

EMPIRE BUILDERS ADDRESS CANADIAN CLUB

Earl Grey Gives His Views on Development of the Country---Lord Strathcona Given a Splendid Reception by Gathering.

(From Thursday's Daily.) What may perhaps be described as one of the most notable luncheons ever given in Canada under the auspices of a Canadian Club was that of yesterday at the Empress hotel...

The largest number ever at a luncheon of the club in this city assembled for the occasion, and the reception rendered the distinguished guests was of the most patriotic and warm-hearted character.

Others having seats at the place of honor at the head of the table were: Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. F. J. Fulton, Hon. D. M. Eberis, Bishop Ferrin, His Worship Mayor Hall, W. J. Dowler (city clerk), Sir Edward Clouston (governor general of the Bank of Montreal), C. C. Chipman (chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Co.)

As the governor, accompanied by Lord Strathcona, entered the dining saloon hall the entire company rose and greeted them with tremendous cheers, which continued until they had taken seats.

Mr. McPhillips, in a brief speech, introducing the guest of the day, made an impressive reference to the distinguished list of ancestors who had made the name of Grey famous throughout the Empire. His Excellency, he said, came well-equipped to take up the duties of his high office at Ottawa. He had served in the Imperial House of Commons, afterwards as high commissioner in Rhodesia and in other parts of South Africa, and had thus, before coming to Canada as the King's representative, breathed the ozone of Greater Britain.

Earl Grey has come and gone. He left this morning on the Dominion government steamer Quadra, accompanied by Countess Grey, Lady Sybil Grey, Miss Ewendrick, Lord Leasclaves and one or two other friends. Before leaving he expressed to a Times representative his enjoyment of the visit, and his delight at the cordial hospitality of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, who had entertained them at Government House, and also on board their fine steam yacht the Dolaura.

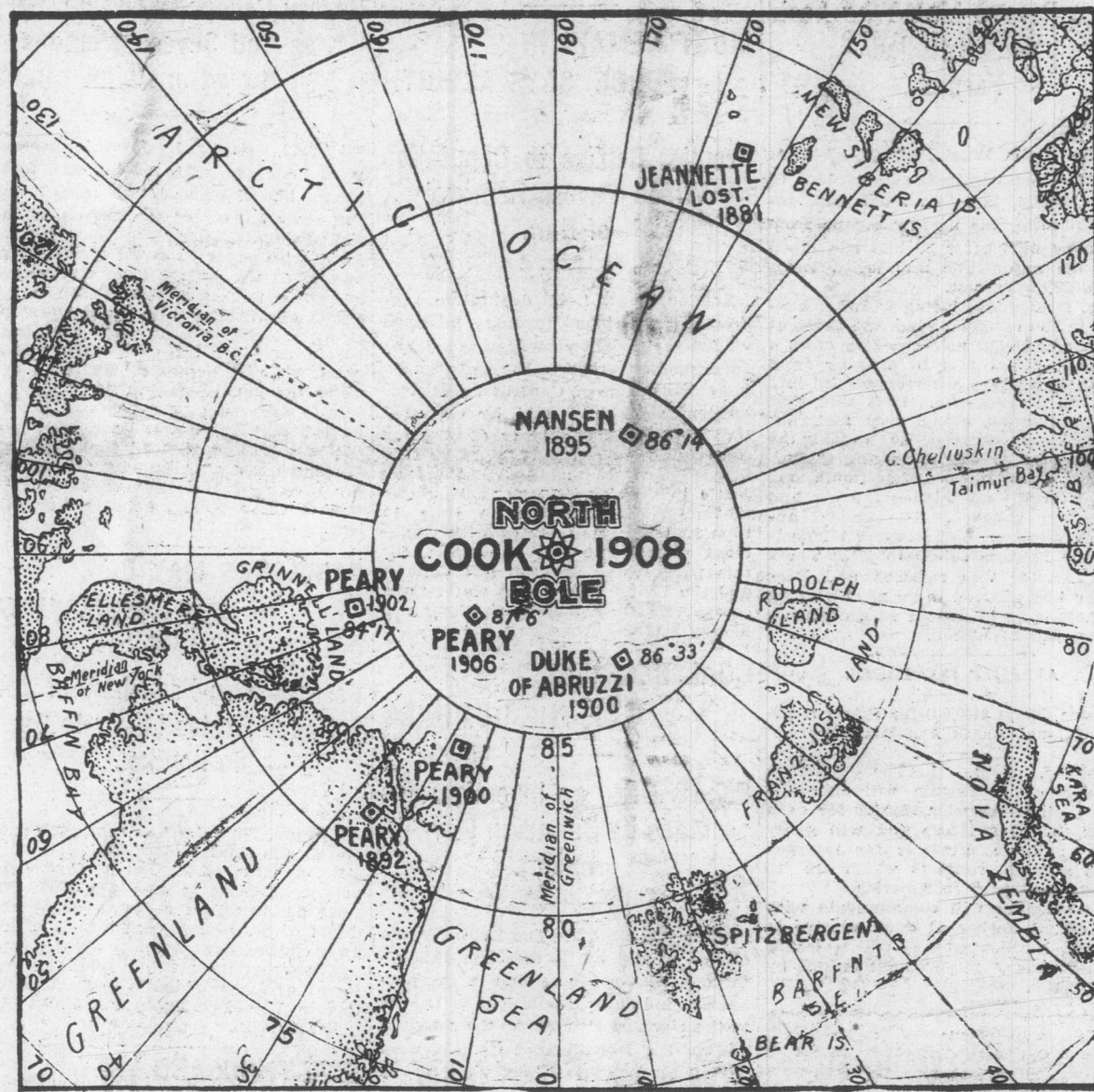
His Excellency took drives through the locality and was particularly impressed with the Gordon Head fruit district through which he passed. He expressed his surprise at the development which had taken place there, and at the splendid homes he saw, which so far outclassed those in most of the other parts of Canada where he had been. Everyone he thought appeared to be doing well.

