

FLOODS FOLLOW OREGON STORM

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED

Scores of Families Without Water and Light in Salem—Man Loses Life

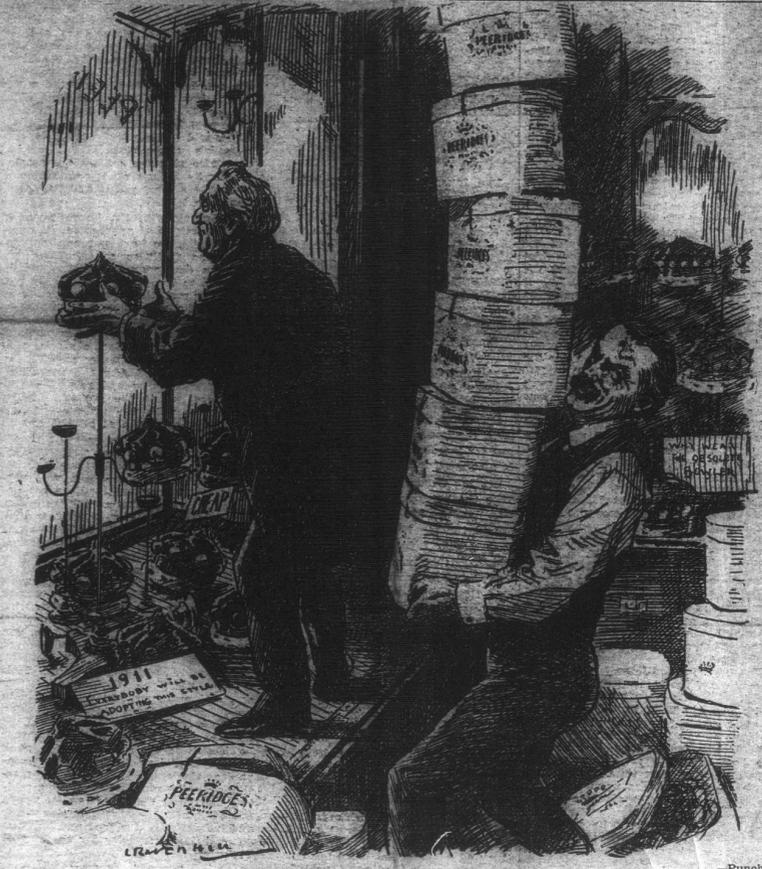
(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—Train service north, south and east out of Portland was demoralized, basements and streets flooded, telephone and telegraph lines are crippled as a result of a heavy downpour which began Tuesday morning and showed signs of ending today.

ARE PREPARING A MEMORIAL

EXECUTIVE OF B. C. MUNICIPALITIES HERE

Decision of Electors on Referendum in Victoria Goes to Legislature

(From Thursday's Daily.) Preliminary to presenting a memorial to the legislature, the members of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, an organization which undertakes to lay before the government each year all matters affecting the welfare of the various municipalities throughout the province on which legislation is sought, are to-day holding sessions at the city hall.



THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

OUR MR. ASQUITH—Five hundred coronets, dirt cheap! This line of goods ought to make business a bit brisker, what? OUR MR. LLOYD GEORGE—Not half; bound to go like hot cakes.

NORTHCLIFFE CHANGES FRONT

HIS NEWSPAPERS ACCEPT LIBERAL PROGRAMME

London Daily Mail Denies Sensation Rumors That Ulster is Arming

RECORD YEAR IN WARSHIP BUILDING

STRUGGLE AMONG NATIONS CONTINUES

In 1911 New Dreadnought Will Be Launched Every Nine Days

MEETING OF ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE

Bodies of Eastern British Columbia Want Inquiry Into Rates on Coal

(Special to the Times.) Nelson, B. C., Jan. 19.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia met at Creston yesterday.

WARD TWO HAS ORGANIZED

LIBERALS PERFECT WARD ASSOCIATION

Active Staff of Officers is Elected at an Enthusiastic Meeting

(From Thursday's Daily.) A most enthusiastic organization meeting of electors of Ward two was held in the Foresters hall last evening when the Ward two Liberal Association was formed.

PREMIER KATSURA OF JAPAN RESIGNS

THREE OTHER MINISTERS FOLLOW THEIR LEADER

Action Due to Protests Against Death Sentence Passed on Socialists

(Times Leased Wire.) Tokyo, Jan. 19.—Daunted by a storm of protests which poured in since the sentencing to death of 24 Socialists here yesterday for alleged conspiracy to assassinate the Mikado, Premier Katsura and three of the most powerful members of his cabinet to-day tendered their resignation to the Mikado.

STEAM SCHOONER GOES ON ROCKS

Crew of Fifteen Men in Danger—Attempts to Launch Lifeboats Fail

(Times Leased Wire.) Eureka, Cal., Jan. 19.—With her crew of 15 men in imminent peril of their lives, the steam schooner Lakme, from Coos Bay, is pounding on the rocks to-day off Cape Blanco, and may go to pieces at any moment.

LAND JURY INDICTS CITY OF TORONTO

Action Follows Complaint Regarding Unsanitary Cells in Police Station

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 19.—The city of Toronto was indicted by the grand jury in the sessions yesterday for the maintenance of a common nuisance in the shape of unsanitary cells at No. 1 police station in the centre of the city.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Lose Their Lives When Flames Destroy Home—Father is Rescued

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19.—Four children of Gabriel Levi, Little Tancook island, Lunenburg county, lost their lives as the result of a fire in their home. The oldest daughter, who lost her life, opened the door of her room on the upper floor and cried out that the house was on fire. This was the last seen or heard of her alive. The father was rescued.

SLUM CONDITIONS IN TORONTO

EMMA GODLMAN WILL SPEAK

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Dr. Hastings, medical health officer, has asked for the appointment of four women inspectors to investigate slum conditions in Toronto, with a view to the inauguration of a sanitary and hygienic betterment of the homes of the poorer classes. The board of control asked for more details before granting the request.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Man Believed to Have Been Implicated in Shooting Affair

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Mike Donnelly, said to be one of the three men who shot up the town of Acme in Whatcom county and killed A. A. Galbraith and W. B. Stevens, was arrested by Seattle and today taken back to Acme for identification. Donnelly confessed his guilt, the police say. Together with two others, Donnelly is alleged to have robbed a store in Acme. Stevens and Galbraith followed the men and were shot down by them.

WANTS WARSHIP NAMED "WINNIEG"

Prairie Capital Council Will Send Petition to Dominion Government

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—The city council has unanimously passed a motion petitioning the Dominion government to call the next warship "The Winniepeg." Mayor Evans, in explaining the motion, said he had been prompted to place it before the council by Mr. Justice Martin of Victoria, who was at one time a resident of Winnipeg. He thought it an excellent suggestion and the council was of the opinion that such a name would help both Winnipeg and the warship which received it.

INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF ANARCHISTS

Winston Churchill Gives Evidence—Will Be Asked for Statement in House

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 19.—The resignation of Winston Churchill, Home Secretary, is considered probable as a result of the recent Sidney Street battle in the heart of London in which police, firemen, and a detail of the Scots Guards, were used to kill two suspected anarchists.

SEEKING DAMAGES

WOMAN FARMER ARRESTED

(Special to the Times.) Stratford, Ont., Jan. 19.—John Prentice, a permit farmer living in Chaffey, is under arrest charged with threatening to murder Mrs. Stahis, a neighbor. Prentice has been living with his three-year-old child in a log cabin which he refuses to leave and has a number of men on the place. Police chief Watson effected the arrest by sending two of Prentice's neighbors to see the recluses with an offer to buy some hay. While Prentice was talking with the two the chief entered and made the arrest.

TO PREVENT AUTO ACCIDENTS

OLYMPIA WASH. JAN. 19.—As a step towards preventing automobile accidents, a bill has been introduced in the state senate which if passed will make it a misdemeanor for an intoxicated person to drive an automobile in Washington.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Investigation into the deaths of Engineer Dwyer, Fireman Cook and Brakeman Foltz, who were killed in a locomotive boiler explosion at Watnis station yesterday, was begun to-day.

CHINESE AVIATOR'S FLIGHT

Elmhurst, Cal., Jan. 19.—With a flight of more than a mile to his credit, Fung Joe, a local Chinaman, to-day stepped into the limelight as the first bona-fide Chinese aviator in America. Fung, in a machine made by himself and other Chinamen here, combining the Wright and Farman types, soared from a field on the outskirts of Elmhurst and for four minutes skimmed the air at an elevation of forty feet. The machine had a water-cooled motor of 15 horse-power.

MEXICAN RAILWAY STRIKE

Mexico City, Jan. 19.—Traffic was suspended yesterday on 1,000 miles of the main lines and branches of the Southern Pacific Railway in Mexico as a result of the strike of American and native engineers.

THREE TRAINMEN SUSTAIN INJURIES

Conductor and Two Brakemen Severely Burned by Lamp Explosion

Portage La Prairie, Man., Jan. 19.—Conductor Howe and Brakemen John Alexander and Frank Moore of the C. P. R., are in the hospital here, though none are seriously hurt. The cause of the trouble was the explosion of a lamp when the train was five miles west of this city. Owing possibly to the expansion from the heat they were unable to open the door, the car being filled with fumes and on fire. They finally broke the window and leaped out. The train was going at fast rate, but the depth of the snow saved them from serious injury. The fire secured a good hold on the car before it was noticed from the engine, but it was soon got under control. The men are suffering from severe burns.

PECULIAR FATALITY

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A peculiar accident happened to Celestine Beaudin, 33 years old, of Hull, Quebec. He was walking home when he fell on the sidewalk and hit an inch of his tongue. Doctors failed to staunch the flow of blood, and he died a few hours afterwards.

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MR. BRIDGE HELKS TO BIG AUDIENCE

PREMIER ADDRESSES ASSEMBLED BARACAS

H. C. Brewster Presides—Other Speakers at Banquet in First Baptist Church

The absolute necessity of adequate transportation facilities, the certainty that the population of Canada in general and British Columbia in particular would increase with leaps and bounds in the next few years, Canada's imperial destiny, British Columbia's extraordinary natural resources and his in the next three years should have a university equal to any in the world were the points of the speech delivered by Premier McBride at the banquet given at the First Baptist church Tuesday night.

The church at Yates and Quadra streets was beautifully decorated, the hospitable board carried a substantial cold collation and every place was adorned by a tastefully designed menu card and toast list in the shape of an old-fashioned willow pattern plate. After ample justice had been done to the good things on the table, a long and elaborate toast list was carried through.

The first speaker was H. C. Brewster, M.P.F., who as chairman, in a happy, worded speech, pronounced the health of the King. The audience responded by singing the National Anthem. This was followed by a vocal solo rendered by Edmund Fitch, admirably accompanied by Miss L. Skowford.

"The National and Provincial Outlook" was proposed by A. B. McNeill in a witty speech, replete with humorous anecdotes. He declared that its title was the country's best asset and maintained that the history of Canada, so far from being uninteresting and devoid of incident, was both interesting and exciting and one that a Canadian might well be proud of. He was glad to see the Hon. Richard McBride among them that night and welcomed him in the name of the Baptist community of Victoria.

The speaker then introduced in hearty singing the "Maple Leaf for Ever," and the chairman introduced the guest of the evening. The premier, after thanking the committee for honoring him with an invitation, said that only last year he had been present at the celebration given in New Westminster in honor of the jubilee of the mission work of the Jesuit Fathers in British Columbia. He testified eloquently to their pioneering work, and said that excellent work along the same lines had been done by the Methodists in this province in Victoria. He believed that he would not be far wrong if he said that a great deal of the history of Canada was closely bound up with the growth of the Baptist church.

After paying a warm tribute to the ladies, whose work had made the banquet possible, the premier paid a neatly-worded compliment to Mr. Brewster as the leader of a great party in the House and declared that, however strenuous their strife might be within the walls of parliament house, he was always charmed to meet him at the festive board.

He declared that he had been looking in the records to ascertain the growth of Canada's population and he had discovered that only forty years ago the population was just over 3,000,000. Today it is 8,000,000. In 1850 the population of the United States was only 8,000,000, and in fact the population of that country had shown no marked or sudden increase, until transportation facilities had been obtained. Once the transcontinental lines went through, the increase in population was so rapid that within the next 25 years Canada would have a population of from twenty-five to thirty millions. Canada had as much arable land as the United States and Sir Wilfrid Laurier was right when he declared that the nineteenth century belonged to the United States but that the twentieth belonged to Canada.

British Columbia had enormous natural resources and all that was necessary to develop them was railroads. Canada was the land of opportunity and that in Canada thrift and honesty were bound to bring success. British Columbia was the biggest timber country in the world and the lumber business had increased 500 per cent in the last few years. This increase, however, was nothing compared to what was coming in the next four years, when the Panama canal was open and ships going home to England would not have to brave the perils of the Horn. Mr. McBride declared that the future of the country should be looked on as a sacred trust, and made an eloquent appeal for the conservation of natural resources. These resources he enumerated the fisheries, the arable lands, the scenery and the climate and declared that all that was needed to bring British Columbia to the front was more railroads. In the last analysis, he continued, transportation was a federal problem, but it concerned the provincial parliaments more closely.

The premier exhorted his hearers to forget party politics and to remember only that they were subjects of the Empire. He personally was trying to do his duty as leader of the people of British Columbia, rather than the chief of any one political faction. One of the first things that he hoped to do before going out of office was to provide facilities for higher education in British Columbia. He declared that they were going to have a university that would be the equal of any in the world. This was a bold statement, but he believed that he could make good his prediction. They had the faith

and the energy and, not least important, they had the money. He hoped that the university would be an accomplished fact within two years and a date was determined that when it was, its graduates should take rank with those of any collegiate body in the world. The subject was an important and far-reaching one, pregnant with possibilities. Mr. McBride concluded with a happily worded tribute to the Baracas, and sat down amidst loud cheers.

The other toasts were: "The Clivie Outlook," proposed by J. L. Beckwith, response by Wm. Marchant; "Our Church," proposed by H. J. Pollard, response by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Warnicker; sub-topics, "Men, Finances, Missions," responses by A. J. Clyde, Dr. W. Russell, W. Christensen; "The Ladies," proposed by Mrs. C. P. Bishop, response by Mrs. C. Spofford. Those contributing to the musical programme were: Edmund Fitch, Harold Shandley, H. B. McKelvie and J. G. Brown.

