we could not have better neighbors. They offer to us a nation with whom they have sympathetic relations, and with whom it is profitable for them to deal, a constantly increasing market and an ever-increasing trade."

"As between Canada and the United States, the trade and the mutual benefits from the trade will increase."

"It is amusing, and I am not sure that it has not some elements of consolation in it, to find that all the humors and all of the exaggeration and misrepresentation in politics and all of the political hostilities are not confined to our own country."

which ought to destroy any temptation to further acquisition of territory. "It must be invidious to institute a comparison between the government of Canada and this country, but there is one part of our jurisdiction and that of Canada that come together sufficiently close to enable the Canadians and ourselves to realize that the sample of government that we exhibit is not alluring. I refer to the control by Canada of her northwest territory. The talk of annexation is both. Everyone who knows anything about it realizes that it is both. Canada is a great, strong youth, anxious to test his muscles, rejoicing in the race he is ready to run. The United States has all it can attend to with the territory it is now governing. To make the possibility of annexation out of any of our territory their greater economic and commercial union should be treated as one of the jokes of the platform, and should not enter into consideration of serious men engaged in solving a serious problem."

"Why should we not have a closer union with Canada? Think of the millions of separating Manitoba and Minnesota as a great distance, as Manitoba and Liverpool when certain provisions intended that their separation socially and commercially should only be that of their geographical distance."

"Settlers From States. "Canadians have furnished us a large number of our best citizens. We are giving them a large number of the pick of our young farmers. Let us open the gateway between us. Let us give to both countries the profit of the trade that God intended between us. Let the political governments remain as they are. Let us abolish arbitrary and artificial obstructions to our association with our friends upon the north and derive the mutual profit that it will certainly bring."

"The Canadian contract has passed the House substantially as introduced, and in such form that if adopted in the same way by the senate it would go into effect as soon as the bill now pending in the Canadian parliament shall be passed by that parliament."

"I desire to express my high appreciation of the manner in which the present House of Representatives has treated the reciprocity agreement. It has not 'played politics.' It has taken the statesmanlike course in respect to it."

"I am hopeful that the senate will treat the agreement in the same way, and that no amendments will be added to the bill for the reason given. I think they are dangerous."

"It may be that the Canadian contract does not go far enough. In making it we were limited by the terms of our duty to reduce the tariff generally. In this contract with other countries, if that is to be done, and if there is a sincere desire to have it done, then it ought to be done by separate legislation."

"I think there is a general sentiment in favor of revising the tariff schedule, and of making this revision dependent on exact information as to each schedule gathered by impartial investigation. To amend this Canadian contract and to make its passage dependent on other tariff legislation is to continue the old method of tariff revision, characterized, not without reason, as a local issue."

"I have said that this is a critical time in the solution of the question of reciprocity. It is critical, because unless it is now decided favorably to reciprocity, it is exceedingly probable that no such opportunity will ever again come to the United States."

"The forces which are at work in England and in Canada to separate her by a hines wall from the United States and make her part of the imperial commercial band reaching from England around the world to England again by a system of preferential tariffs, will derive an impulse from the rejection of this treaty, and we would have reciprocity, with all the advantages that I have described, and that I earnestly and sincerely believe will follow its adoption. We must take it now, or give it up forever."

BIG GAME HUNTER KILLED IN AFRICA

Herr Oberlander; Well Known in B. C., Fatally Killed by Buffalo

Vancouver, April 28.—Fatally gored by a wild buffalo which he was hunting, Herr Oberlander, a wealthy manufacturer of Brankov, Bohemia, and a well known big game sportsman, met a sudden death in the Sudan recently, according to information received here in the provincial game warden's office. No particulars of the fatality are given.

Herr Oberlander was a frequent visitor to British Columbia, coming here nearly every autumn to shoot big game. On his last trip in 1909 he had a sensational fight with the proprietor of this treaty, and a real policy by this country, and as an announcement of our purpose to push political control over our neighbor of the north."

MAKES FAST TIME TO MEET WISHES

ELEVEN DAYS OUT FROM YOKOHAMA FOR VICTORIA

Empress of China Arrived With Coronation Guests Aboard—Also Has a Large Cargo

Shipping across the Pacific with a cargo of silk valued at over half a million dollars and a large party of passengers from Oriental points, who are on route to London to attend the Coronation and who were anxious to make connection with a certain vessel sailing from Montreal, the R. M. S. Empress of China, Capt. Archibald, reached here this morning Thursday afternoon, and after remaining here for half an hour to permit a number of passengers to disembark the steamer proceeded to Vancouver.

Although the Empress had considerable heavy weather during the passage she made fast time from Yokohama, accomplishing the distance in eleven days, which is much faster than ordinary. For three days after leaving the Japan port the vessel was beset by heavy gales and big seas. Several other strong gales were experienced during the passage which she accomplished in 113 hours.

The Empress brought across twenty-five cases of human hair which is amongst the first shipments to come to this country. Since the Chinese commenced cutting off their queues agents have been busy in their office in gathering the material and are now shipping it to various parts of the world to be used for artificial purposes. The remaining cargo consisted of the following: Raw silk, 360 bales; wild silk, 49 bales; silks and linen goods, 300 cases; pongees, 6 cases; tea, 1635 cases; Camellia, 11 cases; rice, 237 cases; rice and beans, 3790 bags; skins, 7 cases; porcelain, 44 cases; curios 217 cases; peanuts, 241 bags; pepper, 160 cases and 48 bales of opium.

Among the passengers who arrived here were: Major General Francis Kelly, from Quetta, India; Col. C. D. Bruce, captain-superintendent of the Shanghai Municipal Police; Baron W. von Vietinghoff, of the German legation at Peking; Count Hans Wilezek and Count Rudolph Hayes, who have crossed the Pacific to Peking to attend the coronation; T. Wilgress, agent of the S. P. R. at Yokohama; A. R. Owen, agent at Shanghai; Capt. Leah and Capt. Loring of the artillery from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Mrs. J. H. Bull and Miss Bull, wife and daughter of a U. S. commodore from Manila; Mrs. E. W. Hill, of the coronation; L. Ador, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Baker and child, Montague Bell, wife and 2 children, Mrs. Roderick Campbell, Miss J. Campbell, Miss Currie, Mrs. Currie, O. Edgar, Mrs. O. Edgar, F. O. Fischer, H. W. Flint, J. Gariga, Jno. F. Goucher, Miss E. Goucher, Miss Eleanor Goucher, S. J. Green, Miss M. W. Green, Rev. R. A. Hardie, Mrs. R. A. Hardie, Miss Grace Hardie, Miss Helen Hardie, Master Robert Hardie, James Hill, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. E. Hill, A. McLeod, Mrs. A. McLeod, Mrs. W. Ramsay, Chas. Rogers, Mr. Sarasin, Mrs. Sarasin, Rev. J. W. Sharpe, Mrs. Sharpe, Alex. Sinclair, H. Scott, Mrs. F. O. Starr, N. Sutton, E. D. Taylor, Miss E. Talbot, Miss M. M. Taylor, Miss L. B. Taylor, J. H. M. Tripp, Mrs. Tripp, Mr. Yamanaka, J. Young.

Travelling as stowage were three for the free churches, 458 Chinese, 1 East Indian and 10 Russians; for the United States, 1 Korean and 1 Japanese.

As the new summer schedule of the C. P. R. Pacific lines is now in force the Empress of China will remain in Vancouver but two days instead of nineteen, as during the winter months. This means that only a few short days will be left to the fast schedule may be adhered to. When the Empress leaves on her next outward trip she will commence her one hundredth voyage to the Orient.

Arbitration Treaty Approved. (Continued from page 3.)

abilities in all parts of the world, which the treaty between British speaking people could not lessen, but the determination of these communities in joining to set an example to the world at large would not only mark a serene peace between them, but would mark a significant epoch in the progress of civilization."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Westminster, Christian Habib, Adier of the United Hebrew congregations of the British Empire, and Rev. Fredericks' R. Meyer, minister of Regent's Park chapel, who spoke for the free churches, sounded the resolutions.

Spokesman of the new Zealand, who spoke briefly for the colonies, received an enthusiastic reception. Lord Averbury, Lord Forster of St. Andrew's University, and Lord Rothchild, who were unable to be present, telegraphed their regards.

Followed by many speeches the resolution was adopted enthusiastically and unanimously.

CAPTAIN SEARS GOES TO TRIAL

(Continued from page 1.)

by a small some fine day when he had been out.

"Captain Sears," said Mr. Maclean, "was honest to put him on his guard by no danger, and that being so there was no criminal negligence. He had looked over the cargo before sailing."

Counsel then referred to Capt. Sears' work in connection with the Cliallam wreck, and coming back to the Iroquois continued: "It was a most regrettable combination of circumstances. There was nothing to put him on his guard by which he could have met the danger. He had never before had an experience of freight shifting. He did not build the boat which he had inspected and passed from time to time. There was no criminal negligence. How can you say the crown has made out a case? The expert witnesses differ. It is a regrettable thing the crown has seen fit not to bring before the jury the mate and the engineer. I should think the other side would have rejoiced to get in all the possible evidence. The truth is, they dare not put these two in evidence in favor of the Captain, so they hope to get a verdict from you. They should throw all their weight on the matter. The men are here in court, they have been brought here by the crown, yet they are not called."

The captain stayed at his post to the very last minute, the thing a very brave man would do. He stayed there till the water came into the wheel house. That was the course to take. He tried to seal the hatch above, and had two minutes more been available he would have saved the whole company. When he left the wheel house he leaped ashore with twelve-foot oars in hand. It required more courage to go in that boat than to stay on the wreck. And when he got to shore he started about rescue preparations."

The magistrate said that so far as these matters were concerned they did not weigh. The accused was charged with the manslaughter of John Brydson, and it was with that charge alone that the court was dealing.

Mr. Maclean continued that he did not want to close up anything because of stories in circulation, yet he was aware of a lot of irrelevant evidence had been given. "I say," said he, "Capt. Sears did the best he could. He hadn't gone in the boat he would have been branded a coward for not trying to get to shore. Five men in a boat had found it impossible to get out from shore to the wreck, which proved that the only possible way to go was to go with the wind, which was blowing to shore. There have been terrible accusations made against Capt. Sears, but the captain did everything possible to be done. There are a lot of miserable yarns about and these create an impression that takes an immense amount of evidence to destroy. I submit there is no criminality shown. He did not want to drown himself. Oh, it is easy to sit down and say you should have done that, but as long as the winds blow and the waves rise there will be wrecks and we will have disasters."

The magistrate committed accused for trial, saying the question for him was to inquire whether accused was justified, in the facts of the freight and cargo, in taking the ship ashore and passengers to sea. The evidence of Captains Johnston, Berquist and Woollett showed there was a prima facie case for investigation and he would commit the accused for trial.

BANK CLEARINGS. Toronto, April 28.—The bank clearings for the week ending April 27, as compared with the same week last year, are as follows:

	1911.	1910.
Montreal	\$42,558,443	\$47,482,261
Toronto	38,971,125	26,838,321
Winnipeg	22,577,611	15,485,294
Vancouver	10,718,882	7,774,472
Ottawa	3,937,228	3,986,047
Calgary	3,768,839	2,834,189
Quebec	2,138,618	2,118,253
Victoria	3,225,765	1,527,914
Hamilton	2,419,864	1,828,228
Halifax	1,713,684	1,647,682
Saskatoon	1,728,929	929,268
Edmonton	1,983,901	1,142,570
London	1,299,171	1,085,178
Regina	1,294,673	782,555
Brandon	688,468	584,559
Totals	\$177,764,706	\$115,786,574

LAUNCH OF LARGEST B. C. LAKE STEAMER. The Bonnington, the largest passenger steamer on the island lakes and rivers of British Columbia, which has just been completed, with the exception of a small amount of furnishing work, was launched at the Nakusp shipyards. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Hazel Gore, who in time-honored fashion, broke the bottle of champagne over the bow of the craft. The guests included many C. P. R. officials. The first trial trip of the new boat, which will take the place of the steamer Kootenay on the Arrow Lakes run, will be made within two weeks.

There will be a vast amount of work carried out at the Fairview shipyards of the C. P. R. this spring and summer. In addition to routine repair and alteration work the steamer Kootenay has been laid on the ways for a general overhauling and repairs to her hull which will occupy about two months. During that time the

steamer Moyle will take the Kootenay run. At the local shipyards will also be constructed the new steel barge for Kootenay lake service, and following that will be the work of constructing the sister ship to the Bonnington, plans of which were recently sent to Winnipeg by Capt. J. C. Gore. This boat is to be built to accommodate the heavy tourist and general passenger travel which is expected on the lake following the opening of the C. P. R. hotel at Balfour. In size she will be the same as the Bonnington, but will be fitted and furnished, in all probability, in an even more luxurious manner.

CORONATION DAY. Daughters of the Empire Arrange Fete—Children to Take Part. At a meeting of the Daughters of the Empire, held at the Alexandra Club in connection with the Coronation day celebration, Mrs. Croft, the regent, occupied the chair, and there were about thirty members present.

Perhaps the most important matter to come under discussion was the proposition of floats which is to form part of the programme on June 22. Mrs. Hasell, representing the committee which has charge of that affair, reported that many leading business concerns would have floats in the procession.

Mrs. Day, speaking for the children's committee, stated that the principals of the various schools had been interviewed and had promised to do everything they could to make the affair a success. A coronation hymn will be sung by the children and they will also stage a living flag drill.

Mrs. Hasell is in receipt from Captain Phillip Wolcott of a hymn composed by himself, which will be sung during the celebration. A motion of hearty condolence with Miss Lawson, who suffered the loss of her sister in the Iroquois wreck, was passed.

