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SECRETARY TO THE LABOR COMMISSION

DEPUTY MINISTER LEAVES FOR COAST WEDNESDAY

The Redistribution Bill Again Before
Commons—The Lieut.-Governor
of Ontario.

Ottawa, April 14.—Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, who has been appointed secretary of the commission to enquire into labor troubles on the Pacific coast, will leave for Victoria tomorrow.

Sir Oliver Mowat.

Mr. McLean (East York) once more brought to the attention of the House the condition of Sir Oliver Mowat. He repeated what he had already said on the subject, and argued that owing to the present condition of affairs in the province, the government should appoint a Lieut.-Governor, who was properly able to discharge his duties. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had nothing to add to what he had already said. Sir Oliver had written him, Laurier, that he was able to discharge his duties, and until the Premier found differently he was bound to believe this.

Kettle Valley Road.

Mr. Hyman, in the absence of Mr. German, introduced a bill respecting the Kettle Valley railroad.

Redistribution.

The redistribution bill was taken up on its second reading today. R. L. Gordon proceeded to argue that the bill was not the same as that proposed by Mr. Borden in 1884; it was not the same as Laurier suggested in 1892, nor was it the same as the Premier mentioned in 1890, when the termination of constituencies was left to the judges. However, the bill might or might not be a fair one. He would like to see the details before being committed to it. So far it was merely a skeleton that was before the House. Mr. Borden synthesized a little with the position taken by the province of New Brunswick in fighting against the decrease in that province. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the case would be submitted to the court at once, and a decision got as early as possible.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Indianapolis Attorney Lost His Life While Trying to Save Others.

Indianapolis, April 12.—Nathan Morris, an attorney and Frank Haas, were burned to death today, and Mrs. Joseph Haas, Miss Belle Haas, Miss Rose Haas, Louise Haas and Grace Lemon, a governess, were injured by fire that almost destroyed the house of Dr. Joseph Haas.

The fire started from the furnace. The family was asleep on the second floor. Mr. Morris was a brother of Mrs. Haas. From the position of his charred body when found it was evident Morris was trying to get the family out of the room when overcome by smoke and flames. The body of Frank Haas and the unconscious governess were found on the back stairs.

Louise Haas broke her leg by jumping from a three-story window.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWO.

Mrs. Mary Roll, a Centaurian, Passes Away at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 14.—Mrs. Mary Roll is dead at the age of 102 years. She is survived by three daughters, forty-eight grandchildren and ninety great-grandchildren. She came here from Dayton, Ohio, and was the first white woman born in that city.

SOLDIERS IN FREIGHT.

Combatants Were Separated By Armed Forces—Several Men Severely Injured.

Pekin, April 12.—A bar-room row today between German and Austrian soldiers culminated in a street fight, in which fifty men on each side were engaged. Bricks, clubs and knives were used. A great crowd of Chinese witnessed the affray. Finally a company of German infantry, with fixed bayonets, and a patrol of Austrian troops, separated the combatants and cleared the street. Several of the Germans and Austrians who took part in the disturbances were so severely hurt that they were taken to the hospital. Both of the fighting contingents will be confined to barracks for a fortnight.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

The Lieut.-Governor of Ontario Continues to Improve.

Toronto, April 15.—Sir Oliver Mowat had a good night's rest, and continues to improve. He shows marvellous vitality.

STRIKE AT END.

Meeting of Dutch Labor Organization Decide to Call It Off.

Amsterdam, April 13.—The strike has collapsed. The aged Socialist leader, Domela Nieuwenhuis, who emerged from his retirement in order to run the strike agitation, was present at a stormy meeting of the labor organization, which sat during the whole of last night and until half-past eight o'clock this morning. He proposed to terminate the agitation since the cause of labor had been betrayed. The meeting acquiesced in this view, and decided not to elect a new strike committee. A similar decision was reached at a recent meeting at Rotterdam.

MORGAN AND HILL.

Conference at New York; But Result Is Not Known.

New York, April 13.—J. P. Morgan was in conference this afternoon at his office with President J. J. Hill, of the Northern Securities Company, and chairman of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads. The conference was reported to have some bearing on the decision in the Northern Securities case, but no confirmation is obtainable, as those present at the conference declined to talk for publication.

PRINCE ASSISTANT TO THRONE.

A Papal Office and Side Light on Its History.

Those who read the simple announcement that Prince Orsini has retired from the office of prince assistant to the Papal throne, in favor of his son, little know the story of history and interest behind the notice, says a Rome despatch.

In Rome, there are now but three of the old papal houses—the Cretani, and the Orsini and Colonna. The two latter were the great disturbers of the peace of Rome for centuries, and so great was their struggle for predominance, that they even quarrelled on the steps of the Papal throne itself as to which should have the precedence. Pope Julius II, in the beginning of the sixteenth century, to bring peace and settle the dispute for all time, created the head of each house assistant to the throne, the office to pass from father to son, but unfortunately, he forgot that there is a right and a left hand, and that the latter is not equal to the former. So the warring went on, until it was decided that they should take the respective right and left, which is the custom to this day. This peace between the Colonna and Orsini was commemorated with medals and money, on which a bear (Orso) was depicted embracing a column (Colonna), the respective coat-of-arms of the two families. Many other noble Roman houses have tried very hard to have the coveted office; but it is hereditary, and if given to another would lose all character.

Now the two families are the best of friends, and often, over a glass of wine, fight the battles of other days, in which neither can claim to have really beaten his adversary.

LOUBET WELCOMED.

Thousands Thrang Streets of Marseilles to Receive the President of France.

Marseilles, France, April 13.—President Loubet arrived here to-day from Paris on his way to Algeria, after receiving continuous ovations along the route. The President's party was met by the civil and military authorities, and was escorted to the prefecture, where an official reception was held. A crowd, estimated to have numbered 300,000 persons, packed the thoroughfares and gave the President an enthusiastic greeting, cries of "Long live Loubet" and "Long live the Republic" being heard on all sides. A grand banquet at the bourse followed the reception. During the day M. Loubet made several short speeches, mainly impressive of his study Republicanism.

Only minor disturbances were reported. This was between a group of Socialist agitators and a number of adherents of the army. Blows were exchanged, and the police interfered. Six persons were injured, three of them rather seriously. This was chiefly due to the denseness of the crowds, and interrupted the popular demonstration to the President.

A disorderly demonstration occurred on the route of procession, when a mob of anti-government radicals, called "Down with Pape Masonry," threw stones and made.

During the ceremonies at the prefecture, the Bishop of Marseilles, M. Loubet, and spoke of the irreproachable conduct of the clergy of this city. He said they regarded religion as being necessary to the greatness and security of the country. The President, in response, said the church had a mission of peace, fraternity and reconciliation. When it fulfils its mission, as did the clergy of Marseilles, the church gains the respect of all good citizens.

RATES TO DAWSON.

Vancouver, April 14.—The White Pass tariff issued to-day makes sweeping reductions in the rates to Dawson. It is a joint agreement between the railway company and the steamship lines. Freight in less than carload lots can this year be shipped from here to thirteen per cent. cheaper than carload lots were last year. The reduction on carload lots is from fifteen to twenty per cent.

SHAMROCKS AGAIN TEST THEIR SPEED

A RUN TO LEeward AND BEAT BACK HOME

Start Was Delayed Owing to a Slight Defect in Cup Challenger's Gear.

Weymouth, Eng., April 14.—A race of 16 miles to leeward from off Weymouth and a beat back, was laid out for the Shamrocks to-day. Shortly after leaving their moorings a weak spot developed in the cup challenger's gear. When the boats got outside the shelter of the breakwater the wind came in hard gusts and the yachts seemed to have all they could stagger under, and required an occasional luff up to ease them. The strain found a weak spot in the peak halyard gear of Shamrock III. A man was sent aloft and on his report the yacht fetched into sheltered water and anchored. All her sail was also dropped on deck. Shamrock I was also anchored and dropped her head sails.

The wind subsequently softened and the boats were sent off on a trial spin to leeward and return.