MARINE NOTES

Under charter to the marine and fisheries department, the steamer Leebro is due to leave here in a few days for the West Coast, with supplies and stores for the Light House.

Leaving Hongkong on Saturday last the R. M. S. Empress of India, is due to arrive here on February 3. She will make the regular ports of call in the Pacific and is expected to be bringing a large quantity of silk.

A quantity of wood pulp machinery which arrived overland from Brantford, Ont., for the Powell River Pulp and Paper Co., is being taken by the T. S. Torrance to the new mill station by the C. P. R. steamer Otter.

To load a full cargo of coal for San Francisco, the steamship M. S. Dollar, which was here recently discharging its cargo of sulphur, has been ordered by her owners to proceed to Nanaimo. The Dollar line has secured a contract to deliver 23,000 tons of coal at the Golden Gate.

On Tuesday the sailing schooner Thomas F. Bayard was launched from the Victoria Machinery Depot works after receiving her annual overhauling, preparatory to the sailing season. She is expected to get to sea at the end of next month. Her owners are now signing a crew.

On Monday the Canadian-Australian liner Zealandia left Sydney, N. S. W., on route to Victoria, and is due to arrive on February 8. The Makura of the same line, which arrived here last week, is now loading its cargo for the Antipodes, amounting to 2,000 tons, including wheat, sewing salmon, lumber, automobiles and wool machines.

What may have been a tragedy of the sea was reported by the British ship Bluechuck, which arrived here yesterday at Ipswich from San Francisco. The captain of the windjammer said that on December 9th he was in company with another vessel, which appeared to be making her way in the Gulf of the North. At 2 o'clock the next morning a rocket was seen by those on the Bluechuck flaring in the heavens, and when daylight dawned there was nothing of the ship which had been observed the day previous. A fierce gale prevailed, in which the Bluechuck lost a number of sails and had her decks flooded.

The Union Ironworks, San Francisco, has secured the contract from the Interisland Steam Navigation Company for the construction of a fine iron steamer to be used between Honolulu and Hilo and other intermediate island points. The vessel will cost \$326,000, and work will be started on it immediately at the yards of the Union Iron Works. The steamer, which will be completed in December of this year, will be 240 feet long, 36 feet beam and 19 feet deep, with a mean draft of 16 feet. She will have a speed of 14 3/4 knots and a cargo capacity of 1,000 tons dead weight. There will be thirty-four first class staterooms fitted with two berths each. The equipment will be thoroughly up to date in every particular. The steamer will have a four-cylinder triple-expansion engine of 2,400 horsepower and four Scotch boilers.

REPUBLICANS HOPE TO INCREASE MAJORITY

Senate Leaders Believe New Mexico Will Give Them Two More Votes

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Republican senate leaders are trading upon the prospect of New Mexico, with a reactionary constitution, winning, and Arizona, with a progressive constitution, losing the struggle for immediate statehood. As New Mexico is Republican and Arizona Democratic, they predict that of a vast timber forest, a majority of eight in the senate will be changed to ten before next December.

New Mexico will have its constitution in the hands of President Taft, approval by the middle of February. Arizona cannot get the result of the vote on its constitution to Washington before congress adjourns March 4. New Mexico predicts that its state will go into the flag by July 4.

In the New Mexican constitution there is no hint of such things as nomination by popular vote, the recall, the initiative or the referendum. It is regarded as certain that the president will approve it. Arizona's constitution, on the contrary, provides even for the recall of judges by statute and it is not thought the president will approve it hastily.

Deafness is more prevalent in cold countries than warm countries, the being sensitive to changes in temperature.

NELSON STATISTICS

Nelson, Jan. 17.—Statistics gathered from the Dominion and Provincial government offices in the city and from the city hall show that the increase in the customs and inland revenue receipts, the law business transacted in the local courts and the building permits issued during the past year over 1900 is most substantial, and clearly indicate the pace at which the city is growing.

The permits issued during the past year for buildings outside the fire limits reached the total of \$72,455 while those for buildings inside the fire limits totalled \$91,096, a total of \$163,551 for all buildings. The increase for the year was \$1,942. In addition to this total of \$163,551 covered by permits within the city limits a sum of approximately \$10,000 for improvements made to C. P. R. stores, blacksmith shops and depot, and for about \$25,000 on the new C. P. R. was expended.

The inland revenue returns for 1910 showed an increase of \$3,480 over those of the previous year. The figures were respectively \$34,822.48 and \$38,302.48. The customs returns for the year of Nelson give an increase of \$9,514 over 1909. The total for 1910 was \$103,272.86 and for 1909 the total was \$93,758.82.

There was a considerable increase in practically all branches of legal business passing through the office of T. M. Bowman, local registrar of the supreme and county courts. The number of cases in the supreme court for 1910 was 51, compared with 49 in 1909, and in the county court 174 cases were entered as against 151 in the previous year.

There was an increase of 41 in the number of births registered with Stephen H. Hoskins, registrar of births, marriages and deaths, the total for 1910 being 186 compared with 145 for the previous 12 months. There were 88 marriages as against 124 for 1909, and 127 deaths in 1910 compared with 132 during 1909.

DIES SUDDENLY

Vancouver, July 17.—A tragic circumstance marked the close of the municipal campaign in South Vancouver. John Lyttleton, a candidate for councillor for Ward III, died Sunday morning, presumably from an attack of heart failure.

The late Mr. Lyttleton had attended a meeting of the trustees on Friday night. After he took the car to his home in Wilson road, and shortly after arriving he was seized with a sudden illness from which he never rallied. The deceased had not been the best of health recently, and had been ailing for some time. It is believed the work attendant upon the campaign was too great a strain upon his health.

In his address after the result of the polls had been declared, Reeve found referred sympathetically to Mr. Lyttleton's death.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ATTRACTS INVESTIGATION

Residents of Eastern States Are Turning Their Eyes to the West

Nelson, Jan. 17.—Astonished at the interest which investors in the eastern states are manifesting in Canada generally and the west particularly M. S. McQuarrie has returned to the city with his confidence in the Dominion and in British Columbia ever stronger than when he left some weeks ago.

"Everywhere in the eastern states," he remarked on his return, "I found that investors in real estate and other natural securities had reached a stage of quiet progress. There was little or no rapid rise in values or speculation to be noticed. Everyone with any money to invest seemed to be looking towards the great west, and for opportunities to invest."

"A general opinion is abroad in the eastern states that Canada is now in the same position as was the United States at the close of the last century. Immigration and of capital is coming to the west and people everywhere are simply waiting for an opportunity to get in on the ground floor. They are confident in the west."

"It was not just in isolated places that I noticed this remarkable interest and confidence in the future of Canada. I travelled as far as New York, and in large and small cities I was told the same story, asked the same questions. Everyone first of all said that he thought the future of the Dominion of Canada lay in the great Dominion of Canada and that the west was and is the best opportunity I knew for the profitable investment of money. Naturally I directed everyone to look into the prospects of the Kootenays."

"In eastern Canada I found much the same interest shown. But in this case the man looking for investment had his eye on the west. The prairie provinces and British Columbia seemed to be very well known. They had heard of this province's wonderful possibilities as a ranching country, of its practically unlimited mineral deposits and of its vast timber forests. And they all spoke of either coming out further towards the setting sun or of making investments in the west. The number of enquiries coming out from the Old Country and the amount of capital that is being attracted here by the possibilities of the province or driven here by the anti-trust laws of the United States government is simply tremendous. I met one man very well known in the Kootenays, who told me that he had just returned from London with \$5,000,000 placed in his hands for investment in British Columbia."

WELCOME CHANGE

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—With the exception of Alberta, western Canada is experiencing a welcome mid spell. For the first time in many weeks the mercury did not dip below zero here last night. Edmonton recorded eighteen below. The number of vessels now fre-

INNER HARBOR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Increased Shipping—Favor Bridge From Rock Bay Avenue to Store Street

The Inner Harbor Association of Victoria Tuesday afternoon held its annual general meeting in the city hall and elected officers for the present year. The officers elected are: G. A. Kirk, chairman; T. C. Sorby, secretary; Capt. Trout, John Barnsey, Dr. Harken, the Mayor, Capt. Nicholson, G. McGregor and E. A. Raymond.

The annual report contained a comprehensive account of the progress of improvements in the harbor during the past year, dealt generally with the increase in shipping and the commercial industries operating on the waterfront. Referring to the shipping the report says the year has been a memorable one for increased trade. There are now 24 steamers, 12 tow-boats and 20 scows operating from the harbor. During the year the barque Elginshire, 2,229 tons, was loaded at the Michigan-Fuge Sound lumber mills for Delorago Bay. With nearly 2,000,000 feet of lumber, this was the first vessel that was ever loaded to her full capacity at the mill. She drew 22 feet 6 inches, and was safely towed to sea, but without the clearing of the channel.

When the barque was ready to go out soundings showed the depth was inadequate, and through the agency of Hon. Mr. Templeman and the resident engineer the Mud Lark was ordered out to clear the channel to 20 feet depth at low water. The barque was, however, delayed over half an hour at a critical state of the tide, owing to the E. & N. bridge not being opened.

This matter was placed before the railway commission which ordered that the E. & N. railway has first call on the use of the bridge, ten minutes before and ten minutes after the arrival and departure of trains. Should, however, the trains not be on time, the bridge must be opened if requested for the purpose of shipping.

Referring to the inner harbor the report says it is now cleared to a depth of 20 feet at low water, and James Bay and Laurel Point are gradually being dredged to a similar depth. There are also some great increases in shipping, the sailing harbor during the past year. The Alvir, Dollar and Kosmos line steamers now coming in. The report also refers to the negotiations with the G. T. P. R. for the alteration of the company's plans for a wharfage construction, and continues:

"We have further advocated the development of the Selkirk wharf, placing a movable span in Point Ellice and the Selkirk wharf, and the approach to the three large lumber mills, situated on these waters, thus opening up the possibilities of an increased coastwise and foreign trade. The cost of these mills increased from 250,000 to 300,000 feet during the last year; the present cost, however, incidental to passing under the bridge, precludes the coastwise trade. These waters would also provide berthing for the sailing fleet, the mooring of which at present forms a serious impediment to the towing of logs to the mills above Point Ellice. This matter is now before the city and Dominion governments."

Rock Bay is rapidly filling up, and at the same time is becoming a congested timber pond, encroaching upon other industries of equal importance. We have, therefore, suggested the removal of the present pier, bridge across the bay, using the disused steel span from Point Ellice bridge in the city as a substitute for the pier and bridge. The cost of this project is estimated at \$100,000. It is reported that the city and Dominion governments are now considering the removal of the present pier, bridge across the bay, using the disused steel span from Point Ellice bridge in the city as a substitute for the pier and bridge. The cost of this project is estimated at \$100,000.

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OUR LETTER BOX

BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND

To the Editor:—I read your article of 2nd December, "Had to Leave B. C.," and also previous ones as to the slovenly way in which our land laws are administered, and thus, depriving the backbone of the country is brought into contempt and disuse.

If the government were to give a little consideration to those who are directly on the land instead of giving thousands of dollars a year to the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A., and the Development League to bring out settlers, it would be to the benefit of the whole province, for their success would do all the advertising needed to bring every acre of our Island into cultivation, and their successful efforts would build up such a solid foundation for Victoria and other cities in the province as would give them a front standing in the world; but what do we see? A few settlers with a few acres cleared, living from hand to mouth, depending entirely on one road work in the neighborhood for their existence; large tracts of land standing idle, till some buyer comes along who will pay the owner a big price; valuable trees that have taken hundreds of years to grow going to waste for want of the care and skill necessary in bestowing on their forest lands; and whole districts deserted because the settlers have gone to work on the G. T. P. railroad.

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The Ajax has been engaged in deepening the waterways in the harbor for some time and has done noteworthy work. She has had the task of dredging the inner harbor from the entrance to the E. & N. bridge, while the old Mud Lark has been attending to that beyond the bridge. The Ajax has been diverting most of the time around the entrance, dredging the approach to the Victoria Chemical Works wharf. Of late many vessels of deep draught have thus been enabled to dock there. She has also dredged the harbor in the vicinity of the G. T. P. wharves, removing thousands of tons of mud and silt. For some time this work was engaged deepening the harbor close to the C. P. R. wharves, which when her repairs are completed, which her repairs about a week's time, she will be stationed off the Brockman-Ker wharf.

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The speech of the premier on the land question is disappointing in the extreme, especially because there is no suggestion there that the course of the government will be changed.

Premier McBride says the people of the province endorsed the land policy of the government. In this we take issue with him.

What purports to be a report from a local firm of florists published in the January American Florist under a Victoria date line says: "We don't get any sunshine from September to March, and very little the balance of the year."

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LOCAL NEWS

Judge Young on Tuesday reserved judgment in the case of Roth vs. Levy, in which the plaintiff claims \$3000 keep and training expenses of the race horse Abihu at Minoru track last summer.

Judge Young has delivered judgment in the case of Peacock against the Pacific Whaling Company, granting the plaintiff a month's salary, \$120. The plaintiff claimed he was wrongfully dismissed, and was under his agreement with the company, entitled to at least a month's notice.

C. F. Davis, solicitor, made application to the court of appeal, this morning for a date on which to present his appeal against the conviction and sentence of Gunner Allen who was found guilty of the murder of Capt. Ellison at Work Point barracks. The date for the hearing of the appeal has not yet been set, but will probably be fixed to-morrow. The stay of execution and the appeal court is expected to give its decision prior to that date.

George Stewart, a retired merchant, aged 85 years, passed away Tuesday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. MacFarlane, Sylvia street. Mr. Stewart was born in Sheffield, England, and coming to British Columbia 19 years ago, resided in the Saanich district until recently. He leaves four daughters and five sons.

ALONE, BUT UNDISMAYED.

Premier McBride took occasion Tuesday to sneer at Mr. Brewster in the legislature, commiserating with him on his lack of following in the House and also in the country. It is easy to sneer. Mr. Brewster represents the real democracy of the country, and in sneering at him the premier sneered at the great mass of the hard-working, honest citizens who make their living in the sweat of their brows. It is true Mr. Brewster stands alone in the House, but he does his duty there like a true man who is not afraid to speak his mind. He fired some hot shot into the government ranks yesterday which brought forth a lengthy reply and explanation. Mr. Brewster knows that his position is the right one, and must eventually prevail. We congratulate him upon his speech, which was well up to the standard of Liberal traditions. We can assure him that his following in the country is not as small as the premier would have us believe. The time will soon come when the people will realize which side stands for true progress. Then there will be a revolution against the policy of hot air. Already there are signs of a revolt. We advise Mr. Brewster to stick to his guns, and at every opportunity to stand up for the cause, which he has espoused, the cause of the people as opposed to the political machine.