The visit of His Excellency and party has given great pleasure to all those who have had the privilege of meeting them. To all they will be remembered as having the true courtesy of the English nobleman.

The party was taken to the Dominion government wharf this morning by the Lieutenant-Governor's automobile and was seen off by His Honor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, the Misses Dunsmuir, Premier McBride, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Stewart Williams, Mr. Muskett, and Mr. Bromley. The visiting ladies carried away with them some splendid bouquets of Victoria flowers given by the ladies of the club.

Communication with the stricken section is cut off but before the few wires were torn down by the muddy torrents it was ascertained that enormous damage already had been done and that the flood waters had been and are flooding the whole countryside for miles to-day.

On the question of a university, the high commissioner expressed the hope that a strong university should be established on the coast. He entertains the view that on this coast in Canada there should be developed educational institutions that would make it the Oxford and Cambridge of the coast. He has ideal conditions for a university he acknowledges. His Lordship showed that he had fully considered the whole question of higher education on the coast and realized the need, he said, he noticed that there was a difference



THE POLAR REGIONS. Map Showing North Pole Reached by Cook and High Points Attained by Others.

CANADA WILL DO HER PART AND DO IT WELL

This is Lord Strathcona's Opinion With Respect to the General Defence Scheme of the Empire.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The time of Lord Strathcona while in Victoria has been very fully occupied. When it is considered that the high commissioner is 89 years of age and the amount of business and the many interviews he has to hold are all the more remarkable. His Lordship, however, does not experience the least inconvenience from his advanced years, but on the contrary enjoys every moment of his tours.

After a delightful visit to Victoria he left with his party this afternoon for Vancouver. The high commissioner gave no unmistakable evidence that he had richly enjoyed his visit. "Victoria," he said, "is such a delightful city I spent a most enjoyable afternoon at the garden party at Government House yesterday. There were so many friends whom I had known before. These included old time residents on the coast, Hudson's Bay officials, and besides there were so many that I knew in the east there. Why you seem to have so many from the east living here now."

The development of the west has struck His Lordship as wonderful. He referred to his visit in 1885 to Vancouver when the last spike was driven in the C. P. R. "Why the development in that city is like the work of fairies," he said. "It was then only a hamlet. It is difficult to believe that such a splendid city can have been built in that time."

"With Victoria it is somewhat different. It is an older city. There has been a wonderful development here also. Your streets, however, are not what they should be."

His interviewer suggested as an excuse that the city was in the midst of putting in a new distribution system for water supply to meet the rapidly increasing population, and that this accounted in a large measure for the streets being somewhat worse than they should be.

Lord Strathcona showed at once his intense interest in the affairs of the city by inquiring at once, "Where do you get your water now?" On being informed as to the water situation he expressed the hope that there should be a very adequate supply secured. "That is of great importance. The streets should be put in good shape also. These are matters that a city cannot neglect. They are of the utmost importance."