A meeting of the Daughters of the Empire is being held this evening at 8 o'clock to further the arrangements. The committee of six, which has been appointed to canvass the merchants of Victoria for subscriptions in aid of the affair, will also convene this evening.

FIRE CHIEF DAVIS INSISTS ON RECORD

Has Written Fire Departments for Records to Verify His Claim

In order to verify beyond dispute his claim that the run made by the fire brigade on Tuesday constituted a record, Fire Chief Davis has written away for the fire records. He is very confident that the brigade has gone one better than the previous best and he is anxious to have the proof of its triumph in his possession. His belief in this respect is shared by T. J. A. Tidemann, the Pacific Coast agent for the Michigan Commercial Insurance Company and the Franklin Insurance Company of Washington.

While not so much interested in the time made as in the manner in which the men performed their various tasks on the scene of the fire was gained, Mr. Tidemann expressed the opinion that the run was at least equal to the best made in any other city and better than most of them. The celerity with which the long lines of hose were brought to play upon the fire caused him to estimate generously over the training and efficiency of the staff under the fire chief.

Being an insurance man, Mr. Tidemann was very much interested in the test of the May-Orway fire alarm. In his opinion the test proved it to be superior to any other type of automatic fire alarm at present in existence. The National Underwriters' Association of Chicago are giving the apparatus a thorough try-out prior to making its report upon its merits. In the event of it proving as satisfactory as is claimed it will mean a considerable reduction in the insurance rates for those whose premises are equipped with it. Even now underwriters in Canada are making a ten per cent reduction on premiums taken out for various risks on the May-Orway fire alarm in use, it is reported.

SOCIALISTS CHANGE POLICY. Release Members From Ballot Pledge As "Tactical" Measure.

London, April 28.—The Socialists of England have decided to change their political tactics during the coming year. At the annual conference of the Social-Democratic party to be held at Liverpool, it was decided that the party lay before the delegates three resolutions indicating the policy to be followed by the party in the nearest future.

Realizing that as long as the present radical government is, to a certain extent, fighting the battles of labor against the ultra-conservative Tories and the House of Lords, the executive committee has decided to propose a resolution that the use of the vote is not a matter of principle, but a question of tactics, and as it is of more importance to defeat a Conservative candidate than to make a show of the growing Socialist vote, no Socialist candidate will be in the future put up against a radical except in election districts where a Socialist victory is absolutely certain. In every case hereafter Socialist voters will receive instructions from headquarters how to cast their votes at the poll.

Another resolution deals with the question of the organization of trade unions. The preamble states that it is the policy of the party that every trade should be seized of decreasing working hours and increasing wages, and urges that an amalgamation should be brought about of all existing trade unions in each industry.

On the question of government insurance against invalidity and unemployment, Mr. Ben Tillett is to move a resolution opposing the Fairview measure which interferes with the voluntary principle of trade union administration. As Socialists, they called on the government to include all grades of labor affected by seasonal irregularity or casual work in any measure promoted ostensibly to aid the unemployed.

MUCH DONE DESPITE ADVERSE CONDITIONS

Quadra Accomplishes a Big Task During Her Three Months From Port

After being engaged for the past few months in establishing, recharging and painting beacons and buoys and delivering supplies to the Lighthouses in British Columbia waters, the steamer Quadra, Capt. Hackett, of the Marine and Fisheries department, returned to port Thursday afternoon. The vessel had done a great amount of work in record time despite the heavy weather which was experienced.

Contrary to a report in the morning contemporary that the Quadra had conducted a survey of the harbor at Stewart, the steamer placed four buoys there, which was the outcome of a survey which was accomplished some time ago. Two platform buoys, one can and one cone buoy were established on the sand banks and spits which have provided rather treacherous to mariners entering that harbor.

The work of placing these buoys in the harbor was done in zero weather. With the temperature far below freezing point, the men worked on steadily and all the buoys were in position within three days after the work had commenced, which is a splendid record considering the adverse conditions which the workers combated against. Owing to the bad weather which had been encountered in other parts it became necessary that the men should work through the cold in order that the task might be completed as soon as possible.

The only exciting incident of the long trip occurred off Skidegate, when the Quadra was picking up a nine-and-a-half ton buoy. It became necessary for Second Officer Thomson and one of the crew to make a life fast to it and in order to do this, they had to get on the buoy. While so engaged, owing to a sudden gale coming on and the danger to the ship which would have been in such close proximity to the rock on which the buoy was, the buoy was cut adrift. After skillful manoeuvring on the part of Capt. Hackett the vessel worked her way back to anchor and the men were hauled aboard little the worse.

The Quadra will tie up for a few weeks to be repaired and overhauled. Tenders are being invited for the work.

VANCOUVER BY-LAWS.

Vancouver, April 27.—The passing of money by-laws to be submitted to the vote of the people at a special polling date, occupied the major part of the attention of the city council at its regular meeting. A great deal of debate, and resulting compromise between varying opinions, was necessary before the resolutions finally took concrete form. In one case a resolution for the widening of streets, grading and planing of streets, passed after some argument, was re-elected, and a new one passed for \$100,000 to admit of some smaller by-laws being passed toward the end of the meeting.

All of the aldermen were agreed upon the need of practically all of the by-laws and likewise as to the necessity for conserving the city's credit. The city's fiscal agents in England are now floating recent issues of debentures, and it was plain that a too free use of the city's borrowing power at the present time might jeopardize its credit, while on the other hand it was imperative that certain by-laws be passed. Practically all of the differences of the executive committee at which the line should be drawn.

The debate eventually resulted in the following accounts being decided upon: For roads and sidewalks to D. D. 311, \$40,000; for roads and sidewalks in Hastings Townsite, \$75,000; for water improvements in Hastings Townsite, \$75,000; to be appropriated to the use of a new isolation hospital, \$10,000; for water improvements on Seymour Creek, \$100,000; for the city's share in the expense of the Capilano Road, \$5,000; for a road to the beach at 1500, \$50,000; for a street end of Clarke Drive, \$35,000.

COMPTROLLER APPOINTED.

South Vancouver, April 27.—There were four applications for the position of comptroller of the Municipality of South Vancouver, and the council decided to accept that of Mr. G. H. Peake at a special meeting. Mr. Peake is at present municipal clerk, and his appointment will take effect as soon as a new clerk has been appointed and the books have been transferred. The salary for the new position is to be \$200 a month. Applications for the position of clerk and bookkeeper are now being called for.

While discussing the necessity for better fire protection, Councillor Dickinson pointed out that there are only 6000 feet of hose in the entire municipality. A resolution was passed calling for tenders for five chemical fire engines.

NEW STORES.

Winnipeg, April 28.—It was reported from a high official source to-day that the Hudson's Bay stores will not be located on the Blackwood property, South Portage avenue, for which the company paid \$50,000 two years ago. The new location is at the southeast corner of Main and Water streets, old Manitoba hotel site. The MacKenzie influence on the west end of the city will be responsible for this change of policy.

MONTREAL MERCHANT DEAD.

Montreal, April 28.—Jas. A. O'Levy, sr., one of Montreal's leading business men, is dead at the age of 78. Mr. O'Levy, who is the head of the famous O'Levy Dry Goods Store here, was born in "Thurms," Scotland, the town made famous by the annual, irregular or casual work in any measure promoted ostensibly to aid the unemployed.

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TELEGRAPH TOLLS INQUIRY POSTPONED

Adjournment Necessary Owing to Lack of Detailed Information

Toronto, April 29.—The general inquiry into telegraph tolls being conducted by Isaac Pitblado, K. C., of Winnipeg, before the Dominion railway commission, has been postponed indefinitely. Mr. Pitblado was unable to continue his investigation into the affairs of the Great North-western to a conclusion yesterday as he had not been able to read the telegraph business under the Grand Trunk and the Great North-western. He also wanted a mass of detailed information from the C. P. R., which it will take at least a month or six weeks to provide.

There was quite a long argument as to how far back the C. P. R. should be compelled to dig into their cost accounts. Chairman Mabey did not think it was material what the company was earning 25 years ago. The point was what it was earning now.

REACH DESTINATIONS.

Sailing Vessels Carrying Grain Cargoes Have Been Reported.

Three vessels of the California grain fleet, the Jean Baptiste, 133 days out, and the Glenholm, 126 days out, and the Bretagne, 128 days out, have arrived at their destinations, the first two on the 20th, and the latter on the 22nd.

The Jean Baptiste has on board a cargo of 57,159 cents barley, valued at \$85,000. The General Fairberbe has on board a cargo amounting to 65,233 cents barley, valued at \$72,775. The Bretagne had on board 1,140 cents barley valued at \$70,559.

The French bark Babine Chevre, 146 days out; the Theirs, 133 days out, and the Glenholm, 126 days out, and the Bretagne, 128 days out, have reached port, the former on the 21st, and the latter on the 22nd.

The Babine Chevre had on board 65,197 cents wheat, valued at \$95,000; the Theirs, 71,834 cents wheat, valued at \$105,430, and the Glenholm 72,780 cents, valued at \$103,000.

Three vessels of the Puget Sound grain fleet, the Eugene Pergeline, 139 days out; the Notre Dame d'Arvor, 154 days out; and the Montcalm, 152 days out, arrived at Falmouth, the first two on the 21st, and the latter on the 22nd.

The Eugene Pergeline has on board a cargo of 67,651 cents wheat, valued at \$101,476; the Montcalm, 66,675 cents, valued at \$101,700, and the Notre Dame d'Arvor, 79,833 cents, valued at \$107,891.

the debate at the secret session. He did not mind that, and he wanted everybody to understand that, but he thought that once they had agreed that a session be held in secret it was the duty of the members of the council to observe the pact.

Mayor Morley then cleared the atmosphere a little with a piece of fatherly advice, which was in effect that any of the members of the council who were so thin skinned as to take umbrage at what was said about them in the newspapers had better resign. As to the discussion which had been going on he thought it was all very amusing.

SHOOTS HIMSELF WHEN ARRESTED

Homesteader Ends His Life Rather Than Face Charge of Forgery

(Special to the Times.) Swift Current, Sask., April 29.—C. G. Sadelmeyer, a homesteader at Burradon, a farming district southeast of here, shot himself yesterday when placed under arrest by Corporal Snedden charged with forgery. He died instantly.

Sadelmeyer saw the police coming, and he took a revolver from a bureau drawer, but his wife took it from him and placed it back. When arrested he took time to change his clothes and he and his wife went into the room together. He sent her out to tell the corporal that he had a receipt for the money, and the question, and as his wife left him he reached for the gun and shot himself through the breast. He never moved after. His wife is prostrated. She is only 17. Sadelmeyer was 24. They kept a restaurant here last summer.

The lodges of the International Order of Good Templars of the city of Victoria and its vicinity, meeting in united session in the schoolroom of the Church of the Good Shepherd, last night, unanimously resolved: "That we regret our inability to be present at the public meeting convened for this evening and assure the premier of this province, and our hearty concurrence in the loyal address to be presented by him to His Majesty King George on the occasion of his coronation. And further, that the members of this international order, united for the purpose of lifting up those who have fallen through strong drink, and of preventing others from falling, though by their union in one great world-wide body, united with those who are subjects of other empires, yet are living under the gentle rule of the British throne, are as undoubtedly loyal to our beloved King as any of His Majesty's subjects, and are assured that the attainments of the objects of our order will promote its stability. We believe that His Majesty, who has said that 'the foundations of national prosperity are in the homes of the people', will recognize the efforts of those who seek to preserve the glory of his home life."

WOMEN BEATEN TO DEATH.

Lakewood, N. J., April 29.—All this section of this state is being searched to-day for the slayer of Mrs. Charles Turner, who mysteriously disappeared to death in a woods near here. The motive for the crime has not been determined.

Mrs. Turner was an attractive woman of middle age, the wife of a responsible employee on the estate of Geo. Gould. She was taking a short cut through the woods to make some purchases in a local store. There is every indication that she straggled desperately with her assailant, her waist being badly torn off, her neck and bosom were scratched and lacerated and her finger nails were torn.

Dismissed Chief Appeals. Seattle, Wash., April 29.—Former Chief of the First Department, H. Bayle, who was removed by Mayor Geo. W. Dilling because of alleged habitual drunkenness, frequenting of saloons during hours of duty, and incompetence in the discharge of his duties, yesterday from the mayor's action. Bayle is one of the recalled Mayor Gill's closest friends and was appointed to office by him.

AERIAL TRAMWAY NOW IN OPERATION

Ore From Washington Mine is Being Treated at Greenwood Smelter

Phoenix, April 28.—The British Columbia Copper Company has completed the construction of the aerial tramway from the Long Star mine to Boulder Falls. The mine is located about 200 feet across the American side in the state of Washington. The work of construction was in charge of A. Burnett, one of the company's engineers, and the tramway is now a reality in fact.

The aerial system cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, the cable being eleven miles long. Buckets carrying 300 pounds of ore are operated over the line, which has three stations and a capacity of twenty tons an hour. The ore thus brought from the mine to Boulder Falls is being shipped from there to the company's smelter at Greenwood, a distance of four miles via the C. P. R.

A test was made of the tramway two weeks ago and shipments to the smelter began last week. Heretofore the ore from this mine was hauled by wagon to a point on the Kettle Valley railway and shipped to Grand Forks and thence to Greenwood.

CHANGES LIKELY IN AUSTRALIAN CABINET

Difference of Opinion on Question of Enlarging Powers of Government

Melbourne, April 29.—The defeat of the policy of the Commonwealth government advocating the enlargement of the powers of the federal authority has been of so crushing a nature that the suggestion has been put forward in political circles that the government ought to resign, as it has to all intents and purposes lost the confidence of the people.