VICTORIA'S SUNSHINE.

The meteorological department in this city has statistics to show that the percentage of bright sunshine here throughout the year is 37. This means that for every 100 hours the sun is above the horizon it is shining brightly here for 37 hours. This percentage is very high, higher, in fact than at any point on the north Pacific coast. The total number of hours of bright sunshine for the past year was 1,378 1/2, July having the largest amount with 351 hours 18 minutes, and December the least with only 36 hours 54 minutes. The year 1909 was considerably better than last year, the amount of sunshine being 1,945 hours, and the lowest month being January with 46 hours.

The average of 37 per cent, is worked out over a period of 22 years, the rainfall in the same time averaging 27.39 inches for the year. The annual mean temperature for the past 18 years was 49.1 degrees, the average winter temperature 41.4 degrees, and the average summer temperature 59.07 degrees. These figures are, we think, a complete refutation of the statement that we do not get any sunshine in the winter. As a matter of fact florists here supply almost the whole North Pacific Coast with flowers because we have more sunshine than at any other point and the temperature is more equable. As we write this the sun is shining brightly, but clouds now and then pass across the sky. We hope the American Florist will make a correction of the statement, for we are very jealous of our reputation from a climatic point of view.

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I saw the letter written by our Senator, Hon. John Costigan, in favor of "Fruit-a-tives" as I tried this. The result was marvellous, and now I am entirely well from the Chronic Constipation from which I suffered for many years. My general health is once more excellent, thanks to "Fruit-a-tives."

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MUD-COVERED MAN IS HELD BY POLICE

Edward Powell, Alias Paull, Disturbs Harrison St. With Much Crockery

(From Thursday's Daily)

Several hurried calls by telephone to the police station last night from Constables Duncan and Hastings bringing in a man who had been disturbing the peace on Harrison street, and with such noise that the police hesitated to lay a charge of attempted burglary against him before investigating thoroughly. He attempted to enter the house of W. H. Wilkerson, where he created considerable noise and during his attempt made a defamatory allusion on the front door in an endeavor to smash through and gain an entrance.

In his pockets were found a number of articles which the police believe may have been stolen. These are now at the police station and consist of four saltcellars, one aluminum two glass and one tin. The man was taken to the police station and is now in the lock-up.

From information gathered last night the police have discovered that Powell came to Victoria yesterday from Vancouver. He is an Englishman but has been in Canada some years. He has so far given no account of himself.

WIFE OF RANCHER COMMITS SUICIDE

Body Discovered Hanging From Beam in Stable—Inquest to Be Held To-morrow

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The wife of F. E. Whiffen, a rancher of Saanichton, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging herself. Mrs. Whiffen had been in poor health for some time and being attended by Dr. Fraser. Mr. Whiffen came to the city on business yesterday morning and when he left home Mrs. Whiffen was in her usual state of health. On his return she was not in the house and a search by her neighbors finally resulted in the discovery of the body hanging from a beam in the stable.

The provincial police were notified, and in the absence of the Saanichton constable, Constable O'Hara took prompt charge of the case, and went to Saanichton to investigate. His investigations, which point to a case of suicide, will be put before the coroner at the inquest to-morrow. The body was brought to the city by Constable O'Hara, and now lies at the Victoria undertaking parlors awaiting the inquest. The late Mrs. Whiffen was a native of England and was 33 years of age.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE.

To-night in Odd Fellow's hall a public meeting, presided over by his honor the lieutenant-governor, will be held to form a Victoria branch of St. John's Ambulance Association.

Capt. R. J. Birdwhistell, Ottawa, will speak on the aims and objects of the association, and other speakers will also be heard.

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COMMITTEES OF LEGISLATURE

Members Who Will Deal With the Several Classes of Private Bills

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 18. The afternoon, before adjournment, the premier announced the personnel of the several standing committees for the session. It was significant that he tacitly accepted the member for Esquimalt as a follower-as, it has been rumored since the session began, that gentleman desires to be taken.

Mr. McBride had his committees drafted as to the Conservative names and invited the leader across the floor to say what committees they desired to be put on. Mr. Jardine's name he had down already with the regular Conservatives. In two cases, in fact, the bills as he read them off to the House had the name of the Esquimalt member ahead of such statesmen as H. Schofield and A. H. B. Macgowan.

Mr. Brewster will serve on the private bills and railway committees. The premier suggested that he serve also on the municipal committee, but the leader of the opposition felt that two were as many as he could attend. Both are important committees and sometimes sit all the time.

The committees are as follows: Standing Orders and Private Bills—MacKay (Kaslo), Miller (Grand Forks), Manson (Dewdney), McGuire (Vancouver), Shatford (Similkameen), Jardine (Esquimalt), Brewster (Alberni), Williams (Newcastle). Public Accounts—Shatford (Similkameen), Macgowan (Vancouver), Fraser (Cariboo), Manson (Skeena), Wright (Nelson). Fisheries—Cowan (Chilliwack), Lucas (Yale), Miller (Grand Forks), McDonald (Lillooet), McGuire (Vancouver), Parsons (Columbia), Shaw (Kamloops), Thomson (Victoria), Jardine (Esquimalt), Brewster (Alberni), Williams (Newcastle).

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Municipal Matters—Gifford (New Westminster), Casley (Chilliwack), Cayen (Cranbrook), Davey (Victoria), Mackenzie (Delta), Manson (Skeena), Schofield (Ymir), Watson (Vancouver), Parsons (Columbia), Wright (Nelson), Jardine (Esquimalt), Macgowan (Vancouver), Williams (Newcastle), Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo).

Trains—Duncan (Hastings), Ashcroft (Jasper), C. P. R. train No. 47, westbound express, was derailed three miles east of here. No lives were lost, and no one even was injured beyond a slight shaking-up, as the heavy train bumped over the ties for a considerable distance before being brought to a stop.

The engine did not leave the rails, but every one of the twelve coaches did. Fortunately they remained upright, although a few of them had an uncomfortable list.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—After she is alleged to have fled from her home in Davenport, Wash., with her two young children, Mrs. Helena Pappas, 28, is under arrest here to-day at the request of her husband, George, who charges his wife with kidnapping. Mrs. Cora Rowley was also arrested as an accessory. Mrs. Pappas told the police that she fled because her husband treated her cruelly.

It is estimated that, to meet the demand for the new King George postage stamp, 1,000,000 stamps will have to be printed every day of the working day throughout this year.

FLOODS FOLLOW OREGON STORMS

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fore the furies of the steadily increasing volume of water; water and gas mains have been washed out and broken, leaving scores of families without water and light, and many portions of the city are effectively cut off from fire protection by reason of the wash.

The damage to the city is estimated at approximately \$50,000, and to individuals \$20,000.

Joshua H. Smith, 69, a resident of Salem, who was entering the city on a horseback from his suburban home, rode off into the water where he was located the Winter street bridge was washed away. Smith succeeded in grasping the boughs of a fir tree, and just as the bridge was about to be wrenched from their grasp and drowned. His body has not been recovered.

River Continues to Rise.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 19.—Basements and streets are flooded and the Willamette river is rising rapidly on account of the steady downpour of the last two days. Mary's river is on a rampage and it is expected that it will reach the highest stage in its history of the last twenty years. The stream has already broken over its banks at several points and hundreds of acres of fruit and pasture lands are inundated.

Streets Flooded.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 19.—The Columbia river is rising at the rate of an inch an hour as a result of the heavy rains in western Oregon and Washington and the melting of the snow farther up the stream. Practically every river steamer has been tied up at the docks owing to large quantities of ice which are choking the river channel. Several streets in Vancouver are flooded.

Lowlands Inundated.

McMinnville, Ore., Jan. 19.—All streams in this district are overflowing their banks and a dangerous flood is predicted for the Chinook area, if heavy rains continue. Indication, however, point to clearing weather soon.

The Yamhill river has risen over 23 feet in the last twenty-four hours and the lowlands are inundated. The flood is growing worse. Farmers are apprehensive and are moving their stock and household goods to high ground.

Serious Losses Feared.

Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 19.—All mills here at 11 o'clock were hiring extra men to remove goods that might be damaged by approaching flood. The damage done in this city has already reached into the thousands and immense loss will result if great masses of prepared pulp cannot be removed from paper mills before the water washes it away.

Not one bridge, other than the suspension bridge over the Willamette, is safe, and all traffic with other towns nearby is cut off. Several log booms in the Clackamas broke away this morning.

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ELDERLY MAN FOUND ALMOST UNCONSCIOUS. M. A. Bell Lies on Floor of Home on St. Lawrence St. Without Food. (From Thursday's Daily)

M. A. Bell, aged 78, a well known resident and property owner in the James Bay district, was found yesterday lying in a semi-conscious condition on the floor of a room in his home on St. Lawrence street, where he had been without food or drink for four days. He was in a very weak state and could not move when discovered by a neighbor, F. T. Glick, who, not having seen him for some days, went to the house and found the back door open.

On entering he discovered Mr. Bell in a state of collapse lying with his face to the floor but still conscious. He obtained assistance and the sick man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he now lies and has somewhat recovered.

When discovered Mr. Bell was on the floor with part of the bedding lying across him. He is believed to have suffered a paralytic stroke. The latter end of last week he was known to be about, but when two days passed the neighbors felt that something must have happened to him. One of the neighbors, however, thought he might be out of the city, and it was not until yesterday that the discovery was made. For ten years Mr. Bell has been a resident in California and a son in Winnipeg.

Miss Bell, 1836 Edmonton road, will be at home to her friends to-morrow afternoon.

Some Giants Go to Boston. New York, Jan. 19.—Practical confirmation of the reports that older timber of the New York Giants will be sold to the Boston Nationals, was given here to-day after a meeting between Fred Tenny, the Beantown manager, and McGraw. No definite announcement of the men named in the deal has been made.

The Victoria Nurses' Club will hold a special meeting at the Alexandra Club on Monday next at 3 o'clock.

AMODERN MIRACLE SHOWS HOW ZAM-BUK CURES ARE PERMANENT. Mr. T. M. Marsh of 101 Delorimier Ave., Montreal, has had this wonderful experience of Zam-Buk. Mr. Marsh has lived in Montreal for over 30 years, many of them at his present address. He is well known and is willing to satisfy any enquirer as to the genuineness of his cure. He suffered 25 years from eczema in the hands and had to wear gloves day and night, the itching was so terrible when the air got to the sores, Doctors said there was no cure. Three years ago Zam-Buk cured him. Interviewed a few weeks ago he said: "From the day I was cured by Zam-Buk to the present moment I have had no trace of the eczema and feel sure it will never return. When I think of the marvellous cure Zam-Buk worked in my case I am more and more impressed by the value of this great household balm. I have had letters of enquiry from all over Canada, and am glad to personally corroborate the published facts of my cure." FREE BOX. Send this coupon and 10 stamps to Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for sample box. Mention this paper. IZ1.

POST OFFICE MEMBERS D ACTI C. E. Tisdall Speak in A Legislative P The price of co couver that it is that city seem over this fact the capital. Not that think the cost of probably because across the Gulf B making loud dem Ever since the matter has been legislature for each session. Dr 1909 was the which were adop Dominion Govern matter by howl whether or not a was pointed out for Delta, John O ter for inquiry commission, but jority voted the Mr. Oliver moved To-day two of Victoria City sp the address and question. One of government that relief the people go to a higher au There is almost members now, the Mayor William M was detained in E municipal campu McDonald (Lillooet, (Richmond), Sha Miller (Grand Fo brother and Carlwel welcomed and com coming the difficu mainland. When C. E. Tis summa the debata Kampoos and Co of condensation o Vancouver colleag complementing the choice of move a marked that most had not intended o opening until it w wire that Messrs. were to speak worthy tribute to went on to say th would be an even the throne. King F near most of the nature of his p fitted to be sove reign. As a sailor h part of it. A kin made by the hon. Mr. Tisdall spok death of Capt. Tat had been closely a lic quarter of a centu given and his ve would be left on British Columbia b come. He had bro the province out of foundations of a su would be left on the Songhes Res Tisdall urged that reserve adjoining v ers where there w all effort should b to move and so ope 40 white settlement Coal prices in V consumer as much Mr. Tisdall warn that if it had no po prices the people n authority to seek a ing monopoly. T demanded careful House were one t companies which h late years, especial another to carry o tions of the Fire sion. Mr. Tisdall refer the minister of w called "Good Road" manner in which V gone in for the cons





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**CRITICISM FROM SOCIALIST**

**PARKER WILLIAMS SPEAKS ON ADDRESS**

**Takes Issue With Government Claims—Land Settlement Problem Pressing**

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 16.—The business of the House today consisted of listening to a two-hour speech by Parker Williams, Socialist and member for Ladysmith. Mr. Williams' native wit and homely phrases are always enjoyed by the members of the House, and his address was quite popular.

Mr. Williams, resuming the debate on the address, declared that he did not usually follow the crowd in the matter of general eulogy preceding speakers, but on this occasion he felt like remarking on the fact that the member for Kamloops (J. P. Shaw) had shown an amount of individuality unusual in a Conservative. Of the speech Mr. Williams said it was like every one of its predecessors, it contained anything one liked to put into it or nothing.

Of the late Capt. Tatlow the member for Ladysmith said he took a broad view of his duty as treasurer of a great province and not a member of a government; he was never too great to look into a small matter, and his word was absolutely reliable. (Attending General Bowser), Mr. Williams said that that minister was never big enough to look into anything unless it was brought to his attention by a joint stock corporation.

According to the report of the Indian department, Mr. Williams said, the Songhees band were being destroyed body and soul by their nearness to Victoria, notwithstanding all the religious effort being expended in their behalf. It was only a matter of time they were removed further away, but when they were it would be interesting to see who got the fat and who the lean in the carving up of the reserve. If the reserves were to be disposed of similarly there was a bit of the Chemainus reserve on the waterfront which the city of Ladysmith would like to have as a park.

Mr. Williams saw no reason for jubilation over the salmon, and asserted that the bulk of the receipts from what the member for Comox (Mr. Manson) called "our" fisheries went to Indians and Chinese as respected salmon. Japanese as respected herring. Americans in the halibut industry and Scandinavians as to wharfing. Therefore, he argued, the province would be better off without its fisheries.