BOARD OF TRADE MAKES REQUESTS

LORD STRATHCONA RECEIVES DELEGATION Question of University Site Brought Before Visitor To-day.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A committee representing the Board of Trade, University committee and Development Association waited this morning on Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal and C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, and brought to their attention matters which have arisen in connection with the work of these different bodies which have specific reference to the Hudson's Bay Company. The committee consisted of the president of the board, Simon Leiser; His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Justice Martin, His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia, Hon. E. G. Prior and Messrs. F. Norris, T. W. Paterson, John Nelson, C. H. Lugin, J. Jardine, M.P., F. Elworthy, Dr. Watt, Ald. Turner, H. Dallas Helmecken.

President Leiser, on behalf of the Board of Trade, presented the following address: To the Right Honorable Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, G.C.M.G., High Commissioner for Canada:

My Lord.—Representing the Board of Trade and the commercial community of this city, we desire to express our gratification in welcoming you once more to the ancient capital of the Hudson's Bay Company on this coast, where for so long it represented the power and the justice of the British Crown.

When in the course of time the governing powers were restored to the Crown, there still remained the principles of justice and fair dealing which have been at all times the motto of the Hudson's Bay Company, and we hope that those to whom in the future may be entrusted the commercial and industrial development of this country will follow in the footsteps of that great commercial company, believing that true success must be founded on character.

Since the governing powers of the company were restored to the Crown and thereupon conferred on the people, we are pleased to note that the Hudson's Bay Company has continued to prosper in its commercial undertakings and to share in the advance of the country, and we are glad to see at your side and to welcome Mr. Chipman, to whom you have entrusted the affairs of your company.

My lord, we are not only indebted to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to the men it brought to this country for the foundations of our commercial prosperity. It is due to their imperial ideas that Canada to-day is one of the most important nations which form the British Empire, and in you we see one of Canada's greatest men and an ornament of the British Crown. In all that you have done, it seems to us that you have been guided by noble principles and imperial ideas, and for this we thank you and honor you. (Concluded on page 4.)

COOK PLANTS FLAG AT THE NORTH POLE

Additional Telegrams Received From the Discoverer—Copenhagen Preparing To Honor Explorer When He Reaches City On Saturday.

(Times Leased Wire.) San Jose, Cal., Sept. 2.—According to Father Richard Gleeson, president of the Santa Clara college, Mrs. F. J. Martz, the wife of a Redlands capitalist, received a telegram from Dr. Frederick Cook, the discoverer of the North Pole, acquainting her with the news of his discovery. The message read: "Have placed the stars and stripes over the North Pole."

"COOK." Mrs. Martz explained that the cablegram had been sent her by Dr. Cook in accordance with an agreement between them to the effect that he would let her know the first news regarding the success or non-success of his expedition. Telegram From Explorer's Wife. New York, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Cook, wife of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the North Pole, to-day sent the following telegram to the United Press, New York City: "Brunswick, Me., Sept. 2, 1909. 'My faith has never wavered and I am glad that my judgment of my husband's ability has been vindicated. 'MRS. (DR.) F. A. COOK.' Preparing Welcome.

Copenhagen, Sept. 2.—All Denmark is to-day preparing to do honor to Dr. Cook, the plucky explorer, who after years of indescribable hardships succeeded in reaching the North Pole. Preparations are now under way for a magnificent reception in honor of Dr. Cook when he arrives here on the Hans Egede. Thousands of people, representing all nations, will greet the American, the most talked of man in the world, when he plants his feet on Danish soil on Saturday. The officials of Copenhagen, including the city council, have chartered a special boat and will go out to sea to meet the Hans Egede.

In the evening a banquet will be tendered the explorer, when he will be presented to the Queen and King Frederick. Everywhere Dr. Cook is being hailed as "the man of the century." The Americans here are jubilant at his discovery and all business is practically suspended. The stars and stripes is flying from the government buildings and business houses, while the residential section is a mass of red, white and blue bunting. The Danish press to-day is giving Cook full credit for his wonderful feat. With one accord they admit that the American has accomplished the achievement for which hundreds of brave men have laid down their lives. There is not a paper in Denmark that has even hinted that the report of the discovery may not be true, and all are profuse in their praises for the courageous American.