It was shortly after one o'clock when the boats started, the Erin going ahead to log off the course. During the first five miles the challenger, Shamrock I, under the same name, was maintained on the first turn, where the timings were: Shamrock III, 2:24:03; Shamrock I, 2:25:23.

As the Shamrocks went about for the beat home they met bigger seas than the challenger had ever previously faced. She took them smoothly and well, however, and a couple of short tacks sufficed to convince those on board that she could easily out-sail Shamrock I under these conditions. Shamrock III, then bore away and ran back for a fresh start. She came about on the weather beam of Shamrock I, and they started together on the windward beat. Neither wind nor sea seemed to trouble the challenger. She sailed fast and higher in the wind, making about a quarter of a mile dead to windward in twenty minutes. The captain refrained from pushing his victory home. Even then he scored handsomely, beating Shamrock I over six minutes in an hour's wind work.

The finishing times were: Shamrock III, 3:33:39; Shamrock I, 3:39:42.

ACTIVITY AT CROFTON.

Ore for the Smelter—Loading the Empty Cars With Copper.

Crofton, April 14.—Crofton is very busy with boats coming and going. Twice a week the Transfer comes with 12 cars of coke and coal. The barge Mackenzie has been in with 600 tons of Marble Bay ore, also the Selkirk with 200 tons, mostly high grade, from the same mine. The Transfer brought a load of very inferior coal from Seattle for the Lenora-Mt. Sicker railway, and the unfortunate engineers on the line are entering deep anathemas on the "black metal." The Transfer has gone on to Marble Bay for a load of ore. The Venture is down from Quatsino with a small shipment of some 300 tons from the Comstock, but some of her cargo is picked ore, so what she lacks in quantity she makes up in quality. The Transfer has been in with nine C. P. R. cars of Lome Pine ore from Republic, Wash., and six cars also from Republic are due over the Great Northern via Liverpool.

Four of the empty ore cars are being loaded with copper which is being turned out at the rate of from 50 to 75 bars a day, and these run from 300 to 400 lbs. each in weight.

Owing to repairs to No. 3 locomotive the Lenora-Mt. Sicker mine has ceased shipment from the dump for a few days, but will commence again at the rate of 150 tons a day before the end of the week.

NORTHERN TELEGRAPHS.

Cable From Seattle to Jmeau Will Be in Operation By November.

Seattle, April 15.—Within a month the telegraph system of Alaska will be complete, and probably by November 15th the cable connecting Seattle with Jmeau and the Far North will be in operation, according to General Greely, chief of the United States Signal Corps. The cable ship Bunsen will reach Sitka about June 13th, and after running a cable from Skagway to Haines Mission, will lay the big cable southward 1,300 miles, in two sections to Seattle.

SEVERE WIND STORM.

New York, April 15.—A fierce wind storm from the northeast swept New York early to-day, developing unusual severity after the night's gale. Cold rain fell steadily, the gale blew shoreward to-day, the highest tide known in years, and did much damage along the New Jersey and Long Island coasts. At Rockaway, a large part of the sand beach was cut out and much other damage was wrought.

DOMINION NEWS.

Strike at Montreal Now Appears Inevitable—Locomotive Engineers Drowned.

Montreal, April 14.—It is now believed that on Thursday or Friday one of the biggest strikes that ever occurred in Montreal, involving about 2,500 carpenters and joiners, will be inaugurated, paralyzing completely the building operations for an indefinite period. This opinion is freely expressed by members of the Brotherhood, who are emphatic in declaring that they will accept nothing less than 22 cents per hour as wages. This is a very strong feeling that the original demand for 25 cents per hour should be adhered to in the event of no settlement. There was a meeting in the Mechanics Institute building of a committee representing the men, and a large number of employers, when the matter was discussed at great length. The best offer the employers would make was a minimum of 20 cents per hour, with an offer to arbitrate the other clause, the board of arbitration to be composed of three members of the union, three employers, and a Superior court judge. The men claimed that they had absolutely nothing to arbitrate, so no decision was reached, and a general strike seems inevitable.

Police Investigation.

This afternoon the report of Justice Curran on the police investigation was received at the city hall. His Lordship condemns the system of dividing among the police liquor seized in disorderly houses; but finds nothing irregular in the matter of police uniforms, the exchange system having been proved to be in existence for several years.

Six Months.

Fortage in Prairie, April 14.—Eadly Stacey, a young Englishman, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the central jail, being convicted on a charge of theft. Stacey, who has been working at Springfield, near Winnipeg, arrived here Saturday and secured a position with the Stacey Bros. Prospect. On Sunday he was missing, and it was also discovered that the collection of West Prospect church, which Mr. Simpson, as treasurer, had put away in the system of dividing among the police liquor seized in disorderly houses, was also gone. Securing assistance, Mr. Simpson gave chase, and captured the culprit, and to-day Stacey was arraigned and found guilty.

Engineer Drowned.

Glouce Bay, C. B., April 14.—Engineer James Parsons, and a 110-ton locomotive went through the swing bridge at Mira last night. It is supposed that Parsons did not notice the bridge was swung. Fireman Dickson jumped, Parsons was drowned in 20 feet of water.

Sir Oliver Mowat.

Toronto, April 14.—At a late hour tonight Sir Oliver Mowat was resting quietly and his condition was favorable.

Strike.

Three hundred and fifty painters and decorators go on strike to-morrow morning. Only 14 voted against strike.

Practically Settled.

Walkerville, April 14.—The strike at the Canadian Bridge Company's works was practically settled this morning.

THE GAMBY ENGINES.

Member For Manitoulin Still Under Cross-Examination.

Toronto, April 14.—At the afternoon session of the Gamey commission, Mr. Johnson, counsel for Hon. J. B. Stratton, did not succeed in eliciting many new facts. Gamey said that during all the time he had conversed with the Sullivan about getting \$5,000, and having the best that could be rendered in support of the proposition. Gamey said he did not want the money himself, but it was important to get it to catch the government. He considered being promised the Sullivan in the matter, and believed it was Mr. Stratton who was behind the Sullivan, from what he had learned from them.

He had been told by Capt. Sullivan that he (Sullivan) went to Attorney General Gibson in the first place and had been turned over to Mr. Stratton. Gamey said he had destroyed the agreement made with Sullivan, because the Sullivan wanted it destroyed. He did this to retain their confidence while working up a case. Gamey said a contract brought the parcel into the smoking room. He looked back and saw the man going out. He had thought this man, who brought the parcel, was Meyers. He understood Sullivan to say later it was Chase.

Chase and Sullivan were asked just upon adjournment of the court to stand up, but Gamey could not identify either last fall. The company agreed to discontinue double-header trains, except on two divisions, where they run on a low tonnage restriction. The increase in pay will affect about 1,400 men, scattered between St. Paul and Duluth, and the Pacific coast.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

London, April 15.—A private cable dispatch received here to-day from a British source at Bogota, Colombia, says the ratification of the Colombia-United States Panama canal treaty is extremely doubtful.

THE GREATEST SURPLUS ON RECORD

CANADA'S FINANCES UNDER LIBERAL RULE

Public Debt of Dominion Will Be Reduced by About Five Million Dollars.

Ottawa, April 15.—When Hon. W. S. Fielding delivers his financial statement to-morrow he will announce the largest surplus for the current year that Canada has had since confederation. It is probable that the surplus in the consolidated fund will be about \$13,000,000, and that there will be a real surplus of about \$5,000,000. In other words, the public debt will be reduced by about \$5,000,000. Only three times since confederation has the public debt been reduced. These were in 1871 and 1882, and 1900. It would not surprise anyone should Mr. Fielding make an argument that by his present financial statement he has succeeded in wiping out all that the present government is responsible for having added to the public debt and that therefore the present administration has succeeded in carrying on the affairs of the country since the inauguration of the Fielding tariff without adding anything to the public debt. Should the finance minister succeed in doing this, it will be good material for the government at the next general election. As for the growth of trade it has simply been marvellous. In 1873 Canada's aggregate trade was \$217,304,000, and in 1895 it was \$218,891,000. The current year will be about double what it was in 1885.