The attorney-general, Mr. Hughes, however, scouts the idea, holding that the referendum does not necessarily involve the government in the same way as a platform adopted for the purpose of a general election. He holds that the people were not fully aware of the issues laid before them, and he will consider seriously whether the question shall not be re-submitted to the country.

The cabinet, it is said, is by no means unanimous on the point, and the party caucus is known to be sharply divided as to what course should be pursued in the personnel of the cabinet are not beyond the bounds of probability.

Mr. Hughes has earned some measure of unpopularity for himself in consequence of his vigorous championship of the government's proposals, and in Sydney has been the recipient of unwelcome attentions of a mob, who pelted him and knocked his hat off.

The victory of the opponents of the policy set forth in the referendum has been so complete that the labor leaders are disheartened. All the states, with the exception of Western Australia, have recorded such an overwhelming majority against the government, which the government hoped to win is not likely to be heard of again, namely, the unification proposal. Even in the stronghold of the labor party there was little support accorded, and the utmost the party leaders were able to accomplish in the way of campaigning only served to accentuate the lack of enthusiasm of their followers.

In financial circles it is openly stated that the rejection of the policy will have the effect of restoring the confidence of the moneyed community. It is expected that more money will be likely to emerge into the open. In the building trade it is asserted that renewed activity is already apparent.

METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING NEXT WEEK

Annual Gathering Opens in Metropolitan Church on Wednesday Morning

(From Saturday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the Victoria district of the Methodist church will be held in the Metropolitan church on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 10 o'clock, in ministerial session, which deals with matters relating particularly to the ministers and probations for the ministry, will commence at 3.30 p.m. Wednesday. The general session, attended by both ministers and laymen, will convene at 2.30 p.m. the same day.

On Wednesday evening a Young People's Meeting will be held when the Rev. G. Bartlett, general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday school department of the Methodist church, will deliver an address. There will be an inspiring song service at the commencement of the meeting, and it is hoped that the young people of the Methodist churches of the city will make a point to attend.

Thursday morning the general session will be continued, and on Thursday afternoon a district Sunday school institute will be held. The Rev. A. N. Miller, district Sunday school secretary, will report upon the progress of the Sunday schools in the district. Mr. Seales will give a paper on "Primary Work" and the Rev. S. T. Bartlett will conduct a "Round Table Conference on the Work of the Sunday School." On Thursday evening the series of meetings will be brought to a close by a Sunday school rally. There will be an interesting programme of music under the direction of Edward Parsons, organist of the church, and an address will be delivered by the Rev. S. T. Bartlett on "The Influence of the Sunday School Upon the Life of the Individual." All interested in Sunday school work are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

CYCLOPS TO RESUME RUN TO PUGET SOUND

Holt Liner Which Grounded in Red Sea Arrives Here in October

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—The big American square-rigger Aryan, the last of her type ever constructed, is expected to arrive on Puget Sound today, from San Francisco. The Aryan is coming up the coast in tow of the tug Dauntless, leaving the Golden Gate April 20.

The vessel recently arrived at San Diego from Philadelphia after a voyage of more than 200 days. When the Aryan put into port the captain was blind from fighting a fire which raged in the hold of the ship, and the crew had suffered the privation of hunger as the vessel had run short of provisions long before her voyage was completed.

Her passage is the longest ever recorded by a vessel of her type. The vessel will put in at Port Blakely, where she will load a shipment of spars for the Atlantic coast. It is announced that the Blue Funnel liner Cyclops, which went ashore at Jhedra in the Red Sea on February 23, 1909, is to resume her run to Seattle next fall. The Cyclops has been repaired and overhauled and will sail from Liverpool on August 19, arriving in Seattle on October 28.

Steamships Northwestern, Dolphin and Santa Ana arrived yesterday from Alaskan ports. The steam freighter Meteor, which has been overhauled, has gone to Bellingham to load machinery for the Treadwell mine.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS GET ANOTHER RAISE

Increase of 20 to 35 Per Cent. Effective From Beginning of January

Taking effect from the beginning of the present year, an increase has just been granted by the Dominion government of the salaries of the lighthouse keepers of Canada. The men who keep lonely vigils over the waters of this coast will receive their arrears since January 1. In every instance the increase has been a substantial one.

It is not very long ago since the lighthouse keepers were awarded a good increase. The government, however, has not forgotten them, and, rightly, in their belief that the men who take up positions on the stormy shores or barren islands should be well paid. The highest salary on this coast is \$1,770, and this class includes Flaco Rocks, Cape Beale, Carmarath Point and Pine Island.

The new scale of wages and the old are as follows: Active Pass \$1,170.00 \$ 960.00 Amphitrite Point 390.00 270.00 Berens Island 517.50 337.50 Brook Point 375.00 297.00 Bare Point 270.00 180.00 Ballenas Islands 1,170.00 960.00 Birnie Island 390.00 270.00 Cape Beale 1,170.00 960.00 Carmarath Point 1,770.00 1,440.00 Cape Mudge 570.00 450.00 Crofton Light 270.00 195.00 Discovery Island 1,170.00 960.00 Dun Point 375.00 297.00 Denman Island 570.00 450.00 Entrance Island 270.00 195.00 Egg Island 390.00 270.00 Flaco Rocks 1,770.00 1,440.00 Fiddle Reef 570.00 450.00 Fraser R. with Garry Point 570.00 450.00 Green Island 1,320.00 1,020.00 North Star Light 375.00 297.00 Kyquoot Light 390.00 270.00 Lucy Island 817.50 547.50 Nerry Island 570.00 450.00 North Star Light 375.00 297.00 Nanaimo Harbor 330.00 225.00 Point Atkinson 1,320.00 1,020.00 Portlock Point 517.50 337.50 Port Hope Light 375.00 297.00 Portlier Island 607.50 487.50 Portlier Pass 570.00 500.00 Pine Island 1,770.00 1,440.00 Pilot Bay 570.00 450.00 Protheroe Light 390.00 270.00 Putney Point 607.50 500.00 Patey Rock 210.00 150.00 Quatsino 502.50 332.50 Cape Beale 1,770.00 1,440.00 Saturna Island 900.00 690.00 Sand Heads L. Ship 1,470.00 1,200.00 Sisters Islands 1,020.00 810.00 Scarlett Point 562.50 442.50 Sechart Light 1,770.00 1,440.00 Sooke Light 210.00 150.00 Trial Island 1,470.00 1,200.00 Triangle Island 1,320.00 1,020.00 Victoria Island 390.00 270.00 Yuquot Light 480.00 360.00

CREWS ARE CHOSEN FOR J. B. A. REGATTA

Quartermen Will Race Over Harbor Course on May 13—Practices Daily

Practically all the arrangements have now been completed for the J. B. A. Regatta, to be held on May 13, over the harbor course. It is requested by C. N. Kennedy, secretary of the boating committee, that the strokes of each crew get their men together and get out as soon as possible, so that they may be on hand each evening at the scheduled practice time.

The following are the crews: 1.—B. Scott, (s); 2.—Sommers, (s); 3.—Roberts, (s); 4.—Georgeson, (s); 5.—W. Lawson, (s); 6.—H. Howard, (s); 7.—H. S. Kuce, (s); 8.—J. McDonald, (s); 9.—Joe Sweeney, (s); 10.—C. Brown, (s); 11.—E. Egan, (s); 12.—S. E. Heald, (s); 13.—P. W. Lawson, (s); 14.—J. MacDonald, (s); 15.—W. Cameron, (s); 16.—H. Pope, (s); 17.—R. Hicocks, (s); 18.—Rowbottom, (s); 19.—J. Newman, (s); 20.—A. Carrs, (s). The numbers are merely used to distinguish the teams and do not signify difference in class.

FATAL RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Spokane, April 29.—Thrown from her buggy when the horse, frightened by a road roller, ran away, Mrs. H. E. Kendall was killed yesterday afternoon. The two-year-old daughter was also thrown and one slightly injured and the other not hurt.

TWO STEAMERS REPORTED WRECKED

Italian Vessel Lost Off Cape Vilano—Unknown British Steamer Also Lost

London, April 29.—The Lloyd's agent at Corculban, Spain, reported to-day that two steamships have been lost off Cape Vilano, a promontory at the northwestern extremity of the Spanish peninsula.

One of them is the Italian vessel P. S. Ciampa, which was bound from Penarth, Wales, for Genoa, with a cargo of coal. The identity of the other ship is not known.

Dispatches from Madrid last night told briefly of the wrecking of a big English steamer at Corculban. No details have as yet been received here, nor is it known whether there was any loss of life. The P. S. Ciampa was a boat of 2,500 tons.

Another Report. Madrid, April 29.—A dispatch received from here from Vigo says that a big English steamer, the identity of which has not been established, has been wrecked on Cape Vilano, on the northwest coast of Galicia. The dispatch adds that it is not known whether there were any fatalities.

MANUKA REACHES FRISCO

Arrives From Australia One Day Ahead of Schedule.

San Francisco, Cal., April 29.—The British steamer Manuka of the Union Steamship Line, arrived on Thursday from Wellington one day ahead of her schedule. She leaves on her return to New Zealand on Monday.

The American-Hawaiian steamer Isthmian, which left Thursday for Salina Cruz, carried 46,000 bushels of barley for New York in addition to heavy shipments of wine and canned goods. The total value of her cargo was over \$450,000. It was reported here yesterday that J. Homer Fritch has just sold the steam schooner Carmel to the Caspar Lumber Company, Olson and Mahony took over the management of the steamer Carlos from Fritch yesterday.

CARRIES FULL CARGO TO ORIENTAL PORTS

Seattle Maru Leaves To-day—Zealandia and Mexico Maru Due Wednesday

Laden to her capacity with general freight for distribution at various oriental ports, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, Capt. Saito, left the outer wharf this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the Far East. Her cargo amounted to about 7,000 tons, including machinery, flour, wheat, lumber and fish. The largest item on the freight list was a sugar mill consigned to Keelung, Formosa, which is the biggest ever shipped from Puget Sound to Japan. It weighs 1,200 tons, and was flat cargo to Tacoma from the east on 40 flat cars. Nearly 2,000 sewing machines were stored in the holds of the vessel, which will fill a vacancy in the homes of many of the residents of the Orient. J. McLoire, local manager of the Mount Royal Milling Co., left on the vessel on a business trip.

Another vessel of the same line, the Mexico Maru will be the next liner to reach this port from Yokohama. She is due to arrive here on Wednesday morning, next, and is bringing a large cargo of freight as well as a number of passengers to Victoria. She will discharge here about 450 tons of rice, sugar, macaroni, curries and porcelain. The rotary plow is expected to arrive about a quarter of a million dollars.

A large number of other steamships have also pointed their noses to this port, including the Canadian-Australian liner Zealandia, which left Honolulu on Wednesday, and is due to arrive here on Wednesday next. She has a very large passenger list, bringing a number of Australians who will attend the coronation in London. The cargo which she is bringing amounts to 1,600 tons, consisting of frozen meats and other products of the Antipodes.

Four Oriental boats have left Yokohama within the last three days for Victoria. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, and the Strathairne, under charter to the Bank Line, left the Japanese port on Thursday; the C. P. R. steamship Montague yesterday; and the Blue Funnel liner Trecer to-day.

RECORD ENTRY LIST FOR AMATEUR BOUTS

Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria Boys Competing in B. C. Tournament

Entries for the provincial championship boxing and wrestling bouts to be staged at the Vancouver athletic club on Thursday and Friday of next week closed on Wednesday night with a record entry list. The V. A. C. will have the largest representation, both in boxing and wrestling, but Nanaimo and Victoria will endeavor to pull down their share of the honors. Ernie Buehler, 115 pounds amateur lightweight champion of the province, will defend his title, and will also go after the trophy in the welterweight division.

The following is a list of entries for the tournament: Boxing: 105 pounds—Bert Hughes, George H. Bright, V. A. C.; Albert Davies, James Bay A. C. 115 pounds—Bert Hughes, Robert Fox, V. A. C.; Wm. Roberts, unattached; Len Stephens, Stanley Clements, V. A. C. 125 pounds—Wm. Roberts, unattached; V. A. C.; Will Mainland, C. H. Force, unattached; Robert Norwith, V. A. C.; Wm. H. Davies, James Bay A. C.; Tom Scott, Nanaimo A. C. 135 pounds—C. H. Force, G. McNeill, unattached; J. Lushington, E. Barrieau, Robt. Norwith, John Marshall, Arthur Griffin, W. J. Campbell, V. A. C. 145 pounds—E. Barrieau, F. McLellan, V. A. C.; H. C. Laidlaw, A. E. Scott, V. A. C.; Peter E. McCarter, James Bay A. C.; D. Griffiths, Nanaimo A. C.; Thorold Perkins, unattached. Wrestling: 115 pounds—E. Greenwell, V. A. C.; Thomas McFarlane, D. Sutherland, Nanaimo A. C.; W. J. Pilkington, unattached. 125 pounds—Percy Kay, E. W. Thompson, Ted Hitchen, V. A. C.; J. McLean, James Bay A. C.; John Smith, V. A. C.; W. J. Pilkington, George Mathews, unattached. 135 pounds—A. Hatch, H. C. Laidlaw, Fred Smith, V. A. C.; W. D. Muir, Nanaimo A. C.; L. R. Fox, unattached. 145 pounds—Wm. Roberts, unattached; Walker, H. C. Laidlaw, V. A. C.; Heavyweight—G. Walker, V. A. C.; Wm. A. Currie, Nanaimo A. C.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

There is a settlement known as Pocol at the head of Selwyn Inlet, Moreau Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, where the Pacific Coast Reorganization Syndicate has established a factory and built a wharf. This wharf is 368 feet long with an end 72 feet long. There is a depth at the head of the wharf of 14 feet at low water and a depth in the approach of nowhere less than 4 fathoms. The wharf is near the southern extreme of the head of the inlet and the channel up to the wharf is close to the south shore. The head of the wharf is in latitude N. 52 degs. 51 min. 30 sec.; longitude W. 131 degs. 57 min. 30 sec.