Views of Scientists. Washington, D. C., Sept. 2.—Scientists interviewed here to-day practically are unanimous in declaring their belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook's word that he discovered the North Pole will be accepted without doubt, and that he will be credited with the greatest discovery of modern times. Dr. Cleveland Abbe, editor of the weather bureau's monthly review, said to-day: "To a certain extent such a discovery is a matter of taking the word of the discoverer. If a single white man, making such a journey, claims to have made a discovery the man's reputation as a scientist would be considered by the scientific world. A true scientist would not lie for personal reputation or glory and Cook is well known and his reputation as a scientist is established."

Prof. Willis Moore, chief of the weather bureau, and president of the geological survey, said: (Concluded on page 6.)

AMALGAMATION OF LUMBER MILLS WORKS AT SIDNEY AND VANCOUVER UNITE

New Company Takes Over Existing Interests—Local Men Concerned.

(From Thursday's Daily.) An important deal of great magnitude was completed in this city this morning, when the Sidney Lumber Mills, the property of the Saanich Lumber Company, and the Pacific Coast Lumber Mills of Vancouver passed to the ownership of the Canadian Northern Lumber Company, Limited.

The new move is really an enlargement of the work carried on by the Saanich Lumber Company, of which Messrs. Mike Carlin and J. G. Billings are the principals. The new company, which is capitalized at half a million dollars, will include the two gentlemen named, together with S. C. Jackson and E. J. Lane, both of Seattle, and L. J. O'Brien, of Vancouver.

The Sidney mills have a ten-hour daily capacity of forty thousand feet a day, and as they are now running day and night, are turning out double that amount every twenty-four hours. The Pacific Coast Mills have a capacity of one hundred and fifty thousand every ten hours. These two mills have limits of sixty thousand or seventy thousand acres. The Pacific Coast Mills were owned by Messrs. Buscombe, Ceperley, Hellmoll and Martin of Vancouver, and a very large sum is involved in the transfer, which was put through by W. A. Ward, late of this city.

SURROUNDINGS IDEAL FOR YOUTH

LORD STRATHCONA ON CITY'S CHARMS "No Place," He says, "Better Situated for Educational Facilities."

(From Thursday's Daily.) "It gives me great pleasure to see the progress which Victoria is making. It is one of the most desirable spots in the world. Indeed, I cannot conceive a more desirable place of residence. "Victoria should be a great centre of education. The surroundings here are ideal for youth. Indeed, I know of no place which is better situated as a vantage ground for the establishment of educational facilities."

In the above words Lord Strathcona in his speech at the Empress hotel yesterday afternoon emphasized once more the unique advantages this city possesses as the seat of learning for the province, and added his opinion to that of another great statesman, Hon. James Bryce, who has already given his unqualified opinion that the seat of the provincial university should be in Victoria, the provincial capital. Coupled with this, Hon. Mr. Bryce, it will be remembered, mentioned certain other conditions which might have specifically referred to Victoria, so closely do they correspond to the conditions obtaining here.

"The balance of advantage," he said, "seems to me to lie with a site in the country, but within easy reach, say about an hour's railway ride, or perhaps less, of a considerable city. The conditions for health are generally better in the country where there is more fresh air and more space for recreation grounds as well as for the erection of buildings with plenty of room around them. It is well for the students to have the opportunity of getting to enjoy Nature, and well also not to have their minds distracted from their studies by the amusements which a great city offers. The professors can, as a rule, live in a more simple and inexpensive way, when they are not expected, or tempted, to emulate the costly habits of a great city. It is, of course, a benefit to the youth of a city to have a university in it; but the benefit is almost equally well secured when it is within easy reach of the city.

"If possible, that city ought to be the capital of the province. For there are advantages in having the seat of learning not far from the seat of government."

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NORTH POLE DISCOVERED BY DR. COOK OF BROOKLYN

MEXICO SCENE OF ANOTHER FLOOD

SEVERAL VILLAGES HAVE BEEN SWEEPED AWAY

Number of Towns Inundated and Serious Loss of Life is Feared.

Matamoros, Mexico, Sept. 1.—The flood waters of a score of smaller streams to-day is pouring into the Rio Grande, causing the river to overflow its banks and to reach the highest stage ever known in its history. Although the flood has not yet reached its crest, already several towns and hamlets have been washed away and the property loss will run into the thousands. Thousands of acres of cultivated land are inundated and this will further swell the damage. The San Juan valley is entirely under water.

Harlingen and San Benito are submerged, and it is feared that a number of persons have lost their lives. Montecados, in the same state, also has suffered heavily.