Seeking Amendments.

J. Charlton introduced a bill to-day to amend the act of 1897 to restrict the importation and employment of aliens. In that act it was provided that skilled labor can only be imported for new industries. Mr. Charlton wanted this struck out; that any industry could import skilled labor if such was not obtainable in Canada.

AMERICAN INVASION.

Agricultural Congress Now in Session at Rome Decides to Postpone Any Action.

Rome, April 15.—In the Agricultural Congress, which is meeting here and which is attended by well known European economists, the principal topic to-day was the invasion of European markets by the United States. Alarm at the extent of the invasion was expressed, and it was proposed that the committee of twelve, representing France, Italy, Austria and Germany, be appointed to determine the best way for Europe to fight American competition, but action was postponed at the congress.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Resolution to Be Submitted by the Toronto Board of Trade at Annual Congress.

Toronto, April 15.—The council of the board of trade will submit three resolutions at the fifth congress of the Chamber of Commerce, which meets in Montreal from August 17th to 21st next, favoring a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit to each part of the empire, that Britain's food supply can be safely relied upon by developing the output of her territories, and make her independent of foreign sources by diverting all of her surplus population to the shores of her dominions beyond seas, and also to unify the naturalization laws of the empire.

HEIR TO MILLION.

Young Man Recently Found in Sanitarium Near Paris, Back in United States.

New York, April 14.—Moses Fowler Chase, a wealthy young man of Lafayette, Ind., who recently was found in a sanitarium near Paris by Consul-General Gowdy, reached here to-day on the steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm. A tug met the steamer at quarantine and took Chase to Jersey City. The young man came over under an assumed name and will be met by a number of friends, who were armed with a permit from the collector and accompanied by officers to facilitate the landing. At Jersey City Chase took a train for the west. The young man, who is heir to his grandfather's estate of nearly a million dollars, is said to have been taken abroad some time ago and secreted near Paris without the knowledge of his father.

BACK FROM CHINA.

Naval Officer Does Not Anticipate Any Trouble in the Near Future.

San Francisco, April 14.—Captain Charles H. Stockton, late commander of the battleship Kentucky, has arrived from China on his way to London, where he will act as United States naval attaché to the United States embassy. Speaking of conditions in China, the captain says he does not anticipate any outbreak in the near future, but that when it comes, as he thinks it will eventually, Southern China will be the seat of the disturbance. The Southern Chinese, he says, are the only Chinese who really love fighting for their own sake. Captain Stockton does not anticipate any serious trouble with the Boxers.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Bodies of Two Men Were Frightfully Mangled—Two Others Seriously Hurt.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 14.—Two men were killed and two injured to-day in an explosion of dynamite at the new Mount Washington tunnel of the West Liberty traction railway. A blast had been prepared, but failed to explode and the men returned to ascertain the cause. Suddenly it went off with a terrific report, hurling rocks in every direction. Two men were killed outright, their bodies being terribly mangled. Two others were seriously but not fatally hurt. A number had narrow escapes. The victims, who were Hungarians, were not known by name.

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Sentenced to Death.

Constantinople, April 15.—The Albania soldier who shot M. St. Cherubin, the Russian consul at Matrovia, inflicting a wound from which the latter subsequently died, has been sentenced to death, the Russian embassy here having demanded a revision of previous sentence of 15 years' imprisonment.

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HON. MR. FIELDING'S BUDGET SPEECH

DELIVERED IN FEDERAL COMMONS TO-DAY

Finance Minister Able to Make One of the Most Gratifying Statements Heard at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 16.—Hon. W. S. Fielding arrived in the House to-day at 20 minutes to 4, and a couple of minutes later he was on his feet delivering his budget speech. He started out by saying that Canada was enjoying unexampled prosperity. Two years ago he thought with others that trade would receive a check, but on the contrary business went on increasing, and to-day it was encouraging and satisfactory.

Taking the revenue for the year ending June 30th last, he predicted a surplus of \$5,000,000, but it really reached \$7,291,398, the largest surplus on record. The expenditure had been about the same as he predicted, but the revenue was very much larger, which accounted for the large surplus.

Dealing with the post office department he showed that for the year there was a surplus. If the service of Atlin and the Yukon were included there would be a deficit of \$10,000 instead of \$780,000, as in the last year of Conservative rule.

Coming to the current year, Hon. Mr. Fielding said that he had a still more satisfactory statement to make. Up to April 10th of this year the revenue was \$48,984,128, and last year for the same time the revenue was \$48,169,658, an increase of \$814,467. The expenditure up to April 10th was \$32,870,304, and for the same time last year it was \$31,946,186, an increase of \$924,000. While the revenue increased over \$5,000,000, the expenditure increased by less than \$1,000,000.

He anticipated that at the close of the fiscal year the expenditure would reach \$51,650,000, against an expenditure last year of \$50,759,391, an increase of \$890,608. The revenue, therefore, at the close of the current fiscal year would be \$55,000,000, and expenditure \$51,000,000 (cheers), which would be the largest surplus in the history of the Dominion. (Cheers.)

Taking capital account and adding the expenditure on ordinary account there will still be a surplus of \$5,000,000 left.

There were only four instances since Confederation when the public debt was reduced. During the Liberal administration there was added to the public debt \$2,300,000 annually, while during Conservative rule there was added \$5,500,000 for each of the eighteen years they were in power. (Cheers.) If the past four years were taken into consideration it would be found that the affairs of the Dominion had been administered without adding one cent to public debt.

In regard to tariff changes Hon. Mr. Fielding said that he had only two clauses to offer which would affect the rates in certain directions, and some amendments to the free list.

With these exceptions he proposed to make no changes in the schedule of the tariff rates. What the manufacturers were suffering from was scarcity of labor and want of space to fill orders.

THE SHOOTING OF ROGERS.

Injured Man Died Yesterday Afternoon.—C. P. R. Freight Clerk Is In Custody.

Vancouver, April 16.—James McGregor was arrested this morning charged with shooting Frank Rogers, who died yesterday afternoon. He is a C. P. R. clerk, and was on the train when the shooting occurred. McGregor is alleged to have been searching for an umbrella lost by a non-union man named Armstrong, who had been badly beaten a short time before. The shot was fired from someone where up the wharf, and McGregor is alleged to have cried out that the strikers were after him too. He is then alleged to have been excitedly at the first person he happened to see, who was Rogers. The chief of police is satisfied there was no organized attempt to way-lay Rogers, or any one else. An inquest is being held today.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company announces that hereafter the local rate on canned salmon shipments from the Skeena and other places, heretofore absorbed in the rail shipment from terminals, will be charged in full, the same as other freight.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

In Dublin to Discuss the Irish Land Bill Recently Submitted in Imperial Commons.

Dublin, April 16.—The National convention convened by the United Irish League met to-day in the historic Round Room of the Mansion House here. About 2,000 delegates assembled in the rotunda which was incapable of holding all who had come from every part of Ireland to discuss the Irish land bill. On the platform sat almost every Nationalist member of parliament, with a scattering of prelates. In the body of the rotunda was a gathering seldom equalled in representative capacity. Farmers from Clare, in top boots; laborers from Dublin county; landlords from Cork; and priests from all parts; the latter's sombre clothing and tall hats contrasting pleasantly with the bright homespun apparel of the majority. It was essentially a convention of the soil, but a lighter touch was given by

the presence of the well-dressed women who filled the galleries.

Early in the morning Lord Dunraven, who is simultaneously presiding at a rival meeting of the landlords' committee, sent word to John Redmond, the Irish leader, suggesting that the land conference reconvene on Saturday after the opinion of the National convention on the Irish land bill is known, so that both landlords and tenants may then discuss their mutual objections.