There are two shoals north of the channel which have been marked by the company as follows: 1. Amur rock, having on it 12 feet water, lying about 4 cables northeastward from the wharf, marked by a black barrel buoy. 2. A shoal having on it depths down to 1/2 fathom, marked at its outer end by a platform buoy exhibiting a red lantern light, and at the inner end, a wooden top, and the inner end, 2 cable north from the wharf, marked by a spar buoy.

MODIFICATION OF RULE

Travel to Alaska Stimulated by Announcement Made by Government.

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—The regulations of public health and marine hospital service relative to vaccination of passengers departing for Alaska have been so modified that travellers suffer no inconvenience. Only persons who have been exposed to smallpox need to be vaccinated. For a few days no one could even buy a ticket to Alaska until he had been vaccinated and other persons were obliged to undergo the inspection. Travel to Alaska is very heavy, on account of a desire to descend the Yukon as soon as the ice breaks, in order to be early into the interior diggings, and to spring clean up of five million dollars of gold dust is expected.

SKAGWAY'S SPRING THREE WEEKS LATE

Snow Shows No Sign of Melting but Ice is Thinner Than Usual

Skagway, Alaska, April 29.—The present season is much later than any for some time back and some delay will be caused to those waiting to get into the interior and other points down the river. Harry Barrington, one of the present season boat captains, said that it is stated, however, that the ice on Lake Labarge is thinner than usual and that as a consequence will go out earlier. The weather here is unusually severe, snowfall being almost continuous. The rotary plow is requisitioned every day on the summit and the snow drifts show no signs of melting. Several hundred persons bound for the interior are expected to pass through this place, and many more who are waiting more favorable climatic conditions preferring to await the breakup in Skagway rather than White Horse. A large amount of freight for the interior is arriving. It includes part of the electric equipment to be installed at the new diggings.

There has been a persistent rumor that the rates on the White Pass & Yukon railroad will be reduced by one-third, but it is at present nothing more than a rumor, although passengers on the boats from Seattle have arrived here under the impression that the reduced rates have already been put in force.

GRADUATING CLASS

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, April 29.—The graduating class at Wycliffe university last night included R. E. Day, Vancouver.

SIB WILFRID MAKES STATEMENT

Will Remain in Position Owing to Obstruction

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 28.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made a statement regarding his attendance at the conference and coronation methods were open to First, the premier could leave his colleagues' business here; second, might allow the record to stand over for a period, paving the way for a third, parliament could or three months, the long to vote interim if the government were reciprocity could be reassembling.

Mr. Borden said it was important that the Canada at the conference and other relations more vitally important than trade relations. Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed it would be if he were prevented conference and if his fault would not be duty was to consider Canada. The government in the best interest also of indeterminate interest. Under the reciprocity opposition could the voting of supplies unless the government reciprocity this was a view to forcing a country.

The speech by Laurier was in a very satisfactory way, "I think it may be to revise my mind to the conference and the prohibition of the Specialist Declares Mrs. Jures Female Patient

"Madame, do you remember the first question asked by Dr. Ellice, specialist of note in this city, when he was broaching this question, 'but the first courage to ask a patient in a very satisfactory way, 'surprised me as I was smoked from five to aretes a day. Here came to be sure, by women who smoke boxes of cigarettes a day that it is dange I do not disapprove from a moral standpoint any right in the matter with the man any of my women I folded it.

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The officers elected at the annual meeting of St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions are as follows: Mrs. J. M. Burt, president; Mrs. R. H. Walker, president; Mrs. Morton, vice-president; Mrs. R. Randall, treasurer; Mrs. T. Walker, recording secretary; Mrs. Miss Woods, leaflet secretary; Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Penketh, delegates to the diocesan board meetings; Miss Oliver, literature secretary; Miss Burns, flower secretary; Miss K. Andrews, junior superintendent.

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SIR WILFRID MAKES STATEMENT

MAY NOT ATTEND IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Will Remain in Canada If Opposition Continues Obstruction

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 28.—In the Commons this afternoon R. L. Borden, in asking Sir Wilfrid Laurier his intentions regarding his attendance at the imperial conference and coronation, said three methods were open to allow of this: First, the premier could go even if the House still remained in session and leave his colleagues to carry on the business here; second, the government might allow the reciprocity proposals to stand over for another session...

Mr. Borden said it was of the utmost importance that the premier represent Canada at the conference, and he thought the question of Canada's trade and other relations with the Empire more vitally important than the question of trade relations with the United States. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying, said he regretted it would be most unfortunate if he were prevented from going to the conference and if he did not go the fault would not be his, but his first duty was to consider public affairs in Canada. The government believes the ratification of the agreement to be in the best interests of Canada and also of indeterminate imperial interest. Under the rules of parliament the opposition could indefinitely block the voting of supplies and apparently unless the government agreed to drop reciprocity this was not intended with a view to forcing an appeal to the country.

Such policy should be followed by the opposition," concluded Sir Wilfrid, "I think it may be necessary for me to revise my intention of going to the conference and stay in Canada."

PROHIBITS CIGARETTES. Specialist Declares Nicotine Habit Injures Female Patients' Eyesight.

"Madame, do you smoke?" That is the first question asked of his women patients by Dr. Ellice M. Alger, an eye specialist in New York. In the past, she opened the valise and discovered what the contents were. There is no clue to the identity of the person who put the explosive in the terminal. The dynamite was in two cans. One of the cans was a screw top receptacle and the lid on the other was clamped down with wire. Both cans were ready for firing, each being connected with twenty feet of fuse. The cans were wrapped in two gray coat sweaters, the whole bundle fitting snugly in the valise. The end of the fuses protruded from a slit cut in the grip just under the lock. On the advice of the police the dynamite was thrown into the Mississippi river, the caps, the fuse, sweaters and valise being retained in hopes of furnishing a clue to the owner and as evidence.

BRINGS FIRE CLAY HERE FROM KYUQUOT

Teas Arrives From West Coast Points With Heavy Cargo of Freight

With her holds crammed full of freight from various ports on the west coast as far south as Holberg and a number of passengers, the C. P. R. steamer Teas, Capt. Gilliam, returned to Victoria Thursday afternoon, after a splendid trip. The steamer just escaped the heavy weather which was prevailing all along the west coast, encountering comparatively smooth seas throughout the passage. The cargo brought here by the Teas amounted to several hundred tons, and was the largest that she has brought from the west coast for some time. Most of the freight, however, was for Vancouver, and as the Teas has a long lie-over until the first of the month, she proceeded to the Terminal City late last night to discharge it. She brought 80 tons of fire clay from Kyuquot, 2,700 cases of salmon from Uchucklesstet, a number of passengers, and general freight from other ports of call. A company has been boring for coal at Quatsino for some time, using a diamond drill in an attempt to reach the fuel on their grounds. They are reported to have met with little success in their efforts, and are removing their apparatus from the place. Mr. Barton, who was in charge of the work, came to Victoria on the steamer, about 50 other passengers also came to this city, being picked up from different calling places. The whalers are still in the rut of hard luck, according to the officers of the Teas. Owing to the heavy gales which had been blowing off the coast just prior to the departure of the Teas, the little whaler, the Rainbow, is securing very large catches. The season is being delayed considerably owing to the conditions at Sechart and Kyuquot, but it is expected that the winter will become settled before long. The Teas will sail for Clayoquot on Monday night next with a large number of passengers and some freight.

DYNAMITE FOUND IN ST. LOUIS STATION

Valise Containing 56 Pounds of Explosive Discovered in One of Waiting Rooms

St. Louis, April 28.—A valise containing 56 pounds of dynamite, found under a seat in a second class waiting room in the Union Station Wednesday night, remained in the lost articles room until last night, when the city detective, who is to inspect all such parcels, opened the valise and discovered what the contents were. There is no clue to the identity of the person who put the explosive in the terminal. The dynamite was in two cans. One of the cans was a screw top receptacle and the lid on the other was clamped down with wire. Both cans were ready for firing, each being connected with twenty feet of fuse. The cans were wrapped in two gray coat sweaters, the whole bundle fitting snugly in the valise. The end of the fuses protruded from a slit cut in the grip just under the lock. On the advice of the police the dynamite was thrown into the Mississippi river, the caps, the fuse, sweaters and valise being retained in hopes of furnishing a clue to the owner and as evidence.

EDRIE DEFENCE. Captain and Maty Say They Were Verifying Position.

Vancouver, April 28.—That the Edrie was merely obtaining her bearings and that he had taken his ship to within a mile and a half of shore for this purpose, when the Rainbow steamed up and seized her for fishing within the three mile limit, was the statement made by Captain Danjels and Mate G. Strom at the hearing of the case this morning. It was stated by these two men that when the Rainbow was first sighted it was deemed advisable to secure the exact bearings of the boat. In order to do this it was necessary to run towards Cape Scott, which they did and were returning when the Rainbow came up and informed the captain that he was within the three mile limit. The evidence will in all probability be concluded this afternoon and only the counsel's arguments remain to be heard. This morning Captain Danjels and Mate Strom occupied the stand and was subjected to a somewhat lengthy cross-examination by D. G. MacDonnell, counsel for the crown.

CELEBRATION AT NANAIMO MAY 24

Finance Committee Is Appointed to Solicit Funds—Programme of Sports

Nanaimo, April 27.—A meeting of citizens held in the city hall, at the close of the council meeting, decided to celebrate the 24th of May as in former years. R. R. Hindmarch was appointed secretary pro tem and Mayor Planta read a letter from the secretary of the Sons of England and Investment Corporation, Limited, Dowling Bros, Furniture Co., Limited, Hotel Westholme, Limited, Indian Mines, Limited (non-personal liability); John K. Miller Co., Limited; Keystone Wine Co., Limited; North Arm Towing Co., Limited; North Vancouver Securities Corporation, Limited; Prince Rupert Sand and Gravel Co., Limited; Recreation Park Stables, Limited; Vancouver Mutual Investment Co., Limited; Western Residential Schools, Limited. The following extra-provincial companies have been registered: Carstens Packing Co.; Seovll Iron Store Co.; United States Steel Products Co. Licenses have been issued to the following extra-provincial companies: Ames Holden McCready, Limited; Auto-Stop Safety Razor Co., Ltd.; Berg Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Canadian Eight Watch Co., Ltd.; Continental Insurance Co.; Canadian National Carbon Co.; H. Krug Furniture Co., Ltd.; Kerr Engine Co., Ltd.; National Surety Co. It was decided to ask the Athletic Club to take charge of the celebration, but President Seeger and Secretary Hindmarch of the club informed the meeting the club had a big campaign of its own on at the present time and could not handle the Victoria Day celebration. It could not go around collecting for both objects at the same time, for one would hurt the other. Regret was expressed at the inability of the club to take charge of the affair and it was decided to appoint a Finance Committee who would take charge of the financial part of the celebration, and to ask the Athletic club to arrange the programme and arrange for the various sports being carried out. The general outline of sports to be held was discussed and it is probable the big event will be an All-Island All-Mainland football match, with children's sports, a number of athletic events on the Cricket Grounds and a few aquatic sports in the evening. Lever Brothers, Toronto, will send you a cake of their famous Planto toilet soap, if you mention this paper.

LOCAL NEWS

While answering a false alarm from the Occidental hotel Thursday the chief's auto struck a young Italian, who lost his head when he saw the auto coming, and in his endeavor to get out of the way ran in front of it. Driver Eye slowed up so that when the guard rail hit the boy, he was only scratched slightly and walked off unassisted.

Hon. James Dunsmuir Thursday sent the chief of police \$100 as a contribution towards the police fund, at the same time expressing his appreciation of the force and regretting his inability to attend the last annual ball of the department. Mr. Dunsmuir made his last public appearance as Lieut.-Governor at the first police ball, and at the time made a valuable contribution towards the police fund.

The Indians will as usual contribute to the regatta programme for the Twenty-fourth of May. J. B. McCallum, secretary of the Celebration committee, announced the names of the Kuper Island, Quamichan, Thetis Islands and North and West Saanich, are preparing for the day with a great deal of interest. A meeting of the regatta committee will be held this evening to draw up the programme. All members are expected to be present. The qualifying examinations under the provincial public service act for third class clerks, junior clerks, and stenographers will be held at the following places, commencing on Monday, July 3: Armstrong, Chilliwack; Cumberland, Golden, Grand Forks, Kamloops, Kaslo, Kelowna, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Peachland, Revelstoke, Rossland, Salmon Arm, Summerland, Vancouver, Vernon, and Victoria. Candidates must be British subjects between the ages of 21 and 30, if for British Columbia, and between 16 and 21, if for junior clerks or stenographers. Applications will not be accepted if received later than June 15.