The villages of Camarague, Zacate and Cosca have been completely swept away. The loss of lives in these towns will not be heavy as the people received warning in time to flee to points of safety.

The Rio Grande valley is completely inundated for miles and scores have undoubtedly lost their lives in the setting waters. So great is the overflow that in some places the Rio Grande is 30 miles wide.

Hundreds of head of cattle have been carried away down the stream and the river is filled with the debris of hundreds of wrecked homes.

The American levees that protected the irrigation systems have been swept away, and it will require the expenditure of thousands of dollars to repair the loss. No relief is in sight.

BUSY PATCHING UP DIFFERENCES

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA

Agreement Covering Manchuria Questions Will Be Signed Soon.

Peking, Sept. 1.—China and Japan have concluded their negotiations on the general Manchurian questions that have been in dispute for some time.

The two countries soon will sign an agreement under which China agrees not to construct the Siumintun-Fakum railroad without consulting Japan; agrees that should the Kirin railroad be extended to the Korean border, half the capital required shall be borrowed from Japan; that Japan shall have the right to work the mines in the Fushun and Yantai districts; that Japan shall construct the extension of the Yinkow railroad; that there shall be joint exploitation of the mines in the zone reached by the Manchurian and Antung-Mukden railroads; that China shall open four trade marts in the Chien Tao district between Korea and Manchuria, the Koreans living therein to be under the jurisdiction of Japan and those residing outside to be under the jurisdiction of China, except that Japan shall have the right to hold court in capital cases, and that Japan may move the station of the South Manchurian railroad to Mukden.

Japan agrees first to recognize Chinese sovereignty in the Chien Tao district; second, that the terminus of the Siumintun railroad be moved to the city of Mukden, and third, the amount of the indemnities to be determined later.

DEATH LIST MAY REACH TEN THOUSAND

Over Twelve Hundred Bodies of Victims of Flood Recovered.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 1.—A private dispatch from a prominent Monterey business man received here to-day stated that the total death list of the Mexican flood when the Santa Catalina river swept through Monterey on Friday, will reach 10,000 persons.

The telegram said that over 1,200 bodies have already been recovered, and that the dead are strewn along the river banks for miles in either direction from Monterey.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Winnipeg, Sept. 1.—Louis R. St. Jacques, manager of the Federal Life Assurance Company for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, died suddenly at Prince Albert, according to word received here.

FATAL FALL.

Comber, Ont., Sept. 1.—David Jacques, an elderly man of Tilbury North township, fell into a well while repairing the cover, receiving injuries which caused death.

QUEEN'S BLOCK IS IN FLAMES

ONTARIO'S PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BURNING

Fire Breaks Out in West Wing—Efforts to Save Important Documents.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 1.—At 12.45 to-day the greatest excitement reigns at parliament buildings in Queen's Park, where fire was discovered in the west wing of the building.

Within two minutes messengers were at hose duty, several streams were played on the burning section when the firemen arrived, and they are making efforts to confine the fire to the section in which it started. The roof of the west wing has burned sufficiently to cave in at places, and glass broken from skylights litters the corridors.

The messengers and porters whose duty it is to make periodical tests of the fire-fighting appliances, performed that task this morning from the observatory in front of the buildings. This took the greater part of the morning, and within an hour after the tests were made and the hose found all right the same men were at work fighting flames.

The origin of the fire is charged up to defective wiring, which is said by insurance and electrical experts to be decidedly antiquated in character.

As soon as the fire broke out word was at once sent to several departments and full staffs set to work immediately collecting provincial documents and carrying them to vaults for safety.

The flames are still burning, Toronto, Sept. 1.—(Later.)—At 2.30 the fire at the parliament buildings was burning fiercely. The library has been completely gutted. It contained 100,000 volumes of valuable works, and among others the law library of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, a collection of historical pamphlets, which had been gathered for years, and many works that cannot be replaced. The buildings were opened in 1859 when Sir Oliver Mowat was premier and cost approximately \$1,250,000.

At 3 o'clock the fire was under control, with the west wing badly damaged. The insurance is small compared with the loss.

LORD DE CLIFFORD KILLED.

Victim of Auto Accident Near Brighton, England.