Mr. Redmond will be unable to decide on the proposition till after the proceedings for which a lengthy agenda was provided. They consisted of many proposed amendments to the details of Chief Secretary Wyndham's proposals. The chief movers were Wm. O'Brien and Michael Davitt. The former, while congratulating Ireland on the fact that the British ministry had introduced a bill accepting in principle after centuries of struggle, that the land should be restored to the people of Ireland, urged the delegates to press amendments enlarging the financial scope of the bill. Mr. O'Brien, however, asked the convention to entrust to the parliamentary party the power and responsibility of eventually dealing in committee stage with the amendments. While begging the delegates to let their parliamentary representatives settle the matter, Mr. O'Brien attacked the landlords, Irish judges and British rule with the virulence that always has marked his speeches, to the intense delight of the audience, which he swayed by his eloquence, hissed and cheered alternately.

A motion to reject Secretary Wyndham's Irish land bill as not meriting support was defeated by an overwhelming majority. This ensured the conference approving the bill in principle.

ALLEGED SWINDLER IS IN CUSTODY

WAS ARRESTED IN VICTORIA LAST NIGHT

Will Be Taken to Vancouver to Answer the Charges Laid Against Him.

Vancouver, April 15.—Euphrates, who was arrested in Victoria last night by Detective Perdue, will be brought back to Vancouver to answer charges here in connection with the business he and a partner did with a majority of the largest mercantile houses in town.

Two men are alleged to have worked the advertising scheme, on which they cleaned up from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The merchants who had dealings with the men say they claimed to represent the Canadian Pacific advertising department in the issuing of a fine large shipment of goods. The merchants' desire that they be taken to Montreal, while as a matter of fact the boat was issued from Vancouver, and only a limited number published. Individual merchants paid from twenty to a hundred dollars apiece for advertising, and the scheme was an elaborate one.

TROUBLE ON GREAT LAKES.

Members of Union Will To-Day Decide Question of Accepting Arbitration.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 16.—To-day a vote is being taken at all the ports on the Great Lakes, where there are unions of the marine firemen, oilers and water tenders association.

Secretary Casey of the Firemen's Association said today: "The men are voting simply on the question of arbitrating with the members of the Lake Carriers' Association. The vote is being taken at all ports where there are branches of our association. It will be late in the day before the result will be known. There is no truth in the reports that there seems to be prospect of a speedy settlement of the differences. There will be no truth in them, for the reason that we ourselves don't know how the vote to-day is going. As the matter now stands, the situation is unchanged, except awaiting the outcome of the vote. If the vote is in favor of arbitration, it will be made known; if it is against arbitration, it will be made known. In any event, the men will not return to work until the strike has been settled definitely."

Two men from the steamer Kenearney report that they were held up early to-day, robbed and beaten.

THE GRAND TRUNK.

President Refers to Extension of Line to the Pacific Coast—Annual Meeting.

London, April 16.—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, presiding at a crowded meeting of shareholders to-day, said the financial results of the past half year had been entirely satisfactory, except for the abnormal increase of the working expenses due to the American miners' strike, which had nearly doubled the company's fuel bill, and an increase of \$500,000 in the pay roll, besides the considerable amount expended on new buildings, which was imperative in order to cope with the increasing business of the road. President Wilson also referred to the importance of the projected extension of the Grand Trunk to the Pacific, which will give the Grand Trunk an adequate share of the business arising from the development of the Northwest. The new line ultimately will extend eastward from Quebec, he said. The president's report was approved.

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SIR O. MOWAT'S CONDITION CRITICAL

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER

True Bill Against Directors of Coal Dealers' Association, Charged With Conspiracy.

Toronto, April 16.—At 9 o'clock this morning Sir Oliver Mowat, the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, was sinking, and the end was looked for in a few hours.

Back at Work. Three hundred and fifty painters who went on strike yesterday for 55 cents an hour, have returned to work, the employers having agreed to the demands.

Guilty of Manslaughter. Perth, Ont., April 16.—Aldan Mather, 70 years old, has been found guilty of the manslaughter of his son-in-law, Nelson McWilliams, 32, who died in the town of Carleton Place, on March 22nd, as the result of a drunken row. McWilliams was stabbed with fatal result.

True Bill Returned. Brautford, April 16.—A true bill has been returned by the grand jury at the assizes here in the criminal case of the King vs. Thos. Elliott and directors of the Ontario Coal Dealers' Association, who are charged with conspiracy in keeping up the price of coal during the past winter.

DOCUMENTS NOT READY.

Select Committee Adjourns Until Monday—Opposition Delighted With Prospects.

The members of the opposition party in the legislature are in the best of humor. Wednesday's vote, the first division of the session, marks, they contend, a weakness on the part of the government side which they hardly expected. The Speaker's decision in favor of the administration saved them yesterday, but well informed members of the opposition feel free to prophesy the defeat of the government within a very few days.

In the best of good spirits with the results of the vote, for the House rose yesterday, a coterie of the opposition, accepting the Premier's good fellowship invitation, drank Col. Prior's health as proposed by the mover of Wednesday's resolution without amendment and without division.

The select committee appointed to inquire into the question of subsidies to the Columbia & Western Railroad Company, met Thursday. Reports from the departments concerned in the collection of documents relating to the investigation, contained the information that the clerks were busy on the work, and it would at least be Monday before the work would be completed. The committee therefore adjourned until Monday forenoon.

SEWER EXTENSION.

Work Commenced in James Bay Last Monday—Employment Available For Unemployed.

Work on the extension of the sewerage system of the city as provided for under the Sewer Loan By-Law, ratified by the property owners some time ago, divides commencing to-day. The initial operations in the comprehensive plan contemplated are in progress on Niagara street, James Bay, where about twenty men are engaged. In this connection the British Columbia porters' union has a number of men on the application at the city engineer's office. The wages paid are \$2 per day, forenoon or evening work.

Other work will be conducted in the West end, and at the northern part of the Work estate, and at the northern part of Pandora avenue in the near future. The reason these districts are to be first undertaken is because there is less difficulty to be encountered there. It is hardly likely that more than \$60,000 will be expended in the extension of the system this year with the number of men at present available. At this rate it will be several years before the whole is completed, but the authorities take the view that it is a tonic that is required to give health, vigor and vim. Purgatives irritate and weaken—a tonic medicine invigorates and strengthens. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are absolutely the best tonic medicine in the world. These pills do not gall through the bowels—they gently absorb into the system, filling the veins with the pure, rich blood that carries health, health and strength to every part of the body. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cures skin eruptions, rheumatism, headache, neuralgia, backache, rheumatism, continued weariness and all other blood troubles. They are just the tonic you need for this spring. Mr. A. Campeau, Alexander's Bay, received great benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and take pleasure in recommending them to all who suffer from troubles arising out of a poor condition of the blood. There is no better tonic medicine.

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REMANDED UNTIL SATURDAY.

Case Against a Farm Hand—Several Witnesses Examined.

William Harper, a farm hand, was tried in the Municipal court yesterday on a charge of discharging a gun within the city limits on April 1st.

Fred Pamphlet, a marine engineer, more than he was standing outside Mr. Morrison's house on Garbally road at about 15 minutes to 2 o'clock on the afternoon of April 1st, and he saw Mr. Morrison try to drive his dog back to the house. A man came out from a barn near by with a gun in his hands and shot the dog in the leg, which howled and ran away, while the man quickly stepped back into the barn.

Harper swears he is innocent, and says he was not near the barn at that time, also that he owns no gun nor did he ever fire a rifle in his life.

within easy reach, the case was remanded until Saturday.

SELECT COMMITTEE.

First Meeting on Tuesday—Matters to Come Before It Outlined.

The select committee of the legislature appointed to inquire into the question of a land subsidy to the Columbia & Western Railway Company met on Tuesday. The committee is organized with C. W. D. Cullen, chairman, and H. Helmcken, secretary. The remaining members are A. E. McPhillips, A. W. Smith and R. F. Green.

At the meeting on Tuesday the preliminary steps were taken towards having the documents bearing upon the case produced. John Oliver was present, and pressed for the production of all telegrams, documents and communications between the government and the Columbia & Western Railway Company or any other persons in the matter of granting a land subsidy; and the substituting of a cash subsidy in lieu of a land subsidy.