MADE EXTRA CALLS AND ARRIVED LATE

Venture Being Rushed in Handling Numerous Passengers and Heavy Freight

Delayed two days in reaching port owing to the fact that she had extra cargo to make, a large amount of cargo to discharge at northern British Columbia ports, and also because she had to load a part of the Vado's cargo and convey it to various ports, the Bosworth steamer Venture, Capt. Morehead, arrived at the inner harbor docks yesterday afternoon. She immediately commenced loading her northbound cargo and left for the Naas and west points late last night, spending little time here. Capt. Morehead reports that his vessel encountered very dirty weather, heavy gales, rain and snowstorms being experienced quite frequently. The nights spent in the north were cold, and heavy frosts were prevalent there, and, according to Capt. Morehead, it will be the middle of May before any of the river steamers proceed up the Skeena, owing to the late disappearance of the ice. Despite the fact that the spring season is rather late, many men are rushing into the northern cities and districts, and every available berth and bunk on the Venture was taken when she sailed from here last night. On the last two trips she carried north men to the canneries, but this time she took a large number of survey parties, who will commence operations at Bella Coola. According to word brought by the Venture, the canneries are just about ready for one of the busiest seasons in the history of the salmon industry of this province. On the Naas and Skeena a few spring salmon have been caught, but the catches so far have not amounted to anything large. Work on the Ocean Falls sawmills, which will be the largest in British Columbia, is being pushed ahead at a rapid pace. The Venture took north a large amount of freight, including general merchandise for all ports along the route.

NANAIMO ODD FELLOWS DEDICATE THEIR HALL

Grand Lodge Officers Performed the Ceremony on Wednesday Afternoon

The dedication ceremonies in connection with Nanaimo Odd Fellows' Black Diamond Lodge, were performed Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, according to the ritual prescribed by the order, and passed off without a hitch. The officers taking part in the ceremony were: Deputy Grand Master W. H. Cullin, Victoria, acting for Grand Master Wobber, who is ill; Grand Secretary F. Davey, M.P.P., Victoria; Grand Warden J. R. McKenzie; Grand Marshal H. McKenzie; Grand Chaplain D. G. Dalley; Grand Herald Ralph Bell; Grand Herald of the North, Jos. Carroll; Grand Herald of the West J. R. McKinnel; Grand Herald of the South William Griev; Grand Herald of the East A. E. Bradshaw; Grand Inner Guard Jas. Aitken; Master of Ceremonies Jas. Croxson. Mayor Planta welcomed the grand lodge officers and other visitors, after which the dedicatory ceremonies were performed. On behalf of the lodge, Master of Ceremonies Croxson presented acting Deputy Grand Master W. H. Cullin.

SECRET ENQUIRY STARTS NEXT WEEK

Captains Neroutsos and Reid Assessors to Sit With Mr. Justice Martin

The inquiry into the cause of the loss of the steamer Sechart, wrecked off Albert Head on Friday, March 24 last, will be commenced on Thursday next before Mr. Justice Martin, sitting in the Admiralty court with Captain Cyril D. Neroutsos, R. N. E., and Captain Archibald Reid, R. N. R., who have been appointed marine assessors for the occasion of this inquiry and for the inquiry into the loss of the Iroquois. M. B. Jackson, of Hanington & Jackson, solicitors, has been appointed to watch the inquiry into the loss of the Iroquois on behalf of the Dominion government, and with him in the Sechart inquiry will be W. H. Langley. The Iroquois inquiry will not be held until after the trial of Capt. Sears, who was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter arising out of the wreck of the vessel of which he was captain. Capt. Neroutsos is master of the C.



ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING, NANAIMO.

Wednesday afternoon the Odd Fellows at Nanaimo dedicated their new hall in the block which Black Diamond Lodge has had built on Commercial street, at an approximate cost of \$40,000 and an additional \$5,000 for furniture, bringing the total cost up to \$45,000, including the basement. It is a four-story structure constructed of brick, stone and concrete. The building is fronted with pressed brick of a first-class quality, moulded brick being used in the construction of arches over the large plate glass windows of which there are four on the ground floor and five double swinging windows on the second floor. The architect was Alex. Forrester, of Nanaimo, who in the planning of the Odd Fellows' building has given Nanaimo a structure of which not only every Odd Fellow, but every resident of the city is proud. Mesher Bros, Victoria, put up the building in a thoroughly creditable manner.

P. R. steamer Princess Royal, Capt. Reid is master at Vancouver and was formerly master of one of the C. P. R. boats.

NEW COMPANIES.

The following incorporations are gazetted this week: B. C. Mercantile Bureau, Limited; British Columbia Securities, Limited; Coast Construction and Investment Co., Limited; Creston Park and Recreation Co., Limited; Dominion Mortgage and Investment Corporation, Limited; Dowling Bros, Furniture Co., Limited; Hotel Westholme, Limited; Indian Mines, Limited (non-personal liability); John K. Miller Co., Limited; Keystone Wine Co., Limited; North Arm Towing Co., Limited; North Vancouver Securities Corporation, Limited; Prince Rupert Sand and Gravel Co., Limited; Recreation Park Stables, Limited; Vancouver Mutual Investment Co., Limited; Western Residential Schools, Limited. The following extra-provincial companies have been registered: Carstens Packing Co.; Seovll Iron Store Co.; United States Steel Products Co. Licenses have been issued to the following extra-provincial companies: Ames Holden McCready, Limited; Auto-Stop Safety Razor Co., Ltd.; Berg Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Canadian Eight Watch Co., Ltd.; Continental Insurance Co.; Canadian National Carbon Co.; H. Krug Furniture Co., Ltd.; Kerr Engine Co., Ltd.; National Surety Co.

ZION-CITY CREDITORS

Chicago, April 28.—The five thousand or more persons all over the world who gave the late John Alexander Dowie their property that he might found his city of Zion, north of this city, will receive what is left of it, 12.5 cents on the dollar of their money. Cheques were mailed yesterday to 678 of the stockholders in every centre of the world.

ROBBERS HOLD UP PORTLAND SALOON

Patrons Are Driven Into Cellar by Bandits Who Loot Cash Register

Portland, Ore., April 28.—Two robbers held up a saloon at Seventeenth and Marshall streets here last night, and after herding the sixteen occupants of the place down a trap door into the cellar, they took \$180 from the cash register and made good their escape. The pair entered the resort and started a game of billiards. They had played some minutes at this game, attracting no attention, when one of the robbers suddenly wheeled and aroused the crowd with the cry of "hands up." Everybody, including the bartender, made haste to comply with an order to hold up and line up. While this manoeuvre was being executed, the other robber stepped to a trap door in the floor and raised it. Then the sixteen were compelled to descend through the hole. When the last head had disappeared the robbers shut the trap and proceeded to loot the place. After waiting until there was every reason to believe that the way was clear, imprisoned patrons and the bartender ventured forth and gave the alarm.

TACOMA'S PUBLICITY WORK.

A. L. Sommers, secretary of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, who has been in Victoria in connection with the proposed organization of a Central Publicity League at Tacoma, left the city yesterday with the assurance that several members of the Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League would be present at the meeting on May 1. A. E. Todd, vice-president of the board of trade, and A. W. McCurdy, president of the Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League, entertained the Tacoma publicity representative to a drive round the suburbs of Victoria yesterday afternoon.

LIONS AND SMELLS IN SUPREME COURT

Argument to Quash Saanich Menagerie By-law Heard by Mr. Justice Murphy

An invitation was extended to Mr. Justice Murphy in Supreme court chambers to adjourn and pay a visit to the menagerie owned by J. G. French in the South Saanich municipality. The invitation was extended by Hon. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., when asking the court to upset a by-law recently passed by the Saanich council with the object of doing away with menageries in the municipality. Mr. McPhillips, in requesting His Lordship to see the menagerie, did so in support of his contention that the premises are sanitary and not a nuisance. "That is all right to-day," interjected Mr. Aitken, "you are prepared, but drop out there unexpectedly, and there will be a different state of things." Mr. Justice Murphy did not intimate that he would or would not accept the invitation. Mr. McPhillips claimed the by-law, against which his application is directed, is not a sanitary by-law but a prohibitive one, and as such is not legal. Affidavits which had to do with lions' roars and tigers' howls were read. Mr. Aitken had one to show that through the howling of the animals at night a rig had bolted and upset the occupant. Mr. McPhillips protested that the incident referred to had happened ten years ago, and that the man in the rig was driving a fresh colt which was startled by the rattle of milk cans in the rig at the very moment the rig passed the menagerie. "That was the cause of the accident," he said, "and now they come and blame our lions for it." Mr. McPhillips dwelt on the odoriferous features of the case with considerable amount, going even so far as to say to His Lordship that he had been told by medical men that horrible smells were sometimes good for health, and particularly referred to the apicality in atmosphere that emanates from tanneries. He referred to the South Saanich pigstyes which he maintained, were deplorable to even the most uneducated nostril. "They are, in fact," he said, "detestable and awful." The only objectionable smell about the menagerie, he said, had been put there by enemies of his client who had found offal and parts of carcasses on the fence line of his property. These had rotted and his lions, etc., got the blame for the odors produced. The by-law is an unreasonable one, Mr. McPhillips maintained. He said: "I cannot see how any reasonable man—barring, of course, your lordship's view—can say it is a sensible by-law." His Lordship—It certainly looks like an afterthought.

ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD ELECTS OFFICERS

Arthur F. Englehardt is Chosen as Chief of Dawson Camp

Dawson, Y. T., April 28.—Camp Dawson No. 4, of the Arctic Brotherhood, has elected officers for the coming half year. Arthur F. Englehardt was chosen arctic chief; past arctic chief, F. H. Pierce; vice-arctic chief, Captain A. Stewart; arctic captain, Richard Bailey; arctic recorder, Frederick N. Atwood; keeper of nuggets, John Stoke; trustees, William J. O'Brien, Gust Johnson, Sam Henry, Charles Paddock and Leo Krause; alchemist, Andy Cunningham; trail guide, M. F. Jenkins; trail blazer, William Melish; keeper inner toll gate, William Anley; keeper outer toll gate, L. M. Potter; white horse pilot, A. H. Finlayson; camp cook, W. F. Mackenzie. Mr. Englehardt, the newly-elected chief, was a member of the first class numbering sixty-four, which was initiated into the mother camp at Skagway in March, 1899. He was on Chilkoot Pass during the rush days as customs broker and has been in Dawson for years and for a long time has been in the office of the N. A. T. & C. Co.

FIRE AT MONTREAL

Montreal, April 28.—Fire broke out in the Mount Royal apartment house this morning. The building is five stories high and is not of fire-proof construction. Thus far the damage is estimated about \$100,000.

BOY SCOUTS THANK CHIEF DAVIS FOR AID

Fire Chief Prepares an Examination Paper for Their Use

At the last meeting of the local council of the Victoria Boy Scouts, the members, rising to their feet, passed a hearty vote of thanks to Chief Davis, of the fire department, for his work in connection with the scout movement. In spite of being one of the most busy men in the city, the chief has on more than one occasion devoted an evening to the Boy Scouts, desirous to share the methods of fire fighting and giving instructions in the handling of appliances. The Scouts have been given an invitation to visit the headquarters on Cornmarket street on occasions when the members of the department are carrying out fire drills. In response to a request, Chief Davis has prepared the following list of questions which, if answered satisfactorily, will entitle the successful Scout to wear a special badge on the right arm when on parade: 1. Explain how to give an alarm to the fire department, both by box and telephone? 2. In the event of your turning in an alarm for fire from your nearest fire alarm box, and the box not repeating, what next would you do? 3. If box 10 and 121 were turned in for an alarm of fire, explain how each would come into the different stations? 4. Give a description of what composes the liquid in the fire extinguishers, what causes the pressure to operate same and give name of gas? 5. Give name of the two couplings in each length of hose? (a) What coupling should be attached to the hydrant? (b) What coupling should be attached to the nozzle attached to? (c) How many feet are there in each length of hose? (d) How should hose be rolled up? (e) What coupling should you commence with? Explain the reason why. (f) What is the proper way to turn the water on in the hydrant? (g) What are the three openings in the hydrants for? 7. How should animals be taken out of a burning building? 8. How should you enter a burning or smoky building? 9. Explain the proper way to lift and carry any person that is overcome with smoke? 10. What is meant by the word "scrum?"

SETTLERS FLOCK TO CANADIAN WEST

Winnipeg, April 28.—Never in the history of western Canada did so many settlers arrive in this city on the way to the western prairies as yesterday. The total for 24 hours ending at 6 o'clock this morning was in the neighborhood of four thousand souls. Of these fully 80 per cent were British, the balance were Scandinavians. The homeseekers were on ten special trains and the grand total is in addition to the regular passenger trains. Earl Grey, who inspected one train load of 650 people, ran across a gardener from one of his estates in England, who with his family is taking up land in the west.

COSTLY ROBE.

New York, April 28.—Princess Kawananakoa of Hawaii, who before her marriage was Miss Abigail Campbell, daughter of a wealthy American sugar trader, is in New York on her way to attend the coronation in London. One of the robes which the princess will wear at the coronation is a costly garment in the world. It is made from the feathers of a species of island birds now extinct.

CHICAGO BOMB OUTRAGE.

Chicago, April 28.—A dynamite bomb, was exploded in the doorway of the Oak Savings Bank, owned by John Devoney, an Italian, at 946 Wells street, yesterday morning, tearing a hole one foot square in the iron-plated door, breaking all the windows in the four story building and throwing the occupants of the upper stories out of their beds. Devoney told the police that he had received several threatening letters recently and the bomb is believed to have been thrown by the "Black Hand."