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**SELF-CONFESSED FORGER IN JAIL**

**Admits Passing Some Forged Cheques in Tacoma, Spokane and in Missouri**

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 17.—"For God's sake don't tell her. I've ruined her life. I don't care what becomes of me now."

With tears streaming down his face, J. W. Williams, alias A. W. McLeellan, alias C. W. Moran, alias H. W. Nelson, alias L. C. Hill, alias Albert Randolph, self-confessed forger, buried his face in a handkerchief in a cell at the jail yesterday and begged that a young woman, daughter of an insurance man, be kept in ignorance of his disgrace.

"I met her only a week ago," moaned Randolph, "but it was a case of love at first sight. Her parents are nothing to me, but now I suppose she will turn me down. I want her to come to me, but not in a prison cell."

When informed that Randolph was in trouble, the young woman informed the police that the prisoner was married by a business acquaintance of her father. She referred all inquiries to her father.

Under the name of L. C. Hill, Randolph, it is stated, cashed a cheque for \$2,000, through the Gallatin state bank at Boise, Idaho, and a forged cheque on the National bank of King City, Mo. On January 7 he repeated the forgery at Spokane, mutilating a bank of \$2,000. Saturday he turned up in Tacoma and succeeded in cashing a forged cheque on the Traders bank for \$200. He was arrested here Saturday night.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH BURNS THE YEAR**

**DR. FAGAN MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT**

**Great Decrease in Deaths From Diphtheria—Improvement Slight in Others**

In his annual report to the legislature Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, says in part: "The infectious disease returns do not in the main indicate much improvement over last year. Diphtheria returns for last year show 235 cases with a death rate of 12.3 per cent. This year shows a diphtheria reduced to 130 cases and a death rate of 10.1 per cent."

This is a distinct advance and strong evidence of the care and energy of our medical men. If parents and guardians took more interest in their children by getting professional assistance, the fatal results would be still more reduced. With our present day knowledge and power it is certain that the diphtheria death rate could be still lower. "In the year 1880 Behring advanced the use of antitoxin. Since that date the methods of its preparation have been improved, and larger and more concentrated doses are now being used. Prior to the use of antitoxin, even under the best medical supervision, the death rate from diphtheria varied from over 40 to 50 per cent, while under its use the death rate varies from 4 to 6 per cent."

I beg to advance the suggestion that antitoxin be manufactured in this country. By such action this essential curative agent would be cheaper; our knowledge of date of production would be absolute, and purity and potency would be guaranteed. One producing laboratory could supply all Canada, and the various provinces would, I have little doubt be willing to meet expenses for material supplies. That the Dominion government be petitioned to establish a laboratory for the manufacture of sera, especially diphtheria antitoxin. Scarlatina.

Last year our government issued orders for the establishment of stations throughout the province for the up-keep and distribution of antitoxin, at cost to municipalities, and free to people outside the province, and to pay. This action has been successful and useful. The serum is brought from one of the best firms in the States, but what we really have as to purity and quality is not known. During the year scarlatina infection was widespread, about 218 cases were reported. This compared unfavorably with last year, when 120 cases were reported. The death rate for the year was 10 per cent, as against 6.9 per cent last year.

To date a satisfactory specific for scarlet fever has not been found. Experience, however, tells us that careful treatment is demanded, not only to save the patient from complications, which, during this disease, cause a majority of the deaths or may permanently interfere with health during life-time. The virulence of the disease varies, and is sometimes so light that parents neglect to get professional assistance. This is a terrible mistake, not only for the child's sake, but because of want of consideration to neighbors. The mild disease may, and too often does, leave lasting impairments, and when not rigidly handled, spreads the infection. Such action is unjust and an appeal is now made to parents to have their children vaccinated naturally, and to get their children vaccinated.

The duty, then, of parents, is plain—when in doubt get professional assistance and report to local authorities. Typhoid Fever. Typhoid fever returns show 56 deaths in 1913, as against 44 in 1912. When we know the disease better, and are careless, it is deplorable to see such disastrous loss among our people. The typhoid germ was discovered and isolated by Eberth, who proved: 1. That it is the one and only cause of the fever; 2. That it cannot develop spontaneously; 3. That its propagation and multiplication are practically confined to the intestines and bladder.

Years of experience have confirmed Eberth's announcement and although we have such a clear and definite explanation placed before us, yet we fail to deal with prevention in accordance with the demands of such plain facts. A person suffering from typhoid fever should, when possible, be confined to hospital, or be cared for by a trained nurse. Failing this, an attendant should be selected who does not assist in preparing food for the rest of the household, or assist in any of the common housework outside of the sick room. Every effort should be made to keep away flies from the patient's room. They light on facial material and on urine, thus their many legs become contaminated, and when they alight on milk and other foods, infection follows, and what the results may be, no one can tell. If possible the windows should be screened, but if this do get into the room, every effort should be made to destroy them.

Above suggestions strictly carried out will prevent the germ from entering the system and starting the disease, either by direct entry or through the medium of water. Is it not then a responsible demand that all persons in charge of hospitals, or be cared for by a trained nurse. Failing this, an attendant should be selected who does not assist in preparing food for the rest of the household, or assist in any of the common housework outside of the sick room. Every effort should be made to keep away flies from the patient's room. They light on facial material and on urine, thus their many legs become contaminated, and when they alight on milk and other foods, infection follows, and what the results may be, no one can tell. If possible the windows should be screened, but if this do get into the room, every effort should be made to destroy them.

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**WARSHIPS SUREST GUARANTEE OF PEACE**

**Admiral Evans Gives Views on Defence of the Pacific Coast States**

New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 17.—"Two-round Jack Thompson of this city, last evening knocked out Spider Kelly of Oakland, in the second round of the fight for the title of champion of the world. He has accepted a challenge from Earl Ebra of Bellingham, for a fight on the same night on January 24 to take place in this city. The fight in which Thompson has knocked out his man in the second round."

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An entire reorganization of the dock yards is recommended. In France it requires five years to turn out a battleship. Also the critic wishes to see battleships built according to original plans instead of the way they are usually constructed; that is by altering the original specification from time to time so that by the time a ship is completed it bears little resemblance to what the first plans called for. The report has caused a sensation, in spite of the fact that naval affairs have been for some time the subject for legislative inquiry and criticism from high places.

Charges Against Mayor. Movement for Recall of A. V. Fawcett of Tacoma. Tacoma, Jan. 17.—A movement for the recall of A. V. Fawcett, the first mayor elected in Tacoma under the commission plan of government adopted last year, was started yesterday when M. B. Stambaugh, a former city councilman, filed charges against Mr. Fawcett with the city clerk and made formal request for blank forms of recall petitions.

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**WRECKAGE SIGHTED**

**HENDERSON AND MESTON NAMED**

Boston, Jan. 17.—Wreckage of an unknown sailing vessel floating in storm-tossed waters was passed about 200 miles off Boston light by the British steamer Inveric, which has arrived in port from Calcutta. Capt. Howie reported passing the wreck on January 3 in latitude 41.8 north, longitude 69.10 west. A few days before the Inveric had run into a hurricane which bent steel plates in her hull and burst her boiler. Howie supposed the unknown craft went down in that storm.

The appointment of the permanent committee would not in the slightest interfere with the council's prerogative, but inasmuch as the proposals he had made respecting procedure for the year had not yet been accepted by the board, this matter might also lie over for a week. There were other committees to be named, which task he had not yet taken up. He referred to the library committee and the committee to serve on the directorate of the agricultural association.

There was just one other matter to which he wished to refer. He regretted very much to see that one of the papers published in the city—he would not say which—had seen fit to remark the day following the election that there was only one "Morieley" on the new board. He was very sorry and not a bit surprised that the remark was made before the council met for business. He did not know whether the members could be termed Morieleys or otherwise, but he did not care—they were all there, he hoped, to serve the city in the best possible fashion. He was sure that no member of last year's council could say that he had ever favored one alderman more than another. He was glad to note that the Times was showing a friendly disposition to the new board, but it would be better in the interests of the city if no attempts were made to create friction between the members of the board, who were trying to do the best.

He concluded by saying that the board this year would be confronted with an enormous amount of important work; and this being the case they should sink all petty feelings and work for the best interests of the city. If he on any occasion should forget himself and say a harsh word he would be glad to be reminded of it. He would on all occasions try and act as chairman in the most impartial manner. (Applause.)

The city solicitor advised that the contract which had been entered into with J. Market for the supply of 800 tons of coal, which should be altered in its terms to omit the need of a bond guarantee, which Mr. Market found it impossible to obtain, and in lieu thereof it be stipulated that the contractor, being unable to supply 70 tons in any one month, the contract be cancelled. The recommendation was adopted.

NEW WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY. Vancouver, Jan. 16.—At the first session of the quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of New Westminster district, at the request of Rev. E. A. Henry permission was granted for the raising of a loan of \$40,000 by Chalmers' Presbyterian church for the purpose of erecting a new church building. It was announced that subscriptions for this purpose by members of the church had reached the sum of \$25,000. Rev. M. G. Melvin, of Kamloops, was granted permission to accept a call to St. Stephen's church, New Westminster, and will be formally installed on March 3. Rev. E. G. Pow will likewise accept a call to the Presbyterian church mission, the induction to take place on January 17. It was announced that Rev. Dr. Fraser would leave shortly for a three-months' furlough to Australia. During his absence Rev. Dr. Filderson will act as moderator of the session of the First Presbyterian church.

FIRE DESTROYS HOTEL. Nelson, Jan. 17.—The Queen's hotel, formerly the Summit, at the corner of Phoenix, was completely gutted by fire yesterday. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an over-heated stove. Several occupants escaped with difficulty.

POPULATION OF VIENNA. Vienna, Jan. 17.—The census taken in December showed that the population of Vienna numbers 2,044,281. The increase in the last decade is less than anticipated. The population in 1900 was 1,648,255.

ADJUST VIEW STREET CLAIMS. (Continued from page 3.) A number of local improvement bills were put through the various stages, but not before Ald. Gleason had given notice that he would oppose the carrying out of any work of local improvement until the gas company had agreed to lay water mains were necessary, this in order to ensure that the street would not be up after the work had been done. In the council Ald. Langley, chairman of the legislative committee, pointed out that the council was seeking to obtain from the legislature power to compel the gas company to obtain the right of way in the matter of laying water mains. The city solicitor advised that the contract which had been entered into with J. Market for the supply of 800 tons of coal, which should be altered in its terms to omit the need of a bond guarantee, which Mr. Market found it impossible to obtain, and in lieu thereof it be stipulated that the contractor, being unable to supply 70 tons in any one month, the contract be cancelled. The recommendation was adopted.

NEW SCENIC ROUTE. Princeton, Jan. 16.—Princeton and Princeton boards of trade will co-operate in the construction of a new scenic route through the Oprey Lake district. This is one of the best known and most beautiful valleys in British Columbia, lying midway between Princeton and Princeton.

RECENT GALES SHOW INADEQUACY OF WALLS. (From Tuesday's Daily.) The recent severe gales which have swept the coast have, in the minds of many students of the case, demonstrated that the present plans for the protection of the Dallas road foreshore will prove entirely inadequate. The high winds of past few days have done great damage there and also at Ross Bay, extending over 25 miles along the foreshore, the old concrete wall has been destroyed over the road and the roadway, in a number of places, has been washed away to the great danger of vehicular traffic. As a consequence of this latest demonstration of the power of the waves along the foreshore, the conviction is gaining ground that it will be necessary to supplement the present plans for the erection of a wall with groynes extending out 25 feet angles to the foreshore on this same principle which has proved so effective in dealing with the problem of foreshore erosion at many points along the coast of England. The small experiments which have been made with the groyne system at Ross Bay cemetery foreshore are said to have demonstrated the value of this system. The Provincial Construction Commission of Victoria was recently awarded the contract for the erection of a large wall on that section of the Dallas road foreshore running from Menzies street to Montreal street, but even were the wall standing as intended, it seems likely from the experience of the past week that it would afford inadequate protection. Considerable damage has been done to the sea wall which protects the cemetery. Repeated efforts have been made during the last few years to induce the city council to provide an up-to-date breakwater along the shore of Ross Bay, fronting the cemetery, but nothing has been done. The provincial government is a party to the present scheme of improvement for the Dallas road foreshore, having co-operated with the city in the expense of the work to the extent of \$25,000. Yesterday, during the height of the gale, E. H. Gamble, public works engineer, paid a visit of inspection to the roadway and is understood to have expressed the opinion that the groyne system will also have to be utilized as supplementary to the big concrete wall. The situation is so serious that the city council will likely at an early date take up the question of revising the plans for the protection of the foreshore along Dallas road.

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WRECKAGE SIGHTED. Boston, Jan. 17.—Wreckage of an unknown sailing vessel floating in storm-tossed waters was passed about 200 miles off Boston light by the British steamer Inveric, which has arrived in port from Calcutta. Capt. Howie reported passing the wreck on January 3 in latitude 41.8 north, longitude 69.10 west. A few days before the Inveric had run into a hurricane which bent steel plates in her hull and burst her boiler. Howie supposed the unknown craft went down in that storm.

HENDERSON AND MESTON NAMED. The appointment of the permanent committee would not in the slightest interfere with the council's prerogative, but inasmuch as the proposals he had made respecting procedure for the year had not yet been accepted by the board, this matter might also lie over for a week. There were other committees to be named, which task he had not yet taken up. He referred to the library committee and the committee to serve on the directorate of the agricultural association.

### TRAMP OVER THOUSAND MILES

#### THE MACOUN PARTY REACHES WINNIPEG

#### Schooner Jeanie Wrecked on Shore of Hudson Bay—Story of Hardship

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—After escaping over the ice as their ship was pounded to pieces on the bleak shores of Hudson Bay, Prof. Macoun and the geologists of the party of fourteen, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday, after experiencing hardships in their walk of 1,400 miles, with mercury averaging 60 below zero. The whole party had given up for dead. Captain Howard Bartlett of the destroyed schooner Jeanie, an old Arctic explorer, and his crew, were members of the party. Not a soul was lost.

Their wanderings led like a page of fiction, until they finally reached Fort Churchill, the Hudson Bay Company's post. For food during their journey from the place where they were wrecked to Fullerton, a hundred miles south, they relied on the Eskimos, who proved most friendly. The schooner, a vessel of a hundred tons, broke her anchor chains during a storm and was dashed on the rocks and was a total loss. The personal property of those on board, including what money they had, was washed overboard.