He also asks for all orders-in-council heretofore issued, or being or to be issued, or maps showing all lands granted to the railway company up to the present time, also showing all land selected by the company or reserved by the Governor-in-Council; also copies of all crown grants issued to Columbia & Western railway, and the date upon which these grants were signed by the Lieut.-Governor; also that Attorney-General Eberhart and Chief Commissioner Wells be examined before the committee.

In discussing the question of what documents ought to be produced, A. E. McPhillips called attention to the fact that all papers dealing with the subject should be forthcoming. It should not be limited to those enumerated by Mr. Oliver. The committee had a duty outside of anything Mr. Oliver said. If he omitted anything in his letter asking for documents the committee had still to see that these should be called for.

It was, therefore, urged that the chairman should call for all papers dealing with the subject since the granting of the subsidy in 1896.

The government will be asked to act on the matter, and in giving these documents ready so that the committee may proceed with their duties when they meet at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

John Oliver did not think it should delay the government long to produce the documents. Her report, if objects aimed at were described as being for the development of the Okanagan by continuing the road to Penticon to meet the Shuswap and Okanagan railroad.

THE COAL SITUATION.

Shipments Arriving From the Sound For Local Use—The Present Supply.

"If Victorians were experiencing a cold snap instead of the fine weather which at present prevails there is no doubt but that many would be short of coal." Such was the remark of one coal merchant on Wednesday. Considerable coal has recently been purchased in Washington, but it is doubtful if a large demand for coal will be made before the market for an adequate supply could be obtained. Most of that now consumed in Victoria is coming from Nanaimo. Comox fuel is not in use for domestic purposes and it is said could not be so employed.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer referring to the situation says: "British Columbia is buying coal in Seattle. The relative attitude of the new loading at the Pacific Coast Company bunkers, will take the first cargo and more will follow so long as the strike of the union miners on the other side of the international boundary line continues. The removal of the tariff on coal by the United States, which was ordered during the great strike in the Eastern anthracite regions, caused a boom in the British Columbia coal business, and for a time the exports from the province were unprecedented."

The Tacoma Ledger says: "The strike on the Canadian side is likely to develop a coal trade between Tacoma and Seattle. The Columbia porters' union of trading steamers say they expect to see heavy shipments made unless the strike is quickly settled. The barge Saddle No. 3 has been in and taken out 251 tons of British Columbia coal. The barge carried off and took off 161 tons for Chematum. The captains of both crafts stated that they expected to be sent right back for another cargo."

A COMMON MISTAKE.

Many People Weaken Their System By Taking Purgative Medicines.

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DELIBERATIONS OF THE PEDAGOGUES

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE NOW IN CONVENTION

Opened on Tuesday Last Under Auspicious Circumstances—President's Address—The Business.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, writing from Revelstoke on the convention of the Provincial Teachers' Institute now in progress there, says:

The annual meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Institute opened on Tuesday, April 14th, in Selkirk hall, Revelstoke. This is the first time in the history of the province that the yearly convention has been held away from the coast cities. To honor the innovation, Revelstoke welcomed the peripatetic pedagogues with King's weather. "The little city is high up among the everlasting hills a gem, it has prospered with large open air, and every Revelstoker is buoyant—'good times' are coming; every man expects to be in it."

For days previous to the formal opening of the Institute an advance army had been placing the exhibit of pupils' work, and the hall was pretty indeed when the president on Tuesday morning called the meeting to order. Walls, every available inch of them, tables, shelves, stands, like the wedding feasts of the orthodox, "groined with intellectual, which spoke of work done squarely and unswayed days. And there was a diversity of it, ranging from the wooden spoons and towel-racks of Mr. Dummell's department, to D'Oyly's of the Vancouver experts and the wonder of glass was broken, and then the point of view of the local kiddies at least, there were other exhibits than those prepared with malice aforethought. Wait for the morning mail in the post office you scribble heard one little girlie of 8 or 9, who was punning her small brother behind her in a wagon, call out to a chum across the street, "Hi, Jimmy, are yer goin' down to the hall to look at the teachers?" Her report, if one could get it, would surely be worth publishing.

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B. S. McDonald (Ladner), Paul Murray (Maple Ridge) and W. N. Winsby (Victoria).

It was moved by Mr. Brandon, and seconded by Mr. Lovering: "That a committee of Kootenay teachers be appointed to nominate officers for the Provincial Institute of 1908, which will in all probability meet in the latter part of the year."

This motion called forth a lively discussion, in which the superintendent of education, Inspector Wilson, Stewart and Buchanan took part. The feeling of the meeting was that the coast teachers could be depended upon to recognize Kootenay needs in the matter of representation, and the motion was lost.

On motion of Inspector Wilson, it was decided to hold the convention of 1904 in Vancouver.

Miss A. D. Cameron brought up a matter of very close interest to the coast teachers, in asking this question: "In the event of a teacher's attending the Provincial Institute, and the trustees deciding to keep that class open, on whom devolves the responsibility of paying the substitute?" Mr. Robinson replied that in the case of such a teacher, most certainly the teacher could not be required to pay the substitute. This decision will give the teachers of the province a more assured feeling, and will undoubtedly give a larger number of students at succeeding Provincial Institutes.

LEGAL NEWS.

Mr. Justice Martin Disposes of a Number of Applications in Chambers.

Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following applications in Chambers on Wednesday morning:

Gillies vs. E. & N. Railway Company.—The application by defendants for security for costs was granted for one month, plaintiff being ordered to file an affidavit as to state of his health, and all proceedings being stayed in the meantime. Costs reserved. A. P. Luxton for plaintiff, H. B. Robertson contra.

Monteith vs. Johnson et al.—An order for amendment of statement of defence was granted. S. P. Mills, K. C., for plaintiff, J. H. Lawson, Jr., contra.

Re W. A. Anderson, winding-up.—Liquidator's remuneration was fixed at \$200, on application by A. D. Crease.

ON TUESDAY AT THE TEMPLE

On Tuesday at the Temple, British Columbia, the British Government is preparing for a general uprising of the Albanians in Macedonia.

Constantinople, April 16.—It is now understood that the commission sent by the Sultan to appease the Albanians failed to secure their adhesion to the royal scheme for the future, except on the conditions that the Albanians be allowed to choose their own governor and civil officials, and that other minor concessions be granted them. The Porte has decided to establish a military camp at Berrisovitch, and has ordered nineteen battalions to concentrate there in view of the possible eventual operations against the Albanians.

Great uneasiness has been aroused in Turkish government circles by the reports that the Bulgarians in Macedonia are preparing for a general uprising of the Albanians in Macedonia. The Sultan has decided to send a commission to the Balkan peninsula, and Serbia must be ready to strike at the proper moment.

His Majesty also congratulated himself on the fact that his baroness, Queen Draga had met with the approval of the people. Referring to recent proclamation, the King said: "Serbia had not time for experimenting, and he had left on the contrary, to reorganize the constitution to its original condition."

ACCUSED OF BIGAMY.

Soldier of Work Point Creates a Sensation—Said to Have Several Wives.

Among the passengers who left this city early Wednesday morning was Sgt. McIntosh of the Royal Engineers of Work Point. The sergeant is on route for the Old Country, leaving behind a reputation which during the past few days has been considerably blackened. It is charged that the soldier is a bigamist of the first class, and that a Victoria girl was among his unfortunate dupes.

The matter has not been before the courts for the reason that there is no direct evidence at hand to show that he was married in England as charged, but the circumstances were sufficient enough to warrant an enquiry and to place the sergeant in an extremely unfavorable light among his soldier companions and others who have heard him.

Sergeant McIntosh came here several years ago with a lady, who it is said was his wife. She lived here for a time and subsequently moved to Vancouver, being induced to take up her residence in the Terminal City, so it is reported. She had several children, and recently, however, he began paying attentions to a young lady employed in a dry goods store in the city, and some time ago they were united in marriage by Rev. W. Leitch. The matter was reported to the provincial and city police several evenings ago, but as before stated no action was taken. There is apparently no evidence available to prove that the sergeant was married in England, although there seems little doubt that he was. The authorities may, however, try to fasten the crime upon him, in which event he will be held up before he reaches the Atlantic.