TEN INJURED IN STREET CAR WRECK

Two Victims of Collision in Buffalo Will Probably Not Recover

Buffalo, N. Y., April 28.—Ten persons were injured, two of them fatally, in a head-on collision between two trolley cars under the shadow of a viaduct on Smith street here early today. Arthur Moon, 48 years old, a conductor, has a fractured skull, and Mrs. Ray Collins, 60 years old, has a broken back. H. Hall, a motorman on one of the cars, was placed under arrest, pending further investigation. Hall's car became crippled by a defect in the machinery, as he was crossing to the northbound tracks. The lights went out and the car was not seen by the motorman approaching the dark shadow of the viaduct from the other direction. Of the ten persons on Hall's car not one escaped injury. Conductor Moon was cast-patented through a window, his head striking a pillar of the viaduct. Mrs. Collins was buried beneath the wreckage.

CANADA'S TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW

Returns for Year Show Increase of \$2,000,000 Over Previous Twelve Months

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 28.—The total trade of Canada for the last fiscal year was \$3,094,285, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the previous year. The imports totalled \$1,089,024, an increase of \$800,000. Exports of domestic products totalled \$2,745,261, a decrease of nearly \$5,000,000, owing to the deficiency in Western wheat crops and greatly increased demand of some markets. The exports of agricultural products totalled \$2,611,284, a decrease of nearly \$5,000,000. Exports of manufactures totalled \$24,233,118, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000.

MEXICAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

FORMAL CONFERENCE MAY BEGIN TUESDAY

Dr. Gomez Will Probably Be Selected as Commissioner by Madero

El Paso, April 29.—It is expected that with the arrival here to-night of Dr. Vasquez Gomez, that he will be named by General Madero as the insurrecto peace commissioner.

Judge Francisco Carbalka, the government commissioner, probably will be here Monday and the formal peace conference will, it is hoped, begin the following day.

Abram Gonzales, provisional governor of the state of Chihuahua, arrived last night. He expressed himself as none too confident of the success of the negotiations. The statement that there are 5,000 insurrectos in the state of Puebla is challenged here. The last reports received here show that there were about 1,000 of them and that only a small percentage were armed. This report is some weeks old, however, and it is admitted that the revolt in that state has grown rapidly with the reports of success in the north and the growing knowledge that the government cannot control the situation.

CHILLIWACK TENNIS CLUB.

Chilliwack, April 28.—At the annual meeting of the Chilliwack tennis club the following officers were elected: President, T. Caskey; vice-president, J. H. Hutcheson; executive committee, A. N. Smith, F. A. Hewer and W. E. Frost; secretary-treasurer, N. S. McKenzie.

The question of making the third court was discussed, and a committee was appointed to make the alterations found necessary. A new pavilion will be erected and the grounds put in shape for the opening of the courts early in May.

The season promises to be one of the best since the club has been organized. A great many new players have come to the valley and the fact of a rapid and easy mode of travel from other places will bring to the city many interested in the game.

The monthly tournaments so popular last year will again be carried out, and it was decided at the annual meeting, in view of the many events at the annual tournament to divide the club and open games into two tournaments, the club tournament to take place some time about the last of July and the open tournament to follow later.

C. P. R. EXTENDING YARDS.

Revelstoke, April 28.—According to information gathered at the C. P. R. offices it is the intention of that corporation to extend their yards here this summer. The present accommodation being entirely inadequate for the growing demands. The extent to which these will be enlarged has not yet been divulged, as arrangements are not yet satisfactorily completed, but a preliminary set of plans have been prepared. It is anticipated that a meeting of the mechanical superintendents of this division will be held here on May 2. Of one thing there is a certainty, and that is that work will commence shortly to raise the level of the yards by about two feet, as these are considered altogether too low. This work, taking into consideration the large area the yards cover, will mean a large amount of work and the employment of a considerable number of men.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILER.

London, April 29.—Alexandre Tscherniadoff was arraigned in the Old Bailey court yesterday charged with an attempt to blackmail the Duchess de Choiseul-Presslin, formerly Mrs. Chas. Hamilton Paine, of Boston. The only new evidence offered was that of Geo. Rodier, of Paris, who testified that the defendant had tried through him to obtain \$50,000 for the delivery of letters said to have been written by the Duchess to "Count" D'Aulhey de Galigny.

M. DALY'S DAUGHTER DEAD.

New York, April 29.—Mrs. Margaret Daly Brown, daughter of the late Marcus Daly and wife of H. C. Brown, a banker, died early to-day at her mother's home on Fifth avenue. Mrs. Brown's death occurred within a few hours after her arrival on a special car which brought her on a fast train from Montana. Her husband, mother and other members of her family were at the bedside when death came. A special car occupied by Mrs. Brown and attendants left Anaconda, Mont., on Tuesday. They reached the city last evening when physicians said Mrs. Brown's condition was very critical. Mrs. Brown was married in 1901, and inherited several millions.

FIFTEEN FAMILIES HOMELESS.

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, April 29.—There were thirty-five children among the eighty people driven from their homes shortly after three o'clock this morning by fire which destroyed dwellings at the corner of St. Antoine and St. Philippe streets. Fifteen families were left homeless. The fifteen families affected will suffer practically the total loss of their household possessions. Damage to the property is estimated at \$4,000.

A peculiarity of the pearl fisheries of Ceylon is their irregularity. For six consecutive years prior to 1909 they were profitable, but since then every year has been a failure, and no more successful fishing is expected until 1912.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON POWER OF PRESS

Does Much in Moulding Moral, Intellectual and Social Life of the People

New York, April 29.—In connection with the celebration at St. Patrick's cathedral next month of the tenth anniversary of the institution of Special Masses for Newspaper Workers, a letter from Cardinal Gibbons will be read. The cardinal says: "The press is undoubtedly a colossal engine of truth or error. We are daily confronted by it. It penetrates every walk of life, and its influence and circulation are daily increasing. As it is the duty of the press to be an agent of good and not of evil, so it is the duty of the people to give their support to such papers as are conspicuous for their elevating tone, and to do everything in their power to lessen the great evil results of those who have an influence for the bad. "I regret that I cannot be present at your anniversary. I assure you that I would have taken a particular pleasure in assisting and in being in the midst of those who are so closely connected with the great vehicle of public thought which sways such a great power in moulding the moral, intellectual and social life of the people."

ACTIVITY OF MORMONS.

British Government Asked to Stop Campaign in England.

London, April 29.—Under the presidency of Bishop Weldon, a mass meeting was held last night and resolutions were adopted calling upon the government to take steps to stop the activities of Mormon missionaries in England. It was announced during the meeting that the Mormons have 35 churches in England, with 80,000 members and 200 missionaries. It was said also that last year there were 962 converts of which 500 went to Utah.

ORIENTAL FREIGHT TAKEN ACROSS GULF

Princess Ena Leaves for Vancouver With 1,000 Tons—Going to Skagway

Spending all day yesterday at the outer wharf loading a cargo of freight for Vancouver and considerable freight for Skagway and other points on the northern run, the C. P. R. freighter, Princess Ena, Capt. Campbell, left here last night on her long run with over 1,000 tons stowed beneath her hatches. The vessel took on a quantity of freight at the inner harbor docks on Thursday and her holds were well filled when she sailed from here.

As the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha liners do not call at Vancouver, all the freight consigned to that port is discharged here. Consequently there is generally a large amount of cargo awaiting shipment to the Terminal City, and the local stevedores are busy. Many of the vessels which arrive here on Wednesday last she discharged a large quantity of freight for Vancouver, consisting principally of rice and sugar. The Ena loaded all of this and some other which arrived on other vessels.

Besides the Vancouver cargo the vessel is carrying a great deal of Skagway to relieve the regular passenger vessels of H. During the summer months the Ena is used on this run and handles much freight. She will stop at many ports along the coast and is taking some cargo for the coastwise. At Vancouver she will take on other northern freight.

On Thursday night the steamer Otter left port with a good cargo to be delivered at the islands of the Gulf. At present there is no regular vessel carrying the freight bound for the islands, and the people there are placed in an awkward position. The matter of the C. P. R. placing a steamer on the run is still in the hands of the head office and no word has been here as to whether the company will comply with the wishes of the residents there or not.

C. P. R. STOCK TAKES ANOTHER LEAP

Montreal, April 29.—C. P. R. took another leap to-day, closing at 239 3/4 in London, equivalent to 232 1/2 here. The markets on this side, however, were even more enthusiastic than London, and at the opening 233 1/4 was bid right off the bat, with 234 asked. There was a sale at 232, then the price faded a little with sales at 232 and 232 1/2. Steel started at 56 1/2 to 56 3/4 and there was some selling of Woods around 124. Street railway was firm, but quiet. The deal is making satisfactory progress, it is said, Ottawa sold at 148 1/2.

NAVIGATION OF ST. LAWRENCE.

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, April 29.—With flags flying the steamship Royal George arrived here this morning at 7 o'clock this morning, and as a result Captain Harrison has the distinction of being the first commander to open up navigation on the St. Lawrence.

The area of the great Sahara desert is almost as great as that of the United States of America.

EXCURSION TRAIN JUMPS TRACKS

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS REPORTED KILLED

Cars Roll Down Embankment—Fire Adds to Horror of Wreck

Boston, Pa., April 29.—An excursion train from Utica and Syracuse, N. Y., on its way to Washington, D. C., was wrecked to-day at Martin's Creek, N. J., eight miles north of this city.

There are conflicting reports regarding the killed, running from 25 down to none. Three cars were burned.

The train came down as far as Stroudsburg on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Road and was there transferred to the Pennsylvania Road. While the train was passing Martin's Creek going at the rate of fifty miles an hour, several cars left the track.

Almost immediately the cars took fire and their being no means to check the flames, the wreckage burned fiercely.

Every physician for miles around was summoned and hurried to the scene on special trains and in automobiles. Arrangements are being made to bring the injured to the hospitals in this city.

No Official Report.

New York, April 29.—The division superintendent of the Lackawanna in Hoboken had no details of the accident and only second hand reports.

The report received was that a special train carrying a delegation of school teachers had been wrecked on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad with the loss of 50 lives or more.

Fifteen Dead.

Seranton, Pa., April 29.—Lackawanna railroad officials at 4:30 p. m. reported word received of fifteen dead and forty injured in the wreck at Martin's Creek. The whole train was derailed and ditches.

SKEENA RIVER SERVICE.

Prince Rupert, April 29.—This season the headquarters of Messrs. Foley, Welch, Stewart's fleet of river steamers will be Kitseas. There can be no doubt that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be running a regular service of trains between Prince Rupert and Hazelton for the time being. The Skeena opens, but there will be plenty for the steamers to do beyond this point. There will be traffic still by water between Prince Rupert and Hazelton for the time being. The Skeena opens, but there will be plenty for the steamers to do beyond this point. There will be traffic still by water between Prince Rupert and Hazelton for the time being.

Indications point to a season in the interior that will tax the resources of both the 100-mile stretch of railway and the squadron of vessels. It is confidently expected by all residents of the north that the present year will be one of the busiest ever experienced by the Skeena River district. The steamers, many of which have been lying at Prince Rupert during the winter, are now being overhauled and placed into shape for the approaching season.

Between Kitseas and Hazelton heavy traffic is certain to originate, and between these points the river boats will do the work that the railway is not yet in a position to do. There will undoubtedly be a heavy steamboat travel between the present end of steel and the interior towns.

WANTED IN BOSTON.

(Special to the Times.) Calgary, Albr., April 29.—Two detectives from Boston arrived here this morning bringing extradition papers for the return of Louis F. Gapes, charged with embezzlement of over \$7,000. He is a salesman in the city of the Galtette Safety Razor Co.

EARL GREY WILL HASTEN TO OTTAWA

Rumor That Political Situation is Responsible for Return to Capital

Winnipeg, April 29.—Earl Grey will leave to-night for Ottawa with his suite. This sudden change of plans has given rise to all kinds of political rumors here. Next week His Excellency was to have taken a prominent part in various social functions, including the horse show and the Sheffield choir festival of empire.

The Earl will be present at the play to-night and at the close of the performance the party will bid farewell to their friends in Winnipeg and go straight to the station, where they will board a special train the C. P. R. is providing to take them to Ottawa.

The Free Press will say this afternoon that it is understood that the political situation at Ottawa has had some effect on this sudden departure.

The programme arranged for to-day will be carried out intact. This includes a luncheon at Government House, the matinee performance of a musical and dramatic competition, a brief visit to the new and palatial banking premises of Messrs. Alloway & Co., the laying of the foundation stone of the new Presbyterian Westminster church and to-night's dramatic programme.

OUR LETTER BOX

Published in this morning's Colonist it is stated that I have "been specially engaged" by the provincial government to assist in the publicity branch in connection with the provincial department of mines, and that I "will be associated with the provincial mineralogist, Mr. W. Fleet Robertson," in my "new official activities." While I am grateful to the editor for the paragraph, his kind and complimentary references to my work in connection with giving publicity to information relating to the mining industry of this province, I feel it my duty to state that I have not been appointed to any office in connection with the provincial department of mines, nor has any arrangement been made with me that will associate me officially with the provincial mineralogist, with whom, by the way, I have had long and a pleasant conversation on this matter. If it shall seem well to the provincial government to do in some way show practical appreciation of the work I have long done, and am still doing, in contributing mining information from this province to several influential publications in North America and England, it may be that I shall not find it necessary to continue negotiations now in progress looking to my removal to another province to there do similar work. B. JACOBS.

FULLY TRAINED GEORGE V

PREMIER BEARER OF PROVINCE'S MESSAGE

Resolutions Passed at Meeting in Victoria Theatre Last Night With Enthusiasm

(From Saturday's Daily.) Citizens of the capital assembled in the Victoria theatre last night, with many representative British Columbians occupying the platform, and passed a resolution conveying assurances of loyalty in the part of the people of the province to His Majesty King George V. The resolution was handed to Hon. Richard McBride, who presided at the coronation ceremony for presentation to His Majesty. The meeting further adopted a resolution expressing confidence in Premier McBride as the representative of the province at the coronation.