The story of the suffering, privation and hardship told by the party and crew of the wrecked Jeanie is almost beyond belief. Captain Howard Bartlett, the master, a lifelong Arctic captain and a member of the famous family of Arctic explorers, was engaged by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police to take the supplies north from Churchill to Fullerton and to land the portable Eskimo Point, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Wager Inlet.

Prof. J. M. Macoun of the geological survey, who was at Churchill, went north of the Jeanie. The other passengers were Superintendent Stearns, Dr. Marcellus and four members of the R. N. W. M. P.

With the exception of Prof. Macoun and one policeman, all the party remained at Fullerton when the Jeanie went north. The night after the last portable house was put up at Wager Inlet the Jeanie, which was anchored down in the bay several miles from shore, broke her anchor and was driven ashore in the fiercest gale which was ever known on the Hudson Bay. In the lifetime of the oldest resident on its coast, the storm was accompanied by snow and sleet and freezing rain. During the whole day all on board had been praying that the last chain would break before dark, but the schooner held at anchor until midnight. Then when it was black day the chain broke and the schooner, the last voyage had been made as the boat filled fast and became swamped. Provisions and personal effects were swept away by each succeeding wave which rolled far over the half-sunk vessel.

After several hours of extreme anxiety, the keel struck the rocky bottom and the boat began to break up on the rocks, where it remained fast and pounding in the waves until the tide receded.

The coast is a rock-bound one, the only place at which a landing could be made with any apparent chance of safety, being at the bottom of a bay forty miles long and it was here that the brave captain succeeded in hitting the shore. It happened to be high tide and though the schooner had filled with water by daybreak the tide had fallen and the shore was reached in safety. The schooner was a total wreck and both lifeboats were smashed, involving a loss to the owners of upwards of \$10,000. The lifeboats were repaired and a week later the crew of the Jeanie, nine men and Professor Macoun, Jones the constable and three Eskimos, started for Fullerton, over 100 miles south.

After very many narrow escapes the whole party reached Fullerton. Captain George Comer, had gone into winter quarters at Fullerton a day before, but Superintendent Stearns promptly made arrangements with Captain Comer and the Gifford set sail the next day for Churchill, 500 miles south, reaching there on September 26. The wrecked crew of the Jeanie were given a tent and stove and supplied with warm clothing by Superintendent Stearns. Rations were served to them, the same quality and same quantity as is served to the police, and when winter set in a house was secured from the Hudson Bay Company.

Professor Macoun and Harry Ford, for many years interpreter for the R. N. W. M. P., with the Eskimos, agreed to leave Fort Churchill about November 24, but the river did not freeze over until December 4, and on December 5 they started in company with the Eskimos and his party of nine men, Macoun had two Indians and Bachand four. Very deep snow made travelling difficult as the trail to Split Lake had to be broken. The wrecked crew left Churchill December 8, in charge of Corporal Walker and reached Split Lake a few hours after the first party. The sailors were then given into charge of Sergeant Gifford, who brought them to Norway House. All the Churchill parties travelled together to Norway House.

At Norway House the wrecked crew were handed over to Sergeant Nicholas and brought by him to Gimli, where they arrived in perfect health. Those who know the difficulties of travelling in the north are anxious in saying that to bring eight men with no experience in winter travelling, from Churchill to Gimli, every man walking the whole of the 110 miles, was a great achievement, and it was not ex-

### OPPOSE PLANS FOR COMFORT STATION

#### Victoria Association of Architects—Forward Letter to the City Council

In a letter from the Victoria Association of Architects, read at Monday evening's meeting of the city council, a protest was lodged against the action of the council in determining to erect a comfort station at the north end of the causeway on the same line as the station in Seattle. The letter read as follows:

"Gentlemen.—On behalf of the Victoria Association of Architects, which has offered its assistance in any matter of public improvement in our city, I am requested to direct your attention to the proposed comfort station under contemplation, and for which tenders are now being invited.

"It is understood that the proposal is to place this at the northwest end of the causeway at a cost of some \$15,000, of a similar type to the comfort station in the lower part of Seattle. May we respectfully ask your consideration of the following points in connection with the proposal before commencing any contracts for the same:

"1. Whether such a type of public convenience as may be suited to the lower end of a large commercial city like Seattle will be equally appropriate in such a conspicuous situation as the causeway.

"2. If such an eyesore must be constructed in that locality, whether it cannot be of a very much smaller character and entered, say from the landing of the existing steps leading down to the water, and another and larger comfort station constructed further up town in a more central position, and on somewhat different lines?

"3. Before any definite steps are taken in the letting of a contract we would urge you to let the public have some idea of what is proposed, as it appears to us that there will be very strong objection to putting on the city's beauty spots to such an objectionable use."

Without comment the letter was received and referred to Aid. Ross, chairman of the buildings and surveys committee.

Tenders for the erection of the comfort station were received from the following:

For the plumbing, heating and venting, R. Menzies & Co., \$6,735; W. Cowass, \$5,000; Victoria Plumbing Company, \$5,804; Colbert Plumbing Company, \$5,897; R. J. Knott, \$6,832; J. H. Warner & Son, \$7,000; Hayward & Dods, \$6,500; A. Street, \$7,425.

Tenders for the erection of the building were received from the following: Dinsdale & Malcolm, \$13,787; Parritt Bros., \$14,493; Luney Bros., \$14,596; Thomas & Hodgson, \$15,200; F. & G. Bart, \$15,738; city tender, \$12,893.

The tenders were referred to Aid. Ross, the city engineer and the building inspector.

### CLAIMS DAMAGES FOR LOST EYE

#### Kellett Against B. C. Marine Railways Commenced Before the Chief Justice and Jury

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A claim for damages for the loss of an eye, owing to alleged negligence by his employers and their servants, was commenced in the Supreme court this morning before the Chief Justice by B. R. Kellett, against the B. C. Marine Railway Company. The case is being heard before a special jury, the plaintiff being represented by J. A. Atkinson and the defendant company by H. B. Robertson.

The plaintiff claims that on July 12, 1907, he was employed at the Star yard working with the foreman of the yard, and was ordered to commence caulking a scow with a horsing iron and horsing beetle that were out of repair. He was sent by the foreman to a place where a horsing iron and horsing beetle were provided by the company, and having obtained them, he says, he drew the attention of the foreman to the fact that the beetle was out of repair. When the horsing iron was used, the horsing beetle struck the plaintiff in the eye, and he claims that the horsing iron was not properly secured, and that the necessary appliances were not here for treatment. He was advised to go to Seattle and take the magnet treatment. He did so, but the iron splinter had penetrated the eye, and he claims that the magnet would not withdraw it. Meantime the other eye became affected, and the Seattle physicians decided that to save one eye the injured one would have to be removed. The plaintiff was again operated on, and the eye injured by the iron splinter was removed. The plaintiff is proceeding at common law and not under the Employers' Liability Act.

The plaintiff, when called to the stand, had in court the implements which he claims caused the loss of his eye, and with them a demonstration was given for the benefit and instruction of the jury. In his opening address Mr. Atkinson said the man who had relieved the plaintiff would give evidence as to the condition of the tools. The jury consists of A. H. Walker (foreman), E. H. Daniels, T. Dick, J. W. Elliot, G. H. Hudson, W. F. Jones, Edward Jackson and A. Ainsworth.

### DRAWN PRIZE IN PROMOTION

#### CAPT. BARTLETT NOW COMMANDS FINE VESSEL

Well Known Holt Skipper Master of Ascantius on Australian Route

Through his promotion from master of the Blue Funnel liner Bellerophon to the command of the new steamship Ascantius, recently launched at Belfast for the Ocean Steamship Company, Capt. Thomas Bartlett drew a prize in writing to a Puget Sound shipping man, the captain denounces his new vessel as being "crack-a-jack," as on her trial trip between Belfast and Glasgow she developed a speed of 17 1/2 knots according to his statements she is the best vessel in the fleet, she is 12,000 tons capacity, and has accommodation for 400 first-class passengers.

Capt. Bartlett is one of the best known skippers who have been sailing

### BY-LAWS CARRIED

#### Improvement Schemes Involving Over \$2,500,000 Approved at Vancouver

Vancouver, Jan. 16.—Of the nineteen money by-laws submitted to the people on municipal election day sixteen were carried and three went down to defeat. The total of the by-laws approved aggregated a sum of \$2,535,000, while those that were lost consisted of a combined amount of \$946,000. Those which received their deathblows were the propositions for the Dunsmuir-Keefer and the Burrard street-Kittling and bridges, and the proposed acquisition of the corner of Eighth avenue intersecting at Westminster avenue.

The total of money by-laws submitted amounted to \$3,471,000. The forty powers of the city council to \$4,171,574 so it will be observed that deducting the \$2,535,000 which the citizens have sanctioned there remains \$1,636,574 for contingencies during the present year.

By the amendment of Hastings Town, Eighth and District Lot 20, which was consummated at the polls at the same time as the election of representatives for municipal office, \$110,000 will have to be provided according to the recommendation of the city council, which considered that such sum should be devoted to the two districts, District Lot 20 to have \$50,000 and Hastings Township \$60,000. The following are the items:

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$750,000 for school purposes.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$100,000 for land for school sites in the south side of the city.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$285,000 for school purposes.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of improving, repairing and macadamizing streets in the city of Vancouver.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the waterworks system of the city of Vancouver and purchasing the necessary land required therefor.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of opening and rough grading lanes.

By-law to raise \$25,000 for the construction of a public morgue.

By-law to raise \$240,000 for the purpose of erecting an extension to the Vancouver General Hospital.

By-law to raise \$39,600 for the purchase of the block of land lying between Laurel and Willow streets and between Fourth and Twelfth avenues, for general hospital purposes.

By-law to raise \$60,000 for the purchase of equipment and improving public parks.

By-law to raise \$115,000 for preparing grounds and erecting buildings for exhibition purposes in connection with the fair value of \$200,000, and the Dominion government. A courteous, dignified and well-informed gentleman, Capt. Bartlett was very popular here as well as at other points on the Sound, having made many friends during his skipper navigating his vessels with visits to these parts. His removal to the Australian service, while regretted for personal reasons by his host of friends and acquaintances, comes as a relief of years of faithful service with the great shipping company which he is employed.

Gradually he has mounted the ladder of success until now he holds the distinguished position of third in command of the Holt line skippers. Only by his energetic work has he risen to that position, his competency having been noted by his employers.

On his last trip to this coast Captain Bartlett made a special trip to Prince Rupert, investigating harbor conditions there for the Holt line, which will undoubtedly include the G. T. P. terminals of the Puget Sound and the Burrard Inlet. The Holt line, which after the railroad has been completed, is a peculiar coincidence has occurred in that, although the Holt company operates 72 vessels, A. Collier, who was mate on the Oania under Captain Bartlett seven years ago, has been promoted to command the Bellerophon, of which Capt. Bartlett was appointed master as soon as she was launched, leaving the Oania, S. Findlass, who sailed from here last spring on the Ningchow as mate, has been appointed mate of the Ascantius.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

#### New York, Jan. 15.—At least temporary abandonment of the plans of followers of Mrs. Augusta Stetson to regain control of the First Church of Christian Scientists of New York, is seen to-day as a result of the election of church trustees. It was expected that the Stetsonites would make a fight for the offices, but they did not do so, and the five trustees to fill vacancies on the board of nine, were chosen by "regular" federation.

### GRANBY OPERATING ALL ITS FURNACES

#### President Reviews Work of Year—Development Work is Being Continued

Phoenix, Jan. 16.—The publicity policy which the new management of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company decided upon at the stockholders' meeting last October has taken concrete form in the first semi-annual statement, which was mailed with the dividend cheques last month.

George Martin Luther, president of the company, in his statement says: "Pursuant to a resolution passed at your last annual meeting the directors beg to submit the following brief summary of events since that date:

"Until very recently we have been running at about half capacity and the profits have naturally been small, but sufficient in the opinion of the directors to justify the payment of a small dividend in December.

"Development work has been pushed vigorously. Diamond drill operations at the south end of the Knob Hill and adjoining claims at Phoenix copper disclosed a considerable body of ore, and it is expected that the drift from the present workings which is now being run will add materially to our reserves.

"Two options on new properties have been taken on attractive terms, one on the Cliff-Consolidated St. Elmo, at Rossland, and one on those of the Hidden Creek Copper Company on the coast of British Columbia, both of which are considered by engineers as likely to prove important. If the developments now in progress confirm our expectations in these cases the question of actual purchase will be referred to a special meeting of the shareholders. Everything indicates an energetic and successful campaign during the coming year."

At a cost approximately 10,000 cents per pound Granby produced in November 1,110,381 pounds of copper, compared with 1,184,234 pounds in October. Precious metal contents totalled \$2,228 ounces of silver and 2,537 ounces of gold.

In November six furnaces of the smelter were in blast. Early in December the seventh furnace was blown in and the course of a few days the eighth will be started, so that the entire battery will be operating.

For some time earlier in the year the smelter was running but half capacity, but in October orders were wired to blow in immediately two additional furnaces. When the entire plant is running 4,500 tons of ore can be treated daily.

The company's total product for the first seven months of last year is reported as 18,373,425 pounds of copper.

### BUILDINGS IN CANADIAN CITIES

#### RETURNS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

#### Average Gain of 64 Per Cent in November Compared With Same Month in 1909

The winter season let up in building operations held in anticipation by the more pessimistic, has as yet failed to put in an appearance. Judging from the present state of activities, the Canadian building no longer cares the shadow of his finger for the frost, the snow or the sweep of the wind. Experience has taught him to meet weather conditions as they come, and his works no longer aim to special seasons, but aim to keep him busy from one end of the year to the other. Nothing more clearly demonstrates this than the comparative figures for the month of November, submitted to Construction Toronto, from 24 important cities throughout the Dominion. These figures show a most gratifying state of progress on practically all sides, with individual gains in some cases such as has never before been attained in the history of the community they represent.

An average gain of 64 per cent, representing an investment of \$5,651,000 as against \$4,791,000 in the corresponding month of 1909, tells the story of the month's progress in brief, and while the amount noted is slightly less than recorded in October, it nevertheless indicates a growth that is well-keeping with the remarkable development that has characterized the season throughout.