London, Sept. 1.—Lord de Clifford (Jack Southwell Russell) was killed to-day in an automobile collision at Brighton, near Brighton. He was 25 years of age. His title is one of the oldest in England. He leaves a widow who, before her marriage, was Eva Carrington (Evelyn Victoria Chandler), one of the original Gibson girls, who was appearing in Dublin in 1906 when she was met by Lord de Clifford and shortly afterward became his wife.

KILLED BY FALL FROM CHAIR.

New York, Sept. 1.—Belden Woodring, the steeple jack who rigged the flag pole on the Singer building and who had spent most of his life working at dizzy heights, fractured his skull when he fell the two feet from a chair to the floor and died soon afterward. Woodring was leaning back in his chair when it toppled over with him.

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LIEUT.-GOVERNORSHIP OF THE PROVINCE

No Appointment of Successor to Hon. J. Dunsuir Yet Made.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 1.—Pending the return to the capital of Hon. Wm. Templeman from British Columbia, no government decision will be reached as to the appointment of a new lieutenant-governor of the province in succession to Lieutenant-Governor Dunsuir, who is retiring from the position. In the meantime the names prominently mentioned as being under consideration include those of Mr. W. C. Wells, a member of the Dunsuir government in British Columbia; Mr. John Sterling, a well known fruit man of Kelowna, and Mr. McLennan, a prominent Rosland mining operator.

MATCH DRAWN.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The cricket match between Ottawa and Philadelphia was ended yesterday in a draw. Rain stopped the game at the lunch hour. Monday the Pilgrims were all out for 82 and Ottawa scored 118 for three wickets. Ottawa resumed innings, which resulted in 160 runs, all out. In Pilgrims' second innings the score was 32 for two wickets.

AVIATOR KILLED.

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—Louis Raymond, inventor of an airplane which was to have been given its initial flight next Sunday, was killed last night. He was returning in a wagon from a day's work at the aeroplanes when he was struck by a train.

ANGRY MOB THREATENS AUTOMOBILE DRIVER

Police Rescue Man Who Accidentally Killed Farmer.

Walla Walla, Wash., Sept. 1.—John A. Baxter, a wealthy real estate man of Walla Walla, is free on bail here to-day following his narrow escape from an angry mob after he had run down with his automobile and killed Delos H. Coffin, a farmer.

Mrs. Baxter was riding with her husband in the machine when the accident happened. Coffin attempted to cross a crowded street and in dodging from out of the way of a horse, stepped into the path of the auto. It is said that Baxter was not going very fast, but the accident occurred so quickly he had no time to avoid striking Coffin.

When it was learned that Coffin was dead, a crowd surrounded the car and threatened violence. The police appeared, however, and succeeded in getting the Baxters safely to jail. There Mrs. Baxter was released and later Baxter was allowed to go after putting up \$1,000 bond to appear at a coroner's inquest this afternoon.

AIRSHIP CONTESTS.

Spokane Offers \$100,000 for Prizes in International Races Are Held There.

Spokane, Sept. 1.—The Spokane chamber of commerce will offer the Aero Club of America \$100,000 for cash prizes to the aviators and will guarantee suitable grounds for international aviation contests which are to be held next year in America.

The chamber will communicate with A. Holland Forbes at once relative to securing the contest and will endeavor to meet every requirement asked by Mr. Forbes.

EMBARGO ON CANADIAN CATTLE

MUST REMAIN IN FORCE, SAYS ASQUITH

Premier Replies to Deputation Which Favors Removal of Ban.

London, Sept. 1.—A deputation representing various trading interests visited parliament yesterday to ask the government to remove the embargo on the importation of Canadian cattle.

Premier Asquith said he regretted that he saw no possibility of granting the request, for while it might be true that disease was non-existent among cattle in Canada, it was indisputable that disease appeared from time to time in the United States with disastrous results. It was impossible, for this purpose, he said, to put Canada and the United States into water-tight compartments because of the long and loosely guarded boundary line.

COAL RESOURCES OF THE DOMINION

Papers Read on Investigations Made by Canadian Government.

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The various sections closed up business this morning and members will leave to-morrow on special for two weeks' flying trip to the coast and back.

The principal interest this morning was in the engineering department, where a couple of papers on Canada attracted a large crowd. J. E. Porter and E. Stansfield gave an outline of the investigation now being conducted by the Dominion government into the coal fields of Canada. Mr. Porter gave an interesting estimate as to the total resources. He estimated Alberta had four thousand million tons of anthracite, eighty thousand million bituminous and eighty thousand million lignite. On the Pacific coast there was but little anthracite. He places it at only

FIVE THOUSAND LEFT HOMELESS BY FIRE

Forty-six Buildings in Russian Town Destroyed—Loss \$500,000.