Hon. Robert Beavan, one of the earliest figures in British Columbia life, occupied the chair, and with him on the platform in addition to the premier were: H. C. Brewster, M. P. E.; Bishop Macdonald, Dean Doull, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, H. B. Thomson, M. P. E.; Lieut.-Governor Paterson, Hon. J. Kingham, J. J. Shalcross, A. W. McCurdy, H. D. Helmcken, K. C.; George Jay, Leonard Tait, W. K. Houston, C. H. Lugin, W. H. Price, W. Blakemore and others.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay moved the adoption of the following address to the King, seconded by H. C. Brewster, M. P. E.:

"The subjects of Your Majesty residing in British Columbia, desire to assure you of our unwavering loyalty to you and to the Crown.

"We recall with pleasure the occasion of your visit to this province, and we most humbly say that the kindly feelings which were then expressed have been intensified by succeeding years.

"In tendering this assurance of our loyalty and of the pride we feel in the auspicious event of your coronation, we wish to express to your Majesty the warmest affection of the people of this province, and we most humbly say that the kindly feelings which were then expressed have been intensified by succeeding years.

"The congratulatory resolution passed in honor of the premier was moved by Leonard Tait. It read as follows: "The citizens of Victoria desire to place on record the appreciation of the high honor paid to the province by the invitation extended to you, as premier, to be present at the coronation of his most Gracious Majesty, King George V."

"We wish to express our confidence that you will fitly and well represent British Columbia on that important occasion, and that your presence in the United Kingdom at a time when you will meet representatives of all parts of the Empire will redound to the benefit of your native province. We wish you and Mrs. McBride a pleasant journey and a safe return."

Letters regretting absence were received from Mayor Morley and from Col. E. C. Prior. A message to the city council kept the mayor absent and Col. Prior had an out-of-town engagement.

The premier, replying to the honor conferred on him by the meeting, recognized the compliment and thanked the gathering on behalf of himself and Mrs. McBride, whose name was included in the resolution. He spoke on the Empire in relation to the province, and of the excellent work of the Canadian clubs. The premier prophesied that in 25 years, or less, British Columbia would hold the first place in the Dominion of Canada.

The necessity of Canadian land and water protection was spoken of by the premier. This could only be done effectively by legislative means, he said, and he held it a grave matter for the white people of the Dominion. The premier, referring to his coming visit to London, said his great worry was the fact that he had no representative in British Columbia. He said he was not at the meeting as a politician but as the premier of the Dominion of Canada, and as such he would leave for London.

Cheers were given for the premier and the singing of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

U. S. AMBASSADOR WILL INVESTIGATE

Authorities Call Attention to Reported Declaration of Ramon Corral

Washington, D. C., April 29.—The reported declaration of Ramon Corral, vice-president of Mexico, that Americans were fomenting trouble in his country in order to force intervention, has encountered the disfavor of this government.

The State department has called the matter to the attention of Mexico in order to establish officially whether the report is true. The question will be taken up by Ambassador Wilson, to whom the department telegraphed a copy of an official statement which it had issued unconditionally disapproving the alleged utterance.

The statement expresses the confident belief of the department that the Mexican foreign office will promptly repudiate and prevent the promulgation of any such statements, calculated so seriously to disturb the mutual confidence and friendly good understanding between the two peoples.

Rebel Activity. Mexico City, April 29.—While it had been thought the signing of the armistice might have the effect of lessening the activities of the rebels in other parts of the republic, a summary of the week's campaign shows an increased aggression and a wider area of disturbance. It is reported that the number of rebels operating in one section of Puebla is not less than 600, and from a different part of the state come the news of a band of 600 that demanded the surrender of Tehuacan, and spent some weeks there.

The tactics in the southern interior regions are fairly typical of the campaign throughout the disaffected parts of the republic. In one town, the rebels are sent to dislodge them and a federal victory is reported. The report of the victory is true, but the inevitable strategy of the rebels is to flee before they are forced to surrender, so that the sum total of the rebels is not materially reduced and the defeated men reappear in a few days in some other place.

Slowly the rebel forces in Guerrero are gathering in numbers, and in Coahuila de Catalan, Guerrero, the jefe politico himself opened the doors of the prison to free before they are forced to lead them forth to jail in the cause of the revolutionists.

General Valle, in charge of the federal troops in Puebla, yesterday advised the department of war that Tecamalcho had fallen into the hands of the rebels.

Among the prisoners accused of sedition were released yesterday by Jacobo Kaiser, a naturalized United States citizen. He was fined 100 pesos. Kaiser confessed that while travelling through the republic ostensibly selling his wares, he was engaged in spreading revolutionary propaganda.

WILL NOT BUILD.

Vancouver, April 28.—The idea of building a new Holy Trinity Church in place of the existing structure on Eighth Avenue was at the annual vestry meeting, left in abeyance for the present but it was hoped that within a year it might be possible for the church to be better equipped financially, and that they might then make a start on the new undertaking.

Rev. H. Beacham, rector, was in the chair. The reports of the church committee and the treasurer were received. From the first report it appeared that the church was in a position to be better equipped financially, and that they might then make a start on the new undertaking.

LITIGATION OVER GROUP OF MINES

Plaintiff Begins Suit at Seattle, Asking Judgment for \$203,000

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—Thos. Hodgins of Butte and New York, filed suit yesterday against Myron K. Rogers of Seattle, a mining engineer long associated with Marcus Daly at Butte and later with the Guggenheims in Alaska, asking for a judgment of \$203,000 against Rogers and an order restraining Rogers from foreclosing a mortgage against the Hidden Creek mining group. The complaint alleges that Hodgins furnished \$417,000 to Rogers to purchase and develop British Columbia mines, and that Rogers declines to account for any of the money except that which was used in purchasing and developing the Hidden Creek Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR.

Ottawa, April 29.—A thorough investigation into the cause of the explosion which Thursday blew up the drying house of the Dominion Explosives Company at Sand Point, and instantly killed four employees, will be made by the mines branch of the department of mines.

NINE MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Grand Trunk Railway Plans for Montreal-Included Elevation of Tracks

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, April 29.—It was officially announced this morning that the company proposes to spend between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000 on its great scheme for the improvement of terminals in this city. The plans have been sent to the railway commission for its approval and embrace the elevation of the tracks between Turcot yards and Bonaventure station, and from St. Henri to Point St. Charles yards. The scheme also includes the erection of new freight and passenger terminals at Bonaventure.

WILL ENTERTAIN CHOIR.

Lieut.-Governor Paterson and Mrs. Paterson will entertain the members of the Sheffield Choir, over two hundred in number, on the afternoon of Thursday, May 18, at a garden party in the grounds of Government House. It is understood that a movement is on foot in the city to provide some form of civic reception upon the arrival of the great singing organization, which will increase the sum of \$125,000 in expending three concerts, will sail on the Canadian-Australian liner Zealandia for Australia on the second stage of its "temple musical reciprocity tour," on May 19.

THREE INSTANTLY KILLED.

New York, April 29.—Three men were instantly killed and nine more are believed to have been fatally injured late this afternoon when a gang of laborers were pulling down a telegraph pole dropped a guy wire against the third rail of the New York Central railroad at Spuyten Duyck. Fifteen men had hold of the wire.

TWO MEN COMMIT SUICIDE AT SEATTLE

Wealthy Lumberman and Lawyer End Their Lives by Shooting

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—Edward E. Brehm, a wealthy lumberman, and Joseph P. Eades, lawyer, both took their lives yesterday in Seattle by shooting. Brehm had been brooding over recent ill health and Mr. Eades had grieved over the death of a favorite daughter. Neither left any note or other explanation of motive for taking his own life. Brehm shot himself while standing on the edge of a pier while his body dropped at the water's edge.

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—A communication from the secretary of the Victoria branch of the Daughters of the Empire, stating that they intended celebrating the coronation of King George V., and asking the Nanaimo council to cooperate with the regular meeting of the city council, and Mayor Flanta and Ald. Shaw elected.

The city engineer reported on the proposal to pave Commercial, Church and Front streets, and Victoria crescent, recommending the work be commenced at once, the streets to be paved with asphalt concrete at an estimated cost of \$25,000. On motion the report was received and referred to the street committee for report at the next meeting of the council. The council will call for tenders for the grading of Cowan street.

Ald. McKinnell was granted permission to introduce a by-law regulating the stringing of electric wires in the city, and on motion it was decided to give the by-law the first reading at the next meeting of the council. A by-law regulating pool rooms and bowling alleys, fixing the hours of closing, was also referred to the committee on Saturday night until 8 o'clock Monday morning, was given the third reading.

The British Columbia Hydraulic Company wrote applying for a franchise for distribution of electrical energy, wholesale and retail, within the necessary privileges for right of way for pole lines, etc., and given the franchise would discuss the supplying of power for or the building of a municipal urban and interurban tramway.

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—James A. Moore, president of the Western Steel Corporation has closed a deal for the sale of 15,000 acres of land on the Columbia River, near Whitcomb, Wash., to syndicate of Oregon and Washington capitalists, headed by Miles C. Moore, of Walla Walla. The price is given as \$400,000. The syndicate will spend upwards of \$500,000 in developing the property this summer.

ALLEGED FILIBUSTERS.

San Juan, P. R., April 29.—Gen. Carlos E. Morales, the former president of Santo Domingo, was arraigned yesterday charged with planning a filibuster expedition against San Domingo and held for the grand jury in default of \$2,500 bail were sent to jail.

GENEROUS INCREASE FOR OFFICERS

SALARY DISCUSSION IN THE OPEN COUNCIL

Grant of \$2,000 for Daughters of Empire Toward Expense of Fete

The city council went back on Friday night when it was agreed, on the proposal of Alderman Langley, that the proceeds of the fete should be allowed to remain during discussion on the estimates. When the question of the engineer came up recently it was deemed expedient that such a delicate matter as an officials salary should be spoken of in private, but in view of the ability of the press to get the news even from secret meetings, and the bitter feeling thus engendered, the council last night agreed to let the salaries remain at their posts.

The session was able to complete the consideration of the estimates and the necessary resolutions giving effect to them will be introduced at an early date. No further debate ensued in connection with the engineer's department, because on the suggestion of Mayor Morley, he stated that if the estimates in the estimates for contingent salaries in connection with that department. The device was simple and efficacious, and all the aldermen embraced the opportunity to escape any immediate entanglement in the meshes of the vexed question.

Some little discussion arose in connection with Dr. G. A. E. Hall, the medical health officer. His salary at a recent meeting, was raised by 50 per month, making it \$2,500, but last night Alderman W. F. Fullerton advocated that the official's salary be \$2,000 per month. In doing so he expatiated on the good work that had been done by Dr. Hall during his term of office. He also pointed out that good men were hard to get and now that they had one they should endeavor to keep him by treating him well.

Alderman Okell was of the same opinion. As an alternative proposition, he proposed that if the \$50 increase was allowed to appoint an assistant so that he might undertake some private work himself he would accept the \$2,000. This proposition did not meet with any favor by the council.

While appreciating the spirit of the proposed increase for the medical health officer Mayor Morley did not believe in boosting up the salary of a man who had only been in the service of the city for a few months. He proposed that if the \$50 increase was granted, this year it would be time enough next year to consider the granting of the other \$50. If they adopted this generous attitude toward the health officer, as well as to all of them. On the lines advocated they should raise the salaries of all the officials, and then they would have to raise the wind to pay them.

Alderman W. F. Fullerton took the same view of the situation as the mayor. He had also noticed that it was the practice of some medical men who came out west to get into the habit of being acquainted with the people through the medium of a city post and when that object was accomplished they left the city in the lurch and went into private practice. While he had the greatest confidence in Dr. Hall's ability he thought that an increase of \$600 a year was sufficient for any man.

The matter then went to a vote and the increase to \$300 a month carried by six to four.

The salaries of several other officials were also boosted up. In order to do this they had to be reduced, but the council did not seem to mind spiking their previous findings. The salary of the plumbing inspector was raised to \$150 per month, and that of the sanitary inspector to \$100, and all the third-class engineers employed at the pumping station to \$100 also.

On the suggestion of the mayor it was resolved that the salary of William W. Hupke, be offered the post of construction engineer at a salary of \$4,000. The sum of \$2,000 was set aside toward the expenses of the coronation fete which has been arranged for by the Daughters of Empire. The sum asked for was \$5,000.

The extraordinary expenditure of \$25,000 applied for by the school board was refused. The school board will now request the city to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to authorize the raising of the money in the ordinary way.

LOCAL HORSES WIN.

E. A. Henderson and Dixi Ross took the firsts-Over-Island Entries.

In the Vancouver horse show which opened on Tuesday, a number of local and up-Island horses were awarded ribbons.

In thoroughbred stallions, E. Henderson, of this city, won first prize with "Green Goods," and in thoroughbred foals of 1910, shown in hand, he took the first with "Satanstoe."

The Dixi Ross company has taken both blue and red ribbons in the delivery teams, singles, and the blue ribbon in the doubles.

Besides these a number of up-Island entries were successful. Prominent among the latter were the horses owned by G. L. Watson, of Westholme, who with "Craigie Winslow" took first in Clydesdale mares, 2 years and under, third with "Aries Flower" in Clydesdale mares, 4 years and over, and fourth with "Festive Maid" in Clydesdale draft mares, 4 years and over.

The Klu Klux Klan Club, Cedar Hill, gave a dance in the Cedar Hill hall Friday night. A most enjoyable time was provided, some 75 couples being present. The party broke up at 2 a.m. Bantley's orchestra supplied the music.