Possibly the most pronounced feature of the returns is the fact that the universal activity that obtained in general, as it was the heavy proportional gains made in all parts. Toronto, as its usual wont, stands well at the head of the list, with a gain of \$2,049,000, a splendid total to top off the year's successive gains already to her credit, while Vancouver registers an amount for permits issued of \$1,897,895, which is a most remarkable showing in view of this city's past performance. These two are the largest reported for the month, and the gains are 5 per cent, and 211 per cent in order named.

Although three more losses are noted in the previous month, it must be remembered that the number of entries reporting is again one-third as great. Apart from Halifax's loss of 76 per cent, and the decrease in Lethbridge of 2 per cent, the falling off is not very lively, but little affects the exceedingly active conditions which otherwise prevailed. The highest increase for the month goes to Port Arthur, whose monthly development is reflected in a gain of 1,293 per cent, representing an investment of \$182,015 as compared with \$13,350 in the months of November, 1909. Ontario, in fact, turned itself into a good account in practically every respect in the previous month, with an increase of 35 per cent. Hamilton a gain of 44 per cent, and Brantford is ahead by 10 per cent. A big advance is also noted in the case of Fort William, which reports a gain of 100 per cent, and is equally true of St. Thomas, which annexed a gain of 42 per cent. Fort William's total amounts to \$411,480, which is \$73,515 in excess of her previous record. At the same time, again, other cities which witnessed operations to the extent of \$230,100, has an increase of 10 per cent; Windsor records a gain of 10 per cent; and Kingston, which does not report a comparative figure for the month, reports operations to the extent of \$230,100. In the western section of the Dominion the headway made was equally pronounced. Aside from Vancouver's phenomenal upturn previously mentioned, many of the cities reporting far ahead in a most substantial manner. Especially can this be said in the case of Calgary, which undertook new work amounting to \$590,604, equal to the entire amount of the total, which is slightly in excess of that noted in the previous month, speaks volumes of the wonderful development which the city is experiencing. Edmonton, whose falling off of 45 per cent, is not to be, however, less fortunate; as was also the city of Lethbridge, whose progress has been previously stated. The figures for the previous year, while Saskatchewan, both Regina and Moose Jaw, slightly topped their figures of the same period of 1909, the investment in each case being approximately \$5,000. Prince Albert sends in a statement of \$240,000, without corresponding figures for the previous year, while Saskatoon, which issues permits aggregating \$184,310, shows a gain of 64 per cent. Substantial strides were also made in Winnipeg and Victoria, which have had their credit gains of 179 per cent and 94 per cent in the order named.

Permits issued in November, 1910, compared with the same month in 1909:

City	Permits for 1910	Permits for 1909	% Increase
Burlington	37,590	6,090	565.80
Brandon	4,400	6,400	-43.75
Edmonton	68,904	21,550	219.70
Edmonton	52,096	63,365	-18.73
Fort William	411,489	127,965	220.40
Halifax	24,250	104,075	-76.68
Hamilton	239,225	165,950	44.24
Kingston	23,906	23,906	0.00
Lethbridge	68,795	96,795	-28.93
London	10,000	37,475	-73.33
Montreal	905,427	479,540	88.81
Moose Jaw	52,000	51,350	1.25
Ottawa	230,100	190,000	21.10
Port Arthur	182,015	15,075	1133.41
Prince Albert	240,000	240,000	0.00
Regina	184,310	184,310	0.00
Saskatoon	184,310	24,835	677.70
St. John	65,900	33,900	94.39
St. Thomas	44,900	7,600	487.37
Winnipeg	1,897,895	1,060,000	79.27
Toronto	2,049,000	1,240,000	64.48
Vancouver	1,897,895	610,139	211.00
Victoria	194,356	53,688	259.75
Windsor	100,000	89,000	12.35
Winnipeg	371,200	231,800	60.16
Total	\$2,021,419	\$4,715,554	64.90

### B. C. BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN

#### Meeting Will Be Held at the Home of Mrs. J. H. Macdonald

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Canadian Association of Women, a public body, will hold its first meeting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Macdonald, 1000 Douglas street, on Thursday, January 26, at 8 o'clock. Captain P. J. Ottawa, secretary of the association, has arrived in Victoria and will be present at the meeting, which will be held in the afternoon. The association now covers every province of the Dominion and British Columbia. It is hoped that this meeting will result in the formation of a local branch in Victoria. The association is a non-sectarian and non-political organization, and its object is to improve the moral and social conditions of the women of the Dominion. It is a voluntary organization, and its members are elected for a term of one year. The association is now in the process of organizing a local branch in Victoria, and it is hoped that this meeting will result in the formation of a local branch in Victoria. The association is a non-sectarian and non-political organization, and its object is to improve the moral and social conditions of the women of the Dominion. It is a voluntary organization, and its members are elected for a term of one year. The association is now in the process of organizing a local branch in Victoria, and it is hoped that this meeting will result in the formation of a local branch in Victoria.

### ANOTHER SENSATION IN SCHENK TRIAL

#### Doctor Admits He Sold Poison to the Wife of the Millionaire

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 18.—Dr. J. W. Myers, a prominent physician of Wheeling, took the stand yesterday at the trial of Mrs. Laura E. Schenk, who is charged with having attempted to poison her millionaire husband. Myers swore that Mrs. Schenk only a few days before her arrest had unsuccessfully tried to purchase arsenic of him.

He said Mrs. Schenk declared, "I'll pay you a big price for it." The witness, said the defendant, told him she had previously bought arsenic from another physician and asked that he visit to the office of Dr. Myers be kept a secret.

Dr. Myers admitted under pressure that he had at other times sold poison to Mrs. Schenk. He said on those occasions she had purchased bi-chloride tablets and a full ounce of sugar of lead.

This statement again stirred up a controversy in the court, as it is the contention of the prosecution that Mrs. Schenk systematically fed her husband both arsenic and sugar of lead.

### REBUILDING MESSINA

#### Messina, Italy, Jan. 18.—The rebuilding of Messina in durable masonry is in progress. The corner stone of the group of public buildings to be erected on the site of the destroyed city was laid by Signor Sacchi, minister of public works; Signor Cuffelli, minister of posts and telegraphs; and other members of the government.

### TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA

Vancouver, Jan. 18.—In any trade preference which may be agreed upon between Canada and Australia, the Commonwealth the inclusion of lumber among the articles to be named in the basis of reciprocity is urged by the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association, which has sent the following telegram to Sir Wilfrid Laurier respecting the proposed negotiations between the two dominions for a trade agreement similar to that now existing between Canada and New Zealand:

"British Columbia lumbermen urge most strongly that lumber be included in Australian preference as most important to the interests of this province."

The telegram was signed by John Hendry, president of the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association.

### PROBABLY MURDERED

#### Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 18.—Unconscious to the last, the unknown woman found lying on the beach near Devil's Gate last Monday with a bullet wound in the temple, died yesterday without giving the authorities any hint of a clue whether she was a victim of suicidal intent or of foul play.

### ATTORNEY FOR WESTERN SHIPPERS SPEAKS BEFORE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Arguing that the railroad power of "aminent domain" would operate as a bar to increased railroad rates, John H. Atwood, attorney for the western shippers committee, argued yesterday before the Interstate Commerce Commission against the proposed amendment to the act authorizing the purchase of such shares.

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### NOTICE TO MARINERS

#### A gas-lighted beacon has been established by the Government of Canada on the extreme of Mary Anne point, Galiano Island, on the north side of Active pass. The light is now in operation. The beacon consists of a concrete cylindrical tank, standing on a black steel framework, and surmounted by a black steel pyramidal frame supporting the lantern. The light is white, automatically occulted at short intervals. It is elevated 32 feet above high water mark, and should be visible for 10 miles.

### THE JANUARY DANCE OF THE ALTHA CLUBS

The January dance of the Altha Clubs proved an enjoyable affair Monday night at the A. O. U. W. hall, where a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Rutley's orchestra supplied the music, the refreshments were served by the ladies.

The funeral of the late Dorothy Banks took place from the B. C. Funeral Home, 14th street, on Wednesday afternoon, where a large number of friends of the deceased had assembled, bringing with them great numbers of flowers. The funeral was held at Christ Church Cathedral, where Canon Cooper conducted the services. The honorary pallbearers were: Miss Proctor, Miss Almut, Miss Prior and Miss Robinson. The pallbearers were: J. Robinson, L. Hornbrooke, F. Hooper and George Prior.

An "at home" and recital of songs was given last Saturday at the Octagon Mansions by Paul Edwards, the well-known baritone, who is now resident in Victoria. Mr. Edwards made an artistic success of a well-chosen and interesting programme and was well backed-up by his accompanists, Mrs. H. Young and Mrs. Unsworth, both of whom did excellent work. Mrs. C. R. Sergeantson and Miss Eastman presided at the tea tables, which were prettily decorated. Among the large number present were the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Perrin, Dean and Mrs. Doull, Mrs. and Miss Scott, Miss Saunders, Mrs. Church, Mrs. McMeekin, Mrs. H. Young and Mrs. K. Peters, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. and Miss Trewatha James, Mrs. Cross, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Spratt, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Nelson, Miss H. Peters, Miss Hargerty, Mrs. Vincent, Miss Hicks, Miss Sturgeon, Mrs. Gidson, Mrs. and Miss Penlock, Miss Collins, Miss Bell, Miss Crocker, Mrs. and Miss Fraser, Miss Phillips, Miss Kennedy, Miss Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. Sergeantson, Mr. Howard Russell, Mr. A. A. Watt, Mr. F. Waddington, W. Godfrey Booth, W. T. Curtis, Mr. T. D. Davis and others.

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### EX-MAYOR

(Special to the Times.)

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 18.—Henry Best died yesterday. He was aged 71. He was a prominent part in the town's history for many years in the past. He was a member of the Pioneer Press, and was one of Ontario's best men.

CITIES

B. C. BRANCH IS TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

Meeting Will Be Held to Promote Work of St. John Ambulance Association

(From Tuesday's Daily.) With a view to organizing a provincial branch of the St. John Ambulance Association a public meeting will be held in the office of Bevan, Gore & Elliott, Capt. R. A. Bromley was in the chair, and there were also present Hon. E. G. Prior, Col. Wadmore, D. O. C. St. Barbe, Maurice Cane, A. R. Sherwood, H. T. Drake, H. Short, E. Blowers and P. S. Melkjohn. A decision based on broad and generous principles was arrived at as to admission, but it was made clear that participation in the dinner would constitute no precedent and would not be considered tantamount to a right to join the Public School Old Boys' Association which is to be launched at the dinner. A toast was agreed upon, The King, the United Services, Land We Live In and the Old Public School Boys' Association. Tickets for the dinner which is to be held in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, were obtained from A. R. Sherwood, Northern Crown Bank, C. St. Barbe, Balmoral Hotel; H. A. Bromley, Union Club; H. Sheridan-Bickers, Daily Colonist, and G. S. Cartleton Jones, director general of the medical services; Dr. Hodgkiss, medical officer of the Dominion Conservation Commission; and Colonel Irwin, secretary of the Dominion Patriotic fund.

Lieut.-Governor Paterson will preside at Thursday's meeting and many prominent and influential citizens will occupy seats on the platform. The association is one that makes a special appeal to women, and already several well known society women have pledged their support to the movement. The objects of the association are: To teach non-professional people the best way to render immediate assistance to any person suffering accident or sudden illness, until the arrival of the doctor. Second, to teach people what not to do in case of accident, so that there shall be no likelihood of a sympathetic but ignorant public causing unnecessary pain and suffering through improper treatment. Third, to train in case of emergency such as bleeding, poisoning, choking or drowning, a life may not be sacrificed for the want of a little elementary knowledge on the part of the bystander. The needless suffering caused by the ignorance of unskilled persons is as undoubted as it is deplorable. By rough handling, or for want of the slight knowledge necessary to enable one to support an injured person, serious consequences may ensue. To arrest bleeding from an artery is quite easy, yet thousands of lives have been lost in the presence of helpless spectators who have not been taught that little knowledge necessary to enable them to give intelligent first aid to the sufferer.

Those who are taking up these classes of instruction are given free lectures and practical instruction by qualified medical practitioners, after which some other medical man examines them and explains to them the necessary examination, recommendation and certificate. After this examination men holding this certificate are allowed one hour each week to meet together for practice and advice, and to keep up to a proper state of efficiency. The ambulance man is given strictly to understand the exact relative position "first aid" has to the medical profession. He is not expected to supplant the doctor or to treat any accident to its final solution, for the simple reason that the work of the ambulance man ends where the doctor's commences. It is his duty of the ambulance man is to prevent serious injury being made worse by the ignorant but sympathetic attention of his colleagues or fellow workmen. He would, if necessary, apply splints and bandages, administer simple remedies, place the sufferer in the most safe and comfortable position, and await the arrival of the doctor. In a less serious case he would give such treatment as was necessary, and convey or send his patient to a doctor, and there his responsibility ends.

At Monday's meeting of the city council Brown & Simms, livery stable keepers, applied for a permit to erect a stable on Fisgard street. The mayor explained that the firm had made certain alterations to their premises without first obtaining a permit, and had been summoned by the building inspector for so doing. The latter had, however, expressed a willingness to withdraw the summons if the firm gave an undertaking to pull down the structure within four months. The letter was referred to the building inspector and the city solicitor for report.

EIGHT KILLED ON U. S. BATTLESHIP

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Eight men were killed this afternoon and one seriously injured by a boiler explosion aboard the battleship Delaware, according to a report just received here. The explosion occurred in the boiler room with a chance for escape. Those killed in the explosion were: Charles Hart, first class fireman; Thomas Porter, first class fireman; William White, second class fireman; Robert Brewer, second class fireman; George White, coal passer; Christian Brown, water tender. An unidentified man was also killed. George Phillips, a first class fireman, was badly injured.