GOVERNOR OF FINLAND.

Prince Obolensky Will Probably Succeed Gen. Bobrikoff.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—It is announced that General Bobrikoff will shortly resign the governor-generalship of Finland. It is probable that his successor will be Prince Obolensky, governor of Kharkoff.

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Makes New Shoes Easy

A Foot Elm powder shaken in a new shoe, makes it fit as easy and comfortable as an old one. It prevents "drawing" of the leather and pinching of the foot. Besides this it adds fifty per cent to the life of the shoe. Try Foot Elm. The next pair of new shoes you buy. Price 25 cents a box of 18 powders at druggists or by mail. V. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

THE MACEDONIAN RISING ABANDONED

TO BE CONTINUED

The Uncertain Attitude of Albanians and Strength of Turks Cause Change in Leaders' Plans.

London, April 16.—The Times London correspondent at Sofia, Bulgaria, telegraphs that the Macedonian insurgent leaders have resolved to abandon the intended general insurrection during the present year, but they will continue guerrilla operations, intercepting communications, blowing up bridges, etc.

This resolution taken by the Macedonian leaders, explains the correspondent, appears to be due to the overwhelming strength of the Turkish army, the improbability of receiving aid from without or European intervention unless wholesale massacres were perpetrated, and also the uncertain attitude of the Albanians, it being feared that the Albanians might become reconciled to the Turks and join in the extermination of the unbelievers.

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—Henry Pike, of the Highland district... was in the city Tuesday. He says that... there has been considerable crowd... shooting going on in spite of the close... season. The provincial police have been... informed and will use every endeavor... to put a stop to it. It is possible that... account those who have been breaking... the game laws.

—A carload of shade trees has been... shipped to Nanaimo by the Lauritz... nurseries of this city. They consist... of English oak, elm, ash, linden, acacia... Norway maple, catalpa, birch, julip... pine, etc., 2,200 altogether, and will... be placed in the New Vancouver... companions, and then...

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—The annual convention of the Pro-... vincial Teachers' Institute was opened... at Revelstoke at 10 o'clock this morning... The programme for to-day is as follows:... 10 a. m., president's opening address;... enrollment of members; general business;... election of officers. Two p. m., "Draw-... ings—Use of the Authorized Books," D... Blair, "Geography of British Columbia,"... A. Sullivan, "Seventy-five years' rec-... ord of visiting teachers by Revelstoke... city teaching staff; addresses of welcome... will be given by the board of school... trustees and the mayor. During the evening... the address on "Pacific Coast History,"... illustrated by 200 lantern slides, will... be given by R. E. Gonnell. As will...

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 8th to 14th April, 1903.

The weather during the past week has been unusually cool over this northern portion of the Pacific slope; showers have been frequent and furies of snow have occurred, especially on the higher lands of Vancouver Island. Sharp frosts have been reported on several mornings and vegetation in consequence has been retarded. During the first three days of the week low pressure areas from the ocean occupied the province, causing in their movements showery and unsteady weather. In Cariboo temperatures were low and some three inches of snow fell. On the evening of the 10th, the barometric pressure increased from California, northward to Vancouver Island and rain again fell in this lower section of the province; the high area centred in Oregon and Washington and fairer weather followed. On the 12th, the pressure again fell in advance of an ocean disturbance which passed off our Coast, causing straggling weather; this, however, rapidly passed away, and the week closed with brighter and more springlike weather west of the Cascades. In the Northwest low pressure areas from the ocean have traversed the province, but in Manitoba high pressure has been continuous during the week; precipitation has been light, a few showers and occasional snowfall, but on the whole temperatures have been moderate and the weather not unseasonable.

At Victoria, 35 hours of bright sunshine were registered; highest temperature, 53.5 on 12th; lowest, 31.2 on 11th; rain, 0.34 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 52 on 12th; lowest, 26 on 10th; rain, 0.22 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 54 on 12th; lowest, 26 on 10th; rain, 0.86 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 42 on 12th and 13th; lowest, 4 on 10th; snow, 3 inches.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 34 on 14th; lowest 18 below zero on 8th; no precipitation.

On Tuesday at the Temperance hall, Cedar Hill, a most enjoyable dance was held under the auspices of the Dramatic Club of that district. There was a large attendance. Music was supplied by Messrs. Wheeler and Fawcett. Refreshments were served about midnight and the dancers dispersed in the early hours of the morning.

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—The Sisters in charge of the Proce- gratefully acknowledge the following donations and wish to thank the kind donors: Mrs. Bains, \$5; Mrs. Beaumgard, 1 box of fish; Mrs. Allen, eggs, sugar and jam; Mrs. Johnston, fish; Mrs. Fee, eggs; Mrs. McTiernan, clothes; Mrs. Keast, eggs and...

—Henry Pike, of the Highland district, was in the city Tuesday. He says that there has been considerable crowd shooting going on in spite of the close season. The provincial police have been informed and will use every endeavor to put a stop to it. It is possible that account those who have been breaking the game laws.

—A carload of shade trees has been shipped to Nanaimo by the Lauritz nurseries of this city. They consist of English oak, elm, ash, linden, acacia, Norway maple, catalpa, birch, julip pine, etc., 2,200 altogether, and will be placed in the New Vancouver companions, and then...

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—C. W. Minor's Rex Montez was pedons at Seattle, Wash. John Turner, the handler, found it in the cold and sticky, and immediately informed the owner. Restoratives were administered, and with a great deal of effort the dog's life was saved. Rex captured first in puppies at the Seattle show. He was brought over from the Sound yesterday by Mr. Minor.

—Local feed merchants are deploring the fact that there is a great scarcity of hay in the Victoria market. Not only can it hardly be secured in this city, but there is none offering for sale on the Fraser or on the Soan. Feed, in Scotland, Tacoma and Portland, the same conditions prevail, and numerous inquiries have been received from these regarding supplies. Locally the price has been advanced from \$14 to \$18 a ton.

—The annual convention of the Provincial Teachers' Institute was opened at Revelstoke at 10 o'clock this morning. The programme for to-day is as follows: 10 a. m., president's opening address; enrollment of members; general business; election of officers. Two p. m., "Drawings—Use of the Authorized Books," D. Blair, "Geography of British Columbia," A. Sullivan, "Seventy-five years' record of visiting teachers by Revelstoke city teaching staff; addresses of welcome will be given by the board of school trustees and the mayor. During the evening the address on "Pacific Coast History," illustrated by 200 lantern slides, will be given by R. E. Gonnell. As will...

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—On Thursday evening at the board of trade rooms the directors of the Provincial hospital will meet. Besides the regular business the special committee which interviewed the Mayor and council regarding the suggestion that the management of the Isolation hospital be taken into the hands of the city by the directors, will report. The meeting will be called to order as usual at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. M. N. A. Cohen, who will leave Victoria in August, is desirous that those who intend taking the course in English literature, which he proposes to give before leaving should see him at once in the matter. The class is now being formed and in order to complete the series of lectures before his leaving they must commence almost at once. All desiring to take advantage of this course are requested to communicate with Rev. Mr. Cohen at the Balmoral hotel.

—Masquerade ball was given Tuesday evening at Semple's hall, Victoria West, under the auspices of the pupils of Mrs. Thiovis's dancing classes. There was a large attendance and a pleasant time was spent by all. An excellent musical programme was given and considerable amusement was provoked by the costumes of some of the dancers. Supper was served at about 12 o'clock. The affair broke up in the early hours.

—Arrangements are about complete for the complimentary benefit entertainment to be given by the Trades and Labor Council to the B. C. S. S. Some of the best talent has been secured, and a first class concert is assured. A massed band comprising all the union musicians in the city and numbering about fifty will be one of the attractions. The entertainment will be preceded by a parade of all unions in Victoria, headed by the union band, terminating at the Victoria theatre in time for the concert. Ladies are cordially invited to attend as a treat is promised.