VICTORIA ECLIPSE BUILDING

First Four Months Year Show Increase of Twenty-Three

An increase of twenty-three per cent is represented by the figures achieved by Victoria for the first four months of the year over the last year, and an increase of seventy-five per cent over the same period of 1909.

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TOO MUCH ADVICE GIVEN BY BOARD

Letter to New Westminster Council Calls Forth Warm Comments

New Westminster April 28.—There is a possibility of the board of trade going too far in usurping the rights of the council. As far as I am concerned I am only too glad to get advice from any body of persons in the city, but there are some things that are entirely in the hands of the council. The council in past years have done their best and no doubt will continue to do so. It is an easy matter to build a fragment of isolation hospital, but it is not so easy to get the money for it.

These were the words of Mayor Lee in commenting on a letter received from W. J. Ker, delegated by the board of trade to write the city council suggesting that that body erect a fireproof, up-to-date, and sanitary isolation hospital.

Ald. Dodd, who recently objected to the board of trade resuming the free use of the meeting room in the city hall, took occasion to remark that while he had opposed the granting of the room for this purpose, the mayor had favored it. In Ald. Dodd's opinion, the commercial interests were not the interests of all the city.

The mayor replied that commercial interests referred not only to merchants, but to everything that concerned the general promotion of the city's interests, such as advertising, trade development, etc. It had as much to do with the man digging a ditch as the man running a bank.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS. Officers Elected at Meeting of Association at New York.

New York, April 29.—Members of American Newspaper Publishers' Association at their meeting yesterday elected Bruce H. Hanson of the Louisville Courier-Journal as president to succeed Herman Ridder. Herbert L. Bridgman of Brooklyn Standard Union was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Haldeman to the presidency.

APPEAL ENTERED. Los Angeles, Cal., April 29.—Attorneys for Miss Beatrice Anita Turnbull in her contest for a daughter's share of the \$11,000,000 estate of Elias J. Baldwin have filed an appeal from the decision of Judge Rivers of the superior court of this country, excluding her from such share.

A GOOD MEDICINE FOR THE SPRING Do Not Use Harsh Purgatives—A Tonic is All You Need

Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the way most people feel in the spring. Easily tired, appetite flabby, sometimes headaches and a feeling of depression. Pimples and eruptions may appear on the skin, or there may be twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. Any of these indicate that the blood is out of order: that the indoor life of winter has left its mark upon you and may easily develop into more serious trouble.

MACDONALD CONCERT PARTY COMING HERE

Eminent Canadian Soloists Appearing at Metropolitan Church in May 15

Eastern Canadians now residents of Victoria who have heard the H. Ruthven MacDonald concert party, which consists of some of Canada's most eminent artists, will undoubtedly warmly welcome the announcement that the celebrated party will visit this city within a few weeks and give an entertainment, which, according to the program, will be one of the musical treats of the season.

The party includes H. Ruthven MacDonald, the greatest baritone Canada has ever produced; Miss Bertha May Crawford, soprano soloist of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Toronto, who possesses a remarkable range of voice, being able to run four octaves; Miss Alfred Gordon, reader, who has a future as an elocutionist; and Mrs. MacDonald, pianist.

LIGHT MAY LIST IN COUNTY COURT

Only Five Cases Set for Trial Before Judge Lampman Next Month

The county court list for May is a very light one, consisting of only five cases. Dates will be set for these on Monday morning next. In addition to the five trials there are seven judgment summons cases. The list is as follows:

Kennedy (Tatt) vs. Wilson (Huntington). Gore and McGregor (Harrison) vs. Hicken et al. Holden (Morphy) vs. Freeman (Shandley). Menett (Morphy) vs. Murray. Higgins (McPhillips) vs. Shereff (Shandley).

WILL VISIT RUSSIA.

Berlin, May 1.—Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm and the Crown Princess will go to St. Petersburg about the middle of May to pay the visit which had been planned in connection with the Prince's interrupted trip in the Far East and congratulate Emperor Nicholas on occasion of his birthday, May 19. The visit is regarded not only as a demonstration of the recently concluded Russo-German understanding, but also as an indication of definite abandonment of the Prince's proposed trip to China and Japan.

WORDS IN BIBLE.

New Haven, Conn., May 1.—In connection with the Bible tercentenary which is being celebrated throughout the English speaking world, Professor Albert T. Cook, of Yale, has made an interesting compilation showing that in spite of the influence of the Bible upon literature the number of words which appear in it falls far below the number of words used by Milton or Shakespeare. In the revised version, according to Prof. Cook, there are only about 6,000 words, whereas Milton found it necessary to draw upon about 13,000 and Shakespeare something like 15,000.

CITY WILL PROCEED WITH CONFERENCE

Objections to Scheme Are Ruled Out of Court

City Has the Right to Go Ahead With the Work and Will Do So

The proposition to put up a public convenience in the vicinity of the Dominion Trust company's new building on Government street was brought up in the city council Friday night, the attitude of the B. C. Securities company in objecting to the plans of the city, as revised for the benefit of the company, did not receive a great deal of sympathy. After a brief discussion of the situation a motion instructing the city solicitor to inform the company that the city intended going ahead with the work was unanimously adopted on the suggestion of Alderman Langley, seconded by Alderman Bishop.

Alderman Humber said there was no point in the objection of the company. Conveniences were not unsightly and one proposed to be erected by the city certainly would not be. He saw no reason why they should refrain from carrying out their plans, which would be a perfect right to the land, merely on the sentimental objection of the contractors.

The question of showing leniency to the owner of a blacksmith shop on Fort street which had been condemned, raised the objection that if leniency was shown to one man it ought to be shown to all. The mayor pointed out that the circumstances were exceptional. The owner of the condemned shop had hunted all over the town and could not find another suitable building, so that they give him to the end of the year by which time, if he was still unable to find another building, he might be in a position to build one. The matter was referred to the officials who have charge of the work, and a recommendation of leniency was made, but whether it was included in the motion to refer back was not made apparent.

C. P. R. TRAIN SERVICE. Vancouver, April 28.—Details of the new C. P. R. time table affecting Vancouver, which is to go into effect on June 4, were obtained yesterday. Beyond some alterations in the running time of the trains and a change in the numbering of two or three of the new table is practically the same as the spring time table last year. There will not be any through Toronto train as was expected some months ago, but the through Toronto sleeping car will be put in service throughout the summer. The Seattle-St. Paul train will be operated again for the summer months and the special Seattle-Vancouver train, which was discontinued in favor of the through service from Seattle and the "jigger" connecting trains between Vancouver and Mission.

FARMERS' FREE LIST BILL. Washington, D. C., May 1.—Representative C. S. Hammond of the ways and means committee who voted against the Canadian reciprocity bill in the House, in a speech in that body Saturday declared that he would support the Democrat free list bill only because it would give some return to the farming interests of the country for injuries they were likely to receive as a result of the Canadian trade agreement.

BEATS HIS BRIDE. New York, April 28.—Mrs. Winifred Cotten, a bride of less than a week, is dying in the Flower hospital, as the result of a horrible illness which the police say were inflicted by her husband in a quarrel early to-day. The husband is under arrest pending the result of her injuries.

KING ALPHONSO'S ILLNESS. Paris, May 1.—Intransigent claims that King Alfonso is gravely ill with tuberculosis and that a recent consultation of his physicians in which he was declared that urgent measures of treatment were necessary and also that the Spanish monarch should pass the coming winter at Leysin, Switzerland, where the climate is better adapted to his condition.

FREE TRADE FOR COLONIES OF EMPIRE

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Reaffirms Cherished Opinions on Imperial Unity

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"Canada recognizes in the fullest sense the great importance of the Imperial conference. This Dominion is neither indifferent nor lacking in appreciation of its value. The conference is an advisory body with wide possibilities. It has already done excellent work, and I believe it is destined to do even better work in the future. Much of its strength is found in the element of personal contact between the representatives of the component parts of the Empire. It may be that in the matter of co-operation we may have gone as far as is advisable at the present time. Remaining to be done is to make sure that all British communities are slow to move. This is the trend of the British institutions. There is steady progress, but it is slow progress. And progress will go on, step by step, in the line of making for the betterment of mankind and the consolidation of the British Empire, and will be a powerful force for good to the whole human race."

Such was the message of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, speaking his ideal of the purpose and prospects of the Imperial conference, which he concluded with a brief response to the speech of Mr. Foster in the Commons last week. The member for North Toronto spoke at length, reviewing the deliberations of the conference of 1907, commending the work of the conference secretariat, organized in connection with the colonial office in recording and promulgating its work and moulding its proceedings into permanent policy and permanent law. He also called only to express sympathy with the accused man and to offer him any aid possible.

High Court at Prince Rupert. Prince Rupert, April 28.—A motion to urge the establishment of high courts in Prince Rupert came before the council, the mover being Aid. Newton and the seconder Aid. Morrissey. The great need of such a court was pointed out, and after some discussion it carried unanimously. The motion was to lay before the attorney-general of British Columbia the need of holding high courts in this territory.

SPAIN PROTESTS. Mexico City, April 28.—Spain, through her minister to Mexico, Bernardo De Coloman y Coloman, yesterday made formal protest to the foreign office against the assassination of six subjects of King Alfonso in the state of Puebla last Monday.

BRITAIN'S LARGEST CRUISER-BATTLESHIP. Latest Addition to Navy Will Have Speed of 28 Knots an Hour

Barrow-on-Furness, England, April 28.—The Princess Royal, the largest cruiser-battleship ever built for the British navy, was launched to-day and christened by Princess Louise, after whom she is named. The cruiser has a displacement of 16,150 tons and turbine engines affording 70,000 horse-power. Her contract calls for a speed of 28 knots an hour. She will carry 18-inch guns, besides smaller weapons.

MEXICAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. El Paso, Texas, April 28.—Gen. Madero was officially notified to-day that President Diaz had appointed a peace commissioner to complete the peace negotiations with a similar commissioner to be appointed by the rebel leader.

POPULATING THE NORTH. Over 250 People are Operating Land at Holberg, Near Quatsino Arm. The local branch of the Vancouver Island Development League is in receipt of a letter from the secretary of the branch located at Holberg, away at the north end of the Island, near Quatsino Arm. The letters tenders the gratifying information that that particular district which is favored with some of the richest tracts of land on the Island, is being populated rapidly.

MANAGER ADMITS MAKING STATEMENT

Reasons for Action Said to Be Satisfactory to the Defence

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Another link in the chain of evidence against James B. McNamara was forged to-day by his further identification as the man who lived in San Francisco under the name of J. B. Bryce and who is charged with the actual dynamiting of the Times plant, Treasurer McCachron, a bell boy at the Hotel Argonaut, San Francisco, where the man known as Bryce lived the latter part of last September, just prior to the explosion of the Times on October 1, positively identified him as Bryce. Several persons were brought before the district attorney in the jail, among them being James McNamara. As soon as McCachron's eyes rested upon them he is said to have pointed McNamara as the one he had known as Bryce.

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CITY ENGINEER SUGGESTED PARTNER

Mr. Smith Was Author of Idea to Mayor on Account of Excessive Work

The appointment of a construction engineer to work in conjunction with City Engineer Smith has lost one of the elements with which it was formerly invested, that element being the suggestive idea that it was the result of mayoral dictation. It now transpires that the suggestion of appointing a construction engineer emanated from Mr. Smith himself, in view of the vast amount of engineering work that is being undertaken in the city at the present time. It may not be generally known, but it is an undeniable fact that, comparatively speaking, there is more construction work being put through in the city of Victoria at the present time than in any other city on the continent. Large contracts for paving, etc., either in progress or in prospect, make the city engineer's department one of the busiest places in the city.

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LAND ACT. VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT. DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE. Take notice that W. H. Gibson, of Bella Coola, missionary, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted about 120 chains east of the north-west corner of the Bella Coola Indian Reserve, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains more or less to Nelson's coney river, thence southwesterly along river 40 chains more or less to point of commencement, and containing 40 acres more or less.

LAND ACT. GOLDSTREAM LAND DISTRICT. DISTRICT OF GOLDSTREAM. Take notice that Bedlington Harold John, of Victoria, B. C., broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted on the western shore line of the northern boundary of Section (6) six, Goldstream District, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains more or less to the western shore of Pinlayton Arm, thence north along shore line to the place of commencement.

LAND ACT. KAMLOOPS TAXATION. Kamloops, April 28.—At the regular meeting of the city council a letter from the Daughters of the Empire was read asking that Kamloops send delegates to participate in the celebration at Victoria on June 22. The proposition was not favored.

LAND ACT. BREWERY AT PRINCE RUPERT. Vancouver, B. C., April 28.—The city council will be undertaken this summer by a company of Vancouver capitalists headed by R. Marpole, C. M. Marpole, Robert Lewis, W. W. Stewart and George E. Macdonald, according to an announcement made by one of the promoters. Arrangements are now being made with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway land department for the securing of a site at the northern end, and as soon as negotiations for the purchase of the land are completed, the construction of the brewery buildings will be started. It is expected that the plant will be in operation this fall. The company for the carrying on of this enterprise was formed last year and a license secured from the government. It is proposed to install a small plant in the outside, one which will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. This will be added to the business of the company increase

ACCUSED OF BUR PRISONERS

Guerrillas in Lower California Reported to Be Innocent

San Diego, May 4.—At Tecate last Monday a messenger to Lower California reporting that the guerrillas in Lower California were innocent. They are even burning two federal prisoners. The name of the writer who is still below the valley for obvious reasons is not given.

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