EX-MAYOR DEAD

(Special to the Times.) Northport, Ont., Jan. 17.—Ex-Mayor John P. Scott died yesterday afternoon. He was born in Peterborough, Ontario, and spent his entire life here. He spent seven years in the council, the last from 1896-98, as mayor, and took a prominent part in the inauguration of the city's first mayor, Mr. Pioneer James A. Way. Mr. Scott was 87 years of age and died on Sunday night, aged 90.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MEN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

Old Country Old Public School-boys Will Meet at Festive Board

A meeting of the executive committee which has charge of the arrangements for the Old Country Old Public School Boys' dinner, to be held in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, was held Monday in the office of Bevan, Gore & Elliott. H. A. Bromley was in the chair, and there were also present Hon. E. G. Prior, Col. Wadmore, D. O. C. St. Barbe, Maurice Cane, A. R. Sherwood, H. T. Drake, H. Short, E. Blowers and P. S. Melkjohn. A decision based on broad and generous principles was arrived at as to admission, but it was made clear that participation in the dinner would constitute no precedent and would not be considered tantamount to a right to join the Public School Old Boys' Association which is to be launched at the dinner. A toast was agreed upon, The King, the United Services, Land We Live In and the Old Public School Boys' Association. Tickets for the dinner which is to be held in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, were obtained from A. R. Sherwood, Northern Crown Bank, C. St. Barbe, Balmoral Hotel; H. A. Bromley, Union Club; H. Sheridan-Bickers, Daily Colonist, and G. S. Cartleton Jones, director general of the medical services; Dr. Hodgkiss, medical officer of the Dominion Conservation Commission; and Colonel Irwin, secretary of the Dominion Patriotic fund.

LOCAL NEWS

W. H. Craig, poundkeeper, has resigned, and the council Monday evening elected W. Atkinson, as his successor.

The Daughters of Scotland will hold a dance to celebrate Burns' birthday. Broad Street hall, on Wednesday, January 25th at 8.30 o'clock.

On Friday evening next the city council will confer with a deputation from the Trades and Labor council, on the question of wages to corporation workmen.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital Monday at 10 o'clock of Mrs. Anna Hall, aged 74 years. The deceased was born in Port George, now Winnipeg, Manitoba, and had been living in Victoria for about two years. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Francis Stewart, 347 McClure street, and many other relatives in this city.

The electric light committee of the city council is now considering a report from the city engineer, M. Hutchison, in respect to the matter of repairing the lighting system on the causeway wall. Mr. Hutchison estimates that the work will cost \$200. The council, in view of the fact that the time and work done, if in their opinion this estimate is a fair one.

A coroner's jury Tuesday returned a verdict of accidental death, after hearing the evidence in connection with the death of Joseph O'Brien, who was killed by the E. & N. train at Ten Mile Point on Sunday night last. The inquest was held at the office of the provincial police. The funeral will take place from the Victoria Undertaking parlors to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Gilbert Cook will officiate.

Two lads were before George Jay, judge of the juvenile court, Monday afternoon, charged with damaging property in Beacon Hill park, and were allowed to go on suspended sentence. Two other lads who stole a horse and abandoned it later, leaving it on the highway, were allowed to go on suspended sentence subject to a regular report from their parents. The latter prosecution was instituted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Edward Plowright, a fruit-grower of Strawberry Vale, was the defendant in the police court Tuesday in an action brought by Dominion Fruit Inspector D. M. Robertson, under the Inspection and Sale act, section 230. The defendant was charged with not having marked the grade of fruit on the boxes exposed for sale at the warehouse on the Fruit Exchange, Yates street, on Dec. 13. He was found guilty and fined \$10. W. H. Langley appeared for the prosecution and M. B. Jackson for the defence. Another charge against J. Soule was similarly dealt with.

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Moore & Hamlet, proprietors of a garage, forwarded a bill to the city council Tuesday, for \$400, the amount of damages which they allege one of their auto's suffered by being stalled on Vancouver street, on Saturday night last. They explained that the city engineer had seen the accident, that the auto had sunk in the mud right up to the running board and that the machine would be put out of commission for the next four months. The matter was referred to the city solicitor and engineer for report.

The recent unprecedented severe winter weather on the southern portion of Vancouver Island has caused a stoppage of the work in progress at the power plant undertaking of the B. C. Electric Railway Company at Jordan River. Because of this circumstance the company is unable to set any date for the inauguration of the power service to the city of Victoria, though work will be resumed with the utmost vigor as soon as weather conditions will permit.

STORM SWEEPED AWAY THE COLD WEATHER

Cold Wave From North Will Strike Prairies but This Province Will Escape

The southwest wind which raged all yesterday was felt along the coast from California to Prince Rupert, and at North Head reached a velocity of 60 miles. In Victoria the maximum velocity was about 35 miles. A remarkable feature of the storm was the rapid way in which it licked up snow, which practically disappeared without undergoing the process of melting. The storm centering around Vancouver Island has broken up the cold wave in all parts of the province, and has even brought mild weather into the Cariboo, where the thermometer was many degrees below zero. In California the rain has ceased and the temperature is steadily rising. A prominent real estate man of this city, lately returned from California, says that in many parts of that state they had had no rain since April and the recent storm came as a great relief, inasmuch as it got good crops in the coming season.

E. Napier Denison, of the weather office, states that far to the north a decided cold wave has been reported, which will probably spread south into the prairie provinces. However, it is not probable that British Columbia will feel the effects of it. The weather here will be mild and unsettled, with rain.

PORTUGUESE SITUATION

Report Received at Rome Results in Dispatch of Italian Battleship to Lisbon

Rome, Jan. 17.—Upon receipt of reports of conditions in Portugal, the Italian government yesterday dispatched a battleship to Lisbon. The warship sailed at 10 o'clock. The battleship of the armada received was the "Duilio."

PERNIE FIRE LOSSES

Pernie, Jan. 16.—Fire Chief McDougall, in his annual report, states that the number of fires during the year was 17. Total losses, \$7,473; total insurance carried, \$48,535; total insurance over losses, \$41,052.

The report continues in part as follows: A noticeable improvement has been made during the year by the purchase of hose and installing 14 emergency hose boxes, containing from 300 to 500 feet of hose each in different parts of the residential portions of the city. Provisions have been made during the year for the Gamewell Fire Alarm system to be installed, which at the present time is under construction. 12 hydrants have been added, which gives us 52 at the present time. The water pressure throughout the city is excellent.

It will be necessary for the Council of 1911 to consider the advisability of appointing two "paid men," as the city is increasing to such an extent that it is advisable to make the said appointments. The salaries of the firemen will be paid before they are getting sufficient remuneration for services rendered. It is therefore recommended that the following be given your consideration: The appointment of two full paid men. An increase of salary for our present volunteers. A horse and buggy be provided for the fire chief.

UNITED MINE WORKERS.

Twelve Hundred Delegates Attend Annual Convention at Columbus.

Columbus, O., Jan. 17.—Representing 350,000 miners of the United States and Canada, 1,200 delegates were in attendance here to-day when the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America began.

John P. White of Iowa, is confident that when the teller's report is made at the end of the week, it will show that he has been elected to the presidency of the organization. President Lewis, his opponent, is equally confident that he will be chosen for another term.

OAK BAY COUNCIL

Only a formal meeting was held by the four members of Oak Bay Council present Monday night. Acting Mayor H. McGregor, Councilors P. D. Hillis, F. B. Pemberton and J. H. Hargreaves. After hearing the treasurer's report and engineer's report they adjourned until the committee are struck.

KILLED IN MINE

(Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Jan. 17.—Charles D. Wright, electrician, aged 24, was run over by a motor on No. 10 level, No. 3 mine, yesterday afternoon, and instantly killed.

Instituted twenty-two years ago by S. Brown, the annual Burns concert in First Presbyterian church will take place on January 25.

Building permits have been issued to A. A. Belbeck for a dwelling to be erected on Pine street to cost \$2,000; to Robert D. Lamb, dwelling on Boyer street to cost \$1,000; to Alexander Dale, stable on Graham street to cost \$50.

The Shawnigan Lake A. A. is arranging for a grand masque and dance at the club house, Shawnigan, on Thursday, January 26. Dancing will commence at 9 p. m. and the music will be furnished by the Bantley-Thain orchestra.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Minister of Defence Criticized by Melbourne Trades Council. Melbourne, Jan. 17.—The Melbourne Trades Council is criticizing severely the minister of defence, Mr. Pearce, because the cost of the cruisers now being built in England has been increased by one hundred thousand pounds each. The council declares that the increase looks like robbery in the interests of somebody in Great Britain. Mr. Pearce declines responsibility in a caustic reply to his forwarder to the labor body.

TROPHY IS GIVEN BY MAYOR MORLEY

He Donates Handsome Cup for Competition Between Teams of New Soccer League

When the Island league is reorganized as a straight amateur body, the players who compete therein will have something more to play for than the mere honor and glory of the thing. At Monday's meeting of the Victoria branch of the B. C. A. A. U. it was resolved to appoint a committee to endeavor to obtain a cup to be played for by the reorganized Island League as soon as possible. The committee consisted of A. J. Bruce, Ed. Christoffer and Ben O'Sullivan, and they certainly did not let the grass grow under their feet. Their efforts were crowned with success and the result of their rustling has been that Mayor Morley has generously agreed to donate a suitable cup.

It will be called the City of Victoria cup and will become the absolute property of any team winning it twice. Winning it twice, they get that "W" which is any other way, not necessarily twice in succession; no stree, but just winning it twice, even though many moons intervene between the best winning and the second. Some teams may be back.

MEMBERS EJECTED

Disorderly Scenes in West Australian House As Result of Traction of Labor Party.

Melbourne, Jan. 17.—Extraordinary scenes have marked the progress of a redistribution of seats bill introduced in a state parliament of West Australia. The measure incurred the hostility of the labor members of the House, and they resorted to obstructionist tactics in order to delay its passage.

CANNON FORCES DEFEATED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The Democrats and Insurgents in the House combined yesterday afternoon in a fight and by a vote of 155 to 124 put the Cannon forces to flight.

SENT TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Bank May Make Profit as Result of Former Employee's Investments. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—Joseph Fuhrmann, former paying teller of the National Bank Commerce in this city, was yesterday sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary by Judge Donworth of the federal court for the embezzlement of an amount said to aggregate \$100,000.

IDAHO CENSUS RETURNS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The population of the following Idaho cities is announced by the census bureau: Coeur d'Alene, 7,281; Lewiston, 6,043; Pocatello, 5,110; Twin Falls, 5,258.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR

Nobara, Neb., Jan. 17.—Four persons were killed and four injured in an explosion in one of the hotels here. The fire ground a three-story frame hotel. The explosion was caused by a leak in a gas plant in the cellar.

COLD AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 17.—The temperature is 15 below zero here, a cold wind and humidity causing suffering.

GOOD SHOWING MADE BY HEALTH WORKERS

Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis Society Held Annual Meeting Yesterday Afternoon

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis Society was held yesterday in the offices of Dr. Fagan, secretary to the provincial health department, in the Parliament buildings. In addition to Dr. Fagan there were present Messrs. Robertson, Mann, Tye, Coles, Raymond, Wilkinson, Carmichael and Fagan.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and the usual routine business disposed of, the question of the sale of membership tickets was taken up and it was resolved to do everything possible to push the sale of tickets, which cost \$1 each. The annual report was read and approved. Mrs. Mann, the treasurer, submitted her financial statement, which was also approved. A discussion of local conditions followed and delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the provincial society on February 10 in the city hall. A letter was read from the chief medical officer in charge of the society's hospital at Vancouver, showing that the patients were benefiting immensely from the fresh air cure and that many of them were sleeping outdoors even when the temperature was 28 degrees below freezing.

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The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Frank S. Bernard; vice-president, Mrs. Robertson; treasurer, Mrs. Mann; secretary, Mrs. Carmichael; executive committee, Messrs. Wilkinson, Coles and Fagan. The annual report was as follows: Madam President and Members: During the year the regular monthly meetings have been held and the attendance, while not large, was satisfactory in point of interest shown.

KILLS FORMER SWEETHEART

Dover, Jan. 17.—Miss Anastasia Wunderly, aged 24, was shot and killed by M. Edgar Murphy, a former sweetheart. The shooting followed the girl's refusal to respond to Murphy's "good morning" as she passed him in the street. As the police officer Murphy said he was unable to identify the girl, she was not identified as the girl who had refused to accept his attentions had proved upon his mind.

WHERE TRANQUILLE SANTARIUM STANDS

It is able and willing to assist any local case of consumption where such assistance is needed and would be grateful to the medical profession for reporting cases needing aid or help. An annual rummage sale was held on March 11th-12th and was a great success, the sum of \$448.75 being realized. This money, as previously arranged, goes to the Tranquille maintenance fund. Every article presented for sale was clean and in good condition and goods were not accepted from houses where there have been infectious diseases.

HAWAIIAN EXCURSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Seattle Charterers of G. T. P. Steamer Failed With Conditions of Contracts. Lack of sufficient reservations, has caused the cancelling of the commercial excursion to Hawaii by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, which was to have been taken by the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert. It was the intention of the directors of the affair to sell 210 tickets, but they failed in the attempt. They had arranged for the chartering of the Grand Trunk steamer, but being unable to secure a sufficient number of passengers to warrant the excursion the G. T. P. has called the trip off.

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FRESH GAME BIRDS FOR THE PROVINCE

Provincial Game Warden is Satisfied With Results of Past Year's Work

Provincial Game Warden A. Bryan Williams says his department is continuing its policy of introducing fresh blood to the pheasants, partridge, and prairie chicken of the province. Within the past two years about 1500 pheasants have been put out in the lower mainland and Vancouver Island and the good results in the improvement of the quality of the birds have already been seen. For some time the British Columbia pheasants had been deteriorating in size and quality and the department found this plan of improving the breed an excellent one. It is likely that more pheasants will be brought in this year, although the object aimed at has been practically accomplished.

Some partridge were turned out at Agassiz last year and are doing well. Fifty brace have now been ordered for distribution among the native partridge. The partridge in the province are increasing rapidly and it is for the purpose of having the quality of the stock kept up to the quantity that the game department is introducing new birds showing that the patients were benefiting immensely from the fresh air cure and that many of them were sleeping outdoors even when the temperature was 28 degrees below freezing.

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At every meeting local cases of consumption were considered and, where assistance was needed, help was granted. On behalf of the society our medical representative visited ten cases, and in each case instructions were given as to methods of living so as to prevent the spread of the disease and there was only call for heavy expenditure in two cases. The society announced that it is able and willing to assist any local case of consumption where such assistance is needed and would be grateful to the medical profession for reporting cases needing aid or help.

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TRADES COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

J. C. WATTERS IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Labor Congress of Canada to Interview the Provincial Government

At a well attended meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council held last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, J. C. Watters; vice-president, A. P. Maxwell; recording and corresponding secretary, C. Sivertz; financial secretary, W. Clack; treasurer, G. H. Thibbits; sergeant-at-arms, F. Parrott; executive committee, Phil Smith, C. Sivertz and G. H. Thibbits; delegates to the British Columbia Federation of Labor, J. C. Watters, Laborers' Union, Frank Perrott, Palmers' Union.