Alexandrovsk, Russia, Sept. 1.—Five thousand persons are homeless and destitute at Krivoy-Reg, as the result of a fire which yesterday destroyed forty-six buildings and caused a property loss of half a million dollars.

HAMILTON THEATRE BURNED.

Hamilton, Sept. 1.—Fire this morning destroyed the Savoy theatre, causing a loss of \$200,000, covered by insurance. The fire started on the stage and only the box office was saved.

IRON FOUNDER DEAD.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—Isaac Hulme, president and manager of the Vulcan Iron Works, is dead of abscess of the intestines at the minor hospital to-day. His death was directly due to shock following an operation.

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Spanish Troops Are Anxious to Advance Against Moors.

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Toronto, Sept. 1.—Six local fire insurance agents, charged with conspiracy in maintaining a certain standard of rates in Rochester, will be arraigned in the September term of court.

TROTTING DERBY.

Readyville, Mass., Sept. 1.—Baron Alcyon, driven by Ernest, won the American trotting derby here yesterday. Axtor finished second and San Francisco third.

WORSHIPPERS KILLED IN CHURCH IN SPAIN

Gallery Collapses During Service and Several Persons Buried in Ruins.

Madrid, Sept. 1.—Several persons were instantly killed to-day and forty others buried beneath the ruins when the choir gallery of the church of the Caicedo collapsed. The church was filled with early morning worshippers and when the gallery gave way scores of people were directly beneath it. A shriek of warning from other worshippers gave notice to a number of people in time for them to reach places of safety, but before others could get away the gallery had fallen.

It is believed that a score of people have been killed but the exact number will not be known until the wreckage is cleared away. A number of rescuers are working frantically endeavoring to release those pinned beneath the gallery.

FAIRBANKS MAY BE NEW AMBASSADOR

Former Vice-President of the United States Likely to Go to London.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—A Washington special to the Record-Herald says: Information of President Taft's apparent intention to appoint Whitelaw Reid as American ambassador at the Court of St. James, with a man of his own choice, has revived among the other-diplomats left in Washington the report of the president's desire to send former Vice President Fairbanks to Great Britain.

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THE GOAL OF ARCTIC EXPLORERS ATTAINED

Message Received in Copenhagen Reports Success of Danish Long Sought Locality—Discoverer Now Returning to Denmark.

Copenhagen, Sept. 1.—The North Pole has been reached. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, an American, is the man who accomplished the feat and has won the glory of being the first human being to stand at the point where every direction is south.

Cook reached the North Pole April 21, 1908, according to a telegram received by the Danish government from the Inspector of Greenland. The dispatch was sent from Loerwick, Shetland Islands.

Dr. Cook is now on board the Danish government steamer Hans Egad, now en route for Denmark.

"Successful and well. Cable address to Copenhagen. (Signed) 'FRED.'"

Mrs. Cook, the wife of the explorer, and her children, are now at South Haverhill Island, Maine. Mrs. Davidson immediately forwarded to Mrs. Cook the contents of the cablegram.

The American has been exploring for a number of years, but until his reported successful attempt to reach the Pole, he has confined his efforts to exploring the Antarctic regions. He has written a number of books on the frozen regions of the earth, among his noteworthy contributions to science being "Through the First Antarctic Night" and "To the Top of the Continent." The latter is a recital of his expedition to Mount McKinley, Alaska.

When Peary made his unsuccessful try for the North Pole in 1897-2, Cook was the surgeon of the exploring party, and there he gained an extensive knowledge of the northland.

He was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., on June 10th, 1855, and, like his father, studied medicine. He received his degree of M.D. from the University of New York in 1880, and two years later was married.

For his exploration of the frozen regions and his writings he has received numerous decorations from different governments, among which is the "Order of Leopold," a Belgian decoration. The Royal Geographical Society awarded him a silver medal and the Royal Society of Belgium presented him with a gold medal in honor of his scientific contributions following the Belgian Antarctic expedition of 1897, when a dash was made to reach the South Pole. He is the president of the Explorers' Club of New York.

Dr. Cook's expedition left Halifax, N. S., in May, 1907, to make the dash to the goal that has spelled an untimely death for so many brave men, and the last word received from him was dated March 17th, 1908, forty miles above Cape Thomas Hubbard, the highest point of land in the North Polar sea. Twilight was just beginning and he expected to reach the Pole and return to Etah, the base of supplies, in the following September.