—M. O'Keefe, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the fine new headquarters building to be erected for the Chinese Reform Association in Vancouver at a cost of \$10,000. The building is a handsome one of stone, and is 100 feet long by 27 feet wide. The lower story is devoted to stores, the second to the public hall and committee rooms and school, while the third story embraces a billiard room, billiard parlour and reception hall. The contract for the site lay between Vancouver and Victoria, but Nanaimo and Westminster Chinese threw their vote with Vancouver, thus assuring the location there.

—The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held their annual meeting for the election of officers on Monday. After the reports of the various officers, with the exception of the first vice-president's report, which was absent, had been submitted and accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded them for their services to the league during the past year, the following new officers were elected: President, W. M. Ritchie; first vice-president, A. C. Charleton; second vice-president, Miss Monteith; third vice-president, T. W. MacLennan; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Dalrymple; secretary, Miss Foxall; treasurer, Miss Taylor; reporter, E. B. Jones; organist, Miss Bailey.

—The sad news has been received in this city of the death at sea of Purser Harry Bellemaire of the Canadian-Australian liner Miowera. The news of his demise will be received here with much regret, as he was a very popular and well thought of by all who knew him. The Miowera is due to reach this port on Thursday from Sydney. According to the advices received the deceased was the victim of a fatal appendicitis shortly after the vessel left Melbourne on March 28th. Despite the care and attendance of the ship's doctor, he succumbed to the disease on April 5th, when the steamer was between Suva and Honolulu. The remains were buried at sea. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his untimely death. His brother, Frank Bellemaire, is purser of the Aorangi of the same line.

—The sterling head of the Mining Association, John Keen, has received for the conciliation committee the following tribute from H. Tonkin, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, an expression which all who have followed their work will heartily endorse: "On behalf of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company I wish to tender my sincere thanks for the splendid work done by your conciliation committee during your recent visit to Fernie, as I feel confident that without the aid of this committee the coal mines of this company would have been idle for a longer period than they actually were. The work as performed by the conciliation committee was very satisfactory indeed to the company and myself, and I certainly feel that very few committees could have handled the matter with the fact as demonstrated by you, and leave with you good feeling that certainly prevailed during your visit."

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ance gave a direct promise that he would make provision for this. He was glad that annual tax sales were to be initiated. The whole reason for these not having been introduced before seemed to be that it was pointed out to the government that a voter could not against the government if his lands were put up for sale. And so Mr. Turner conceived the idea that tax sales should not be held. The system had been continued.

"It was continued in your time," said Mr. McBride. "Well, I wasn't long in power, and did not know of it," replied Mr. Martin. He was glad that the system of annual sales were now to be introduced in all countries. He referred to the "pull" which the Toronto Lumber Company had on the government, which amounted to a scandal. He did not believe in giving this company any advantage over the poor prospector. This company urged only that they had had poor luck. Yet they would not part with their property for half a million dollars. The government preferred to let these men leave their taxes unpaid rather than see the lands worth half a million. There were other grievances. It was said that the better off men were the less taxes they paid. Instructions were sent to government officials charged with assessing ordering them to limit the taxes on certain lands.

Mr. Prentice said no orders-in-council had ever been issued along this line. Mr. Martin said it occurred nevertheless. The member for Southeast Kootenay could hear of it on where by his district orders were issued that the defenceless C. P. R. had had its tax reduced, no doubt at the suggestion of officials of that company. He wanted the charges for advertising reduced. He was glad the Minister of Finance had made a move in the direction of redressing abuses. He would assist the government in the further redressing of these.

The bill passed the second reading. The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock to-day.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Prayers were read at the opening of Rev. W. Leslie's services. A petition was presented by Mr. Neill from residents of Alberni in connection with the sale of timber leaseholds of the British Columbia Lumber Company for arrears of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Neill the document was received and ordered to be printed.

The private bills committee presented three reports, which were received and dealt with in the usual way. These reports were on the Morrissey, Fernie and Michel railway bill; the Quatsino Railway Company's bill; and the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway bill. In connection with the latter it was ordered that the petition be amended to conform with the usual notices.

Mr. Houston presented petitions for the incorporation of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay, and for the incorporation of the Flathead Valley Railway Company.

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Upon taking up the motion of Mr. Curtis: "Resolved, that it is in the interest of good government that there should be a dissolution of the legislature, and an appeal to the electorate immediately after the close of the present session."

The speaker, after stating the objections raised by Hon. Mr. Prentice and Premier Prior, said he did not believe that rule 45 applied to this as a vote of want of confidence would, according to that way of thinking, be ruled out of order.

Upon the ground that it encroached upon the rights of the crown he would not agree to either. The right of the Commons to approach the crown had always remained undisputed. It was an expression of opinion in which the legislature was within its right.

Smith Curtis, in speaking to the motion, said that the usual order was that a parliament should be elected every four years. With a session each year this meant four sessions in the life of a parliament. Four sessions had been held and, therefore, there should be an appeal to the country.

The continued passing of members from the opposition to the government side also prompted him in wishing the public to be appealed to. The country was anxious for an appeal. He hoped to see the country divided upon party lines at the next election. The allegiance to party or the free of public opinion would compel them to remain stable after being elected.

He favored the session being completed as quickly as possible. He was not in favor of this government remaining in power, if another government were put in its place the estimates should be passed by the new government before an appeal to the country.

Premier Prior contended that Smith Curtis was not consistent. He regarded this resolution as a direct vote of want of confidence. He wished the House to regard it in that way. The Lieutenant-Governor was the source from which dissolution should arise. He did not intend to be dictated to as long as he was in power by a minority of the House. He might lose power by this, but he did not intend to lose his self-respect.

Hon. Mr. W. E. Acland said it seemed to be an extraordinary motion to put in the House. There was a more straightforward way of showing lack of confidence in a government by a straight vote of confidence vote. This was a motion expressing approval of the government's work. If the ministry was considered fit to conduct the affairs of this country until the close of the present session was not it to administer affairs for another session?

The government had not lost the confidence of the country. It was not shown by the bye-elections. In the three elections only the small total majority of 47 members was given to the opposition. While the country did not show lack of confidence, the House certainly did not. The opposition did not dare to consent to a straight vote of want of confidence and an appeal to the opposition benches. There was no other cohesion among them.

"Why did you go over to the government side was it not to get into office?" asked Mr. Curtis. "I came over for a quick measure there are no opposition

side from getting the control of the affairs." The government intended to remain in power until at the polls they were shown they had not the confidence of the people. Not till then would they relinquish power.

Mr. McBride was surprised that the Provincial Secretary should take consolation out of the bye-elections. Government had a peculiar advantage in such elections, and yet this ministry was defeated in a majority of them. There were four members of the opposition in whom they had every confidence joining the government side.

Referring to the efforts put forth by the members of the government to get a candidate in West Yale, he said, the Premier and the Provincial Secretary reversed the constituency. Mr. Clapper was implored to run. The greatest efforts were made to get a candidate, but finally they went into Lillooet and got Dr. Sanson in a weak moment—a very weak moment—to become their candidate.

Then the speaker went into the bridge building promises made by members of the government in that constituency to win the election. There were to be four bridges built in West Yale, he said.

Mr. Eberts—"Oh, more than that." Continuing, Mr. McBride said that before election all the members of the government went into West Yale. The Premier was represented as the executor of the people's will. In spite of all the efforts Mr. Semlin, though not in the best of health, won easily, his opponent barely saving his deposit. He recalled also the nursing of North Victoria for a year and like the Premier who spoke very much like him. Yet the government candidate was defeated there also. In North Nanaimo there were reasons for the victory of the Provincial Secretary. The candidate against him was a Socialist, which made him unpopular.

Beyond the time for passing of the estimates and necessary legislation he did not think there was need of a longer continuation of this parliament. The people wanted an election.

On two occasions in West Yale in the presence of the speaker the Premier stated that he had a promise from the Lieutenant-Governor that in the case of defeat he could leave a general election.