The president announced that the B. C. executive of the Labor Congress of Canada would meet the premier and members of the provincial cabinet on Monday, the 23rd inst. Delegates McKenzie, Herburger and Miller were appointed a committee to represent the Victoria Council and accompany the executive.

Credentials were presented by J. L. Martin of the Laborers' Union, J. Forster of the Sheet Metal Workers, and George Beck, of the Plumbers.

The auditors' report was presented by Delegate Sherk and showed the treasury to be in a healthy condition. It made many recommendations for the better conduct of financial business of the council, all of which were adopted. Delegate Sherk also reported on behalf of the legislature committee.

The Barterers' Union presented a list of hotels and saloons that were fair union houses.

Under the head of new business the question of compelling all plumbers to pass an examination was discussed. Many of the delegates were of the opinion that the provincial government ought to pass an act to that effect, as is now the case with stationary engineers; others thought that all men who drove autos, foremen of all construction work and all workmen holding responsible positions—where human life is in danger—should pass examinations. It was finally decided on motion to appoint a committee with a view to having legislation enacted along the lines mentioned.

The Workmen's Compensation Act, which Mr. Hawthornthwaite has in charge, was discussed at some length. Mr. Hawthornthwaite's good services in connection with the bill were heartily appreciated—though many thought that the compensation proposed should be more liberal—and finally a resolution was passed endorsing the principle of the bill, and urging that the amount allowed in case of death should be raised from \$100 to \$300 dollars and the amount provided in case of injury should be raised to \$1000.

PNEUMATIC FURNITURE.

Inflated Seat and Back Cushions Insure Solid Comfort.

Now the pneumatic principle has been applied to furniture. A California man has adapted it to the inflation of seat and back cushions for chairs and sofas, and as may readily be imagined, it makes for solid comfort indeed. The original cushion, before the upholstering has been put on, is of rubber, and is built over wire springs to keep it from deflating too much as the air gradually escapes, which, of course, it eventually does. Each cushion has a nozzle, by which



air can be pumped into it when necessary, but it will remain inflated for a long time after one blowing up. To get the best results it is advisable not to inflate the cushions too much or the weight of the average person will not make enough impression on them to give comfort. The pneumatic seat and back yield to every motion of the body, and fit every angle and curve, which is something that the best of the old-style tufted cushion does not do.

CUMBERLAND CIVIC ELECTION.

Cumberland, Jan. 18.—The election here resulted as follows: Mayor—T. E. Bate.

Aldermen—T. E. Banks, J. N. McLeod, Alex. Maxwell, Chas. Fairbank, Robt. McNeil and Jas. Stewart.

For School Trustee—Robt. Henderson.

The result of the election may be regarded as a Citizen's League victory; the league's candidate for the majority, for school trustee and four of their candidates for aldermen being returned to the council board 1911.

QUESTION OF OATH.

Vancouver, Jan. 18.—Mr. Justice Murphy of the Royal Commission Commission this morning adopted all further operative methods so far as the examinations of Celestials on the stand go. Mr. McCrossan had done his best to examine Yip Sue Poi, the brother of Yip On, without avail.

"As soon as S. S. Taylor, Yip On's counsel, returns," said Mr. Justice Murphy, "we will have the 'chicken oath' administered to Yip On and Yip Sou.

This means a long Chinese ritual, during which a chicken is decapitated in open court. The witness then with the blood of the fowl signs his name to an affidavit in which he calls down the wrath of the evil spirits and the hope that he, too, will be found headless like the chicken if he tells a lie.

This will be bitterly contested by Mr. Taylor. This phase of the case came up last week when Yip On was under oath.

"The men have been over to our religion," said Mr. Taylor. "They are Christians. You have taught them to believe in your Bible. Now you virtually tell them that your teachings are not so, and for them to return to what you teach is 'un-Christian belief.' It is a very odd question in all the same. Mr. Justice Murphy says the 'chicken oath' will be administered.

POLICE INQUIRY AT PRINCE RUPERT

Graft Charge Against Sergeant Dismissed, but He is Asked to Resign

Prince Rupert, Jan. 18.—After hearing all the evidence in regard to the graft charges laid against Sergeant Regan of the city police force, the police commissioners closed the case and delivered their decision. While they held that the evidence adduced was not sufficient to sustain the charges against the officer, and accordingly dismissed them, they also held that it was desirable to ask for Sergeant Regan's resignation as it had been established that he had associated with the people with whom he was charged with protecting. Such action, in the opinion of the commission weakened the influence of the police force. The judgment also charged Chief McCarver to take necessary steps to have an improvement in the condition of affairs effected.

In dismissing the charge against Regan on the ground that the evidence was insufficient, Mayor Stork said: "There is one thing about this case which has been a revelation to the commissioners. We have evidently lots of people here whom we never suspected we had amongst us engaged in various doubtful forms of business. Evidence has been led that you have frequented these places of business and sat in one of them."

"We look for a high standard of moral excellence from the police force. We look at it in this way, that even while you were not on duty if you associated with these people, to a very large extent you weaken and destroy your influence with them. We have decided to dismiss the charge of graft, but are going to ask you to give us your resignation on account of your association as brought out here. During the hearing of the evidence your chief has sat here and as well as the police commission, he has been conversant with the state of affairs, and I would therefore charge the police with the responsibility of taking whatever steps are necessary to improve this condition of affairs."

BRUTAL MURDER IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Hacked to pieces, the body of an unidentified Italian, found in an alleyway here to-day, has given the police a new mystery to solve. The victim, believed to have been a tailor, is thought by the police to have been slain by foreign garment workers for having "scabbed" in the strike which has been on here for months.

The tetony exhibited in the crime is almost unparalleled in police annals. With a short handle axe found beside the body, the victim had been chopped to bits.

Beside the axe lay a revolver with two chambers empty and marks all around, showing that the dead man had put up a struggle for his life.

MAY RETAIN QUEUES.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 19.—To demonstrate that they are not immune from the spirit of insurgency, local Chinese will inaugurate a luke-warm revolution against the imperial edict issued last June directing that they cut off their queues February 2, the beginning of the Chinese new year, by refusing to obey orders. Tradition, fostered by the old men and vainly nursed by the younger, combined with an order from the Leon Tong of San Francisco, to which most of the local Celestials belong, will be the weapons with which they will resist.

SCHOOL QUESTION IN TURKEY.

Constantinople, Jan. 18.—There is grave trouble in sight between Turkey and a number of the world powers on the question of foreign schools in the Sultan's country.

Schools, whose pupils are wholly native, have been forced to submit to government supervision amounting to control, and now a vigorous campaign is being waged against those institutions engaged in part or entirely in the education of foreigners.

Sincerity is to speak as we think, to do as we pretend and profess; to perform and make good what we promise; and really to be what we would seem and appear to be.—Archbishop Tillotson.

CHORAL SOCIETY VISITED DUNCAN

Repeated Concert Recently Given Here to a Delighted Audience Last Night

The Choral Society's Duncan concert was given last evening and proved an unequalled success. Sixty-five persons left Victoria on a special train at 6 o'clock with twenty visitors and duly arrived at Duncan at 7:30, supper, for those who had been unable to get something to eat before leaving.

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ROOSEVELT MAY VISIT PROVINCE

Former President Has Long Contemplated Hunting Trip in British Columbia

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, Jan. 18.—It is more than likely that ex-President Theodore Roosevelt will visit British Columbia in the near future.

A Bryan Williams, the provincial game warden, said yesterday that he was writing letters to the mighty hunter, which he hoped would result in a long contemplated visit being paid.

When Mr. Roosevelt was in England on his way back from South Africa, he saw the big game that had been shot by Mr. Graham of Sussex in this province. The ex-president declared that the "big" was the finest he had ever seen made on the American continent, and expressed a keen desire to come up here and try himself.

WEST VIRGINIAN SENATORS FLEE

Fifteen Republicans, Take Refuge in Ohio—More Trouble is Feared

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 18.—Declaring their absence from the West Virginia legislature is due to a desire to avoid such a tragedy as occurred in Frankfort, Ky., when Governor Geesb was slain, the 15 Republican senators who fled here, yesterday announced that they would remain in Ohio during the whole 45 days of the legislative session.

NOVA SCOTIA SUFFERS FROM COLD WAVE

Twenty-Two Below Zero on Citadel Hill—Incoming Vessels Coated With Ice

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 18.—Not for thirty-five years, when Halifax harbor was frozen over and the mail boat from England had to force her way through ice inches thick, has Nova Scotia experienced such bitter weather as has held this city and province in its grasp for the past 48 hours.

NEW CLUE AT LADYSMITH

Ladysmith, Jan. 18.—The club rooms of the athletic and social club recently formed are being fitted up. The electric wiring and electric fixtures have been installed and the stove for the reading room has been put up.

CIVIC YEAR PROSPEROUS.

Jan. 18.—At the final meeting of the city council the reports of the heads of the different departments were read. The affairs of the municipality are in a flourishing condition, and most satisfactory progress was made in every department during the past 12 months. The city has been remarkably free from serious fires, only 17 being reported, with a loss aggregating \$4,838.

SENATOR LODGE RE-ELECTED.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 18.—Henry Cabot Lodge was to-day re-elected to the United States senate, winning out despite the hardest fight of his political career, in which the personal animosity of Governor Eugene N. Foss and the ambitious efforts of Congressman Butler Ames were the backbone of a most bitter opposition.

WAR EAGLE TO SHIP.

Phoenix, Jan. 18.—The Phoenix Amalgamated (War Eagle) mine will enter the regular list of Boundary ore shipments next month. The mine is ready to ship, the tramway and ore bunkers having been put in shape, but a slight delay will be occasioned by the C. P. R. spur requiring to be ballasted. However, a construction crew started this work last week and the track will be put in temporary shape until spring, and then rehabilitated.

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Support of the lead poisoning theory regarding Schenk's illness was given by Dr. Epperson Ackerman, called by the defense. He had ordered Schenk to take his meals at the hospital because he was suspicious of the millionaire's home surroundings, he said.

Answering a hypothetical question, Dr. Ackerman said he supposed the defendant first suffered from lead poisoning and afterwards from the administration of arsenic. The small amount of arsenic administered, as a medicine, would not seriously have affected Schenk's health, he said.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 19.—Dispatches fromihuahua, Mex., which are declared to be authentic state, that alarmed by the progress of the Madra revolution in that state, the government has decided to retire Gov. Terrell from office.

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THREE PERISH IN GERMAN SUBMARINE

Remained in Vessel After Other Members of Crew Had Been Rescued

Breiting, Jan. 18.—The captain, first officer and three other members of the crew of a German submarine which sank yesterday, were rescued in the coming tower of the craft.

MADE FINAL PAYMENT.

Nelson, Jan. 18.—With the final payment of \$25,000 made to the original owners, the Mother Lode gold mine, of the property of John McMartin, the Cobalt King, and his associates, this payment was not due till January 21, but in order to save a tree had to deal with the property Mr. McMartin met the bond ahead of time.

NEW U. S. SENATOR.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—John W. Kern, former Democratic candidate for president and the choice of the last Democratic state convention, was elected to the United States senate yesterday.

The threatened attempt of the Taggart machine to disregard the instructions of the convention did not materialize. The complimentary vote of the Republicans was given to Senator Beveridge, whom Kern succeeded.

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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—In the Commons this afternoon A. E. McIghan moved a resolution declaring the time had arrived when there should be a substantial reduction in the duties on agricultural implements. He said that while both parties in the House were agreed on the maintenance of the principle of protection, a reduction on agricultural implements could be effected without injustice to Canadian manufacturers, who were reaping undue profits and that the farmers of the west had a right to expect a lowering of the tariff as soon as any industry was firmly established through protection.

Mr. E. Knowles of Moose Jaw, following, supporting the demand and dealing extensively with the increased prices which western farmers were forced to pay because of the present tariff.

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Friday business is in preparation for Friday evening's meeting of the newly constituted board of works, and the just-installed aldermen at this session will get a comprehensive idea of the nature of the tasks which will confront them throughout the year in respect to local improvements.

FIRE AT TACOMA.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18.—Fire destroyed the fertilizer and manure plant of the Carstons Packing Company last night, entailing a loss of approximately \$50,000.

HOME RULE QUESTION.

Donald MacMaster Speaks at Montreal in British Elections.

THE CZARINA.

Her Majesty Queen Reported to Be in Critical Condition.

ONTARIO COUNTY JUDGE DEAD.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 18.—Judge Johnston, senior judge of the District of Algoma, died here yesterday, aged 62.

"WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—With two alleged "white slaves" held in custody, San Francisco's police authorities have entered upon a crusade with the object of stamping out the traffic in women here.

CONSENTS TO ADDRESS OREGON LEGISLATURE

Joseph Fels, Noted Philanthropist, to Speak on "Problems of Poverty"

Frank I. Clarke, honorary secretary of the local Canadian club, received the invitation this morning that Joseph Fels, the millionaire philanthropist, has consented to accept the invitation which had been extended that he address the club during his forthcoming visit to Victoria.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

In the report of the annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian church inadvertently omitted was the fact that the secretary of the adult Bible class reported that the number in the class is 48, that it is connected with the International Sabbath School Association of America, and the Presbyterian Bible Class Association of Canada from the city of which it has chartered certificates.

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Spokane, Wash., Jan. 18.—As the result of a contest waged by Joseph Plastico, a wealthy Italian citizen, Spokane's so-called anti-alien labor law has run counter to the treaties of the United States with Italy.

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Washington, Jan. 18.—Conditions in the famine districts and refugee centres of the northern part of the province of Anhwei in China are rapidly growing worse according to a cable report received today from Shanghai by the American National Red Cross Society.

RUSSIAN LION PINS

HACKENSCHMIDT WINS FROM GERMAN OPPONENT IN TWO STRAIGHT FALLS

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 18.—In a grappling match which did not end until after 3 o'clock this morning, George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," proved his right to be considered one of the best of the mat artists here, when he defeated Henry Ordemann in a finish match.

AGAIN PREPARED.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 18.—Standing under the shadow of the gallows for the fourth time, Louis Augustine, an Indian youth, sentenced to death for the murder of a Lake county sheriff, was yesterday relieved by Gov. Johnson. In granting a reprieve, the Governor said that the case had been neglected by his predecessor, who had given the time to consideration of ill-timed appointments.

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