The entire absence of advice from the party for more than a year led to the gravest fears regarding its safety, and in April of this year steps to form a relief expedition were taken.

It was the purpose of Cook to travel with all speed during the long Arctic nights so that he would be in the best possible position to make the run across to the Pole. Cook is a man of indomitable courage and iron constitution, who recognizes no obstacle but his friends believed that he had miscalculated the time of his return, and that he had run short of provisions.

The explorer made his dash for the Pole over a new route. He planned to march across Elismere Land, keeping north by Nansen strait and then strike out into the Polar sea for the Pole.

OFFICIAL MESSAGE.

Brooklyn, Sept. 1.—A cablegram, dated from Loerwick and sent from Copenhagen, which announced Cook's discovery of the North Pole, reads: "Cook, American explorer, reached the North Pole April 21st, 1908."

Arrived at Cape York, accompanied by Eskimos. Eskimos confirm the truth of his statement regarding the reported discovery of the North Pole.

In announcing Cook's discovery the government officials emphasized the fact that Cook has discovered the geographic pole and not the north magnetic pole, which has long been discovered.

Advices Reach London. London, Sept. 1.—The Danish foreign office announced to-day that Cook has discovered the North Pole, according to advices received here.

ABDUL HAMID IN PITIFUL PLIGHT

SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASE

Appeals to Brother to Permit Experts From Western Europe to Treat Him.

(By Byzantium Moschopolis, staff correspondent of the United Press.) Constantinople, Sept. 1.—From absolutely reliable and yet confidential sources it was learned to-day that Abdul Hamid, deposed Sultan of Turkey, is suffering from cancer of the stomach. The former ruler of Turkey has been examined by a number of physicians and the disease has been pronounced incurable by them.

Abdul Hamid's tenure of life is but a few months at best, according to medical men acquainted with his case. It was recently reported that the deposed monarch was insane, but the doctors say that his maniacal acts are the result of pain from the cancer-affected membranes.

Abdul has written to Sultan Mehmed, asking that doctors from western Europe be permitted to treat him. He is disgusted with the medical attention he is now receiving. He fears also that there is a plot to kill him. His horror of death is pitiable. So overwhelming is this fear that the former sultan does not sleep more than an hour at a time. He constantly demands the protection of guards.

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DEVELOPING
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COMMANDER CRAWFORD'S
VIEWS ON SUBJECT

Advocates a Training School
Which Would Be Useful
in Other Ways.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
It is one thing to build warships, but
it is another thing to man them. Can-
ada has decided, so far as can be gath-
ered from the dispatches, to borrow
two cruisers from the British govern-
ment and to commence the work of
building others. She will need men,
but where they are to come from it is
rather difficult to conceive. Command-
er Crawford, in charge of His Mas-
tety's naval forces on this coast, in
discussing this matter, stated that
what was needed in this country was
to develop a seafaring population. No
navy could be built up without it. Sea-
men were required to fill the possi-
ble. A cult or race accustomed to the
sea, with a love for the sea, but
having a knowledge of the sea was a
necessity if a navy was to amount to
anything.

The English, French and Dutch have
proved themselves the best sailors in
the world, and the man who has
has a large seaboard, and a large part
of the population makes its living from
fishing or in the mercantile marine. In
Canada things are different. The ac-
cessible seaboard is small and that
part not highly developed, at any rate
on this coast. Captain Crawford sug-
gests that the development of fisheries
of the province will be a forward step
in this matter of providing men for
the navy. The fisheries are undoubtedly
rich, and when developed, a large num-
ber of men will be employed who will
be hardy seafarers.

Another way of developing the love
for the sea is to develop the country
adjoining the sea. Vancouver island
is practically all adjoining the sea. The
development of it would mean much in
the right direction. The building of
railways, the clearing of the land, the
opening of the mines, the general set-
tling of the island, all would tend to
bring a race of people with a love
for and sympathy with the sea, and
would be one of the best movements
in the direction of providing men for
the navy.

With shipyards at Esquimalt, and
with a large population on the island
to draw from, Canada could expect
to develop a navy on this coast which
would be of real value to the country.
They have done this to some extent in
the east in the Maritime provinces, but
even yet much remains to be done.
The above suggestions are, however,
Commander Crawford have been all in-
direct. He