Premier Prior—"I said no such thing." John Oliver—"I heard him say so." Mr. McBride said he must accept the Premier's statement, but added: "Well, a gentleman who looked very much like the Premier, and spoke very much like him, stated that he had such a promise." There was a redistribution measure on the statutes which was another reason for this election.

Mr. Rogers said that the West Yale election was one of personalities and not the question of government and opposition. He was not so sure that had he been in the riding that he would have voted against Mr. Semlin.

Mr. McPhillips resented the "heroic" remarks of the Provincial Secretary, that member of the government had said that there were no members on the opposition side who were fit to occupy office. The Provincial Secretary even followed the member for Vancouver (Mr. Martin) as his leader. But now he had forgotten all this. He was led to believe that he was not fit to occupy office. He was led to believe that he was not fit to occupy office. He was led to believe that he was not fit to occupy office.

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John Neill said he could not be pleased with the member for Delta. That member was when first elected a supporter of Mr. Martin, then he supported Mr. Dunsmuir and was now a member of the opposition. He was not a fopper, and would not be such. He would not support foppers. That was why he was going to support the resolu-

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THE CAUSES OF MINE ACCIDENTS

COMMISSION REPORT FULLY ON SUBJECT

Under Various Heads the Precautions Necessary for Giving Increased Safety Are Described.

In their report the commissioners appointed by the provincial government to inquire into mining disasters have gone fully into the various explosions under different heads. The commission consisted of John Bryden, Tully Boyce and P. S. Langman.

It is pointed out that ventilation is probably the most important in connection with coal mining. With the mechanical appliances now in use in the various coal mines of the province, there is no reason why a sufficiently large supply should not be passed through the workings, providing proper attention is paid to the intake and return airways and the law relating to splits is carried out. It appears that the provisions of the rules of the special rules, forbidding the deposit of obstructions and rubbish in the air course and roads, do not meet with the strict observance their necessity calls for.

At some of the collieries the sectional area of the railways was rather contracted for efficient service, but extensive operations were in progress to remedy this defect. The dangerous practice of opening up what may become an extensive colliery with narrow and contracted intake and return airways is deprecated. In extensive mines where mechanical haulage is employed, it would vastly improve the system of ventilation if the intake airway was divided into two parallel drifts or some other means adopted whereby there would be an intake airway independent of the main haulage way.

They recommended that the intake and return air pass through different mine openings; that the natural cross-cutting should separate them rather than the practice sometimes resorted to of having a board partition in the shaft.

While two fans are recommended, it is urged that in cases where this is impossible that there should be two engines, each capable of working the fan on opposite sides.

On the subject of dust, it is pointed out that now when a detected explosive even in the absence of gas.

Professor Galloway, an eminent authority on coal dust explosions, specifies five systems of watering mines, namely: 1. Water tank haulage along the main railways, provided with a pipe pierced with holes; 2. sprays produced from very small nozzles fixed to vertical pipes fixed to a water pipe laid along one side of the haulage way; 3. steam spray in which compressed air is employed for the purpose of pounding the water into very fine particles; 4. a water hose thirty or forty feet long attached at one end to a short stand pipe connected to a water pipe lying along the road; 5. the exhaust steam of a constantly working engine such as the engine of a ventilating fan, introduced into the intake air as it descends the downcast shaft.

Of the different systems most of the witnesses preferred the sprays as mentioned in clause two, and from our personal observation and from the evidence given before us, there seems no reason why such a system should not be adopted without causing any injurious effect to the roadways.

It is recommended that the watering should be carried to and around the working faces. It is at the working faces that a mixture of fire-damp and coal dust in suspension is most likely to be met with, and authorities are agreed, after a series of experiments and demonstrations, that a small percentage of fire-damp, say two per cent, or even less, which of itself is harmless, may, with coal dust in suspension, become highly explosive and especially dangerous in the case of a blow-out shot.

In connection with explosives the report says: "The ordinary black blasting powder now in use is generally admitted to be dangerous under certain conditions. In the coal fields of British Columbia an explosive of some kind is necessary. Where safety lamps are required the use of black powder should be prohibited. The many kinds of safety lamps for getting coal, such as the fine cartridge, compressed air cartridge, wedge, etc., would be useless owing to the nature of the coal seams; it therefore follows that where black powder is prohibited some substitute must be adopted. The government of Great Britain have adopted what is known as a permitted list of explosives, a system which we strongly recommend be introduced in this province. Dynamite should be taken in to the mine in a protected case only, and never when in a frozen condition; it should be wrapped so as to protect it from freezing after being brought in. Thawing in the mine should be strictly prohibited, unless proper appliances are provided for that purpose.

The danger from black powder is referred to. The use of clay or suitable shale for tamping is recommended. The firing of shots by electricity would do much to void danger. In a dry and dusty mine, giving off one shot, safety lamps are necessary, electric appliances such as motors, hoists and pumps should be prohibited.

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It is recommended that the rule with respect to inspection for gas should provide that the examination should be made not more than two and a half hours before the time of the workmen entering and less where deemed necessary. The rule should be applicable to all mines in the province, irrespectively as to whether or not inflammable gas had been found within the preceding 12 months. It should be an offence against the act for a fireman, or any one else, to attempt to remove a body of gas of any quantity by any means other than ventilation. To fully carry out the onerous duties of a fireman it is necessary that he should be

free from physical disabilities, and it is especially necessary that his eyesight should be good, and for this reason it is recommended that the examination of the act (19-01) governing the examinations be amended so that firemen and shot-lighters before being granted certificates of competency be required to furnish the examiners with a certificate from a competent person that their eyesight is in a good condition.

A better lamp for testing gas than that in use is urged. The one in use is useful only in detecting gas to the extent of two per cent.

Some of the safety lamps in use in the province were found to be unsafe. It is recommended that all safety lamps be tested in an explosive mixture before being given out to the workmen.

The report says: "Doubtless there were a few accidents from fire-damp explosions in this province, but in safety lamps were entirely used, but the accidents from other causes would inevitably be increased to such an extent that we hesitate to recommend their exclusive use. We see no reason why with an adequate supply of air properly conducted around the working faces, thorough examinations and supervision by the mine officials, discipline on the part of the workmen strictly enforced, safety explosives only used, roads and airways and working faces kept in a moist condition, that open lights could not be used with comparative safety."

On the question of shifts, three eight-hour ones each day was generally considered unsafe, except in leading places. There was little objection to a second shift, provided the mine was well ventilated. In mines, however, involving large quantities of inflammable gas, and where the coal is of a soft and friable nature, the working of two shifts in succession may be a source of danger.

The panel system is recommended, as it does away with the necessity of so many doors in conducting the ventilating current. Doors on main roads are considered a source of danger, and should be avoided as much as possible.

With abandoned workings where possible, the ventilating process should be used, otherwise secure and airtight stoppings should be erected.

Recommendations made by the commissioners urging stricter examinations for those having authority in the mines, and enforcing exact discipline in the works.

In concluding the reports says: "The conditions which render a mine dangerous may be summarized as follows: "The atmosphere gradually becoming saturated with inflammable gas; sudden outbursts of gas, and dry and dusty roadways, working faces and air passages.

The causes which would create an explosion where these conditions exist are naked lights, defective safety lamps, flame from shots, concussion from blowing out shots or volley firing, accidental ignition of explosives and lightning entering the mine.

"While it is generally conceded that the coal mines of British Columbia generally contain inflammable gas, yet the investigations into the different explosions which have taken place in the past point to the fact that coal dust and not fire-damp was the main factor in those catastrophes. With possibly one exception the gas was working as usual, and according to the reports of the firemen, were practically free from gas, the evidence showing that watering had been done in compliance with the rule in the act governing the same, yet a dangerous condition must have existed or the explosions would not have occurred. This shows that the precautions heretofore taken have been inadequate, but even were all precautions taken it is doubtful if we can ever become entirely free of explosions, and for this reason there are some appliances which we recommend should be provided so that they may be used in case of accident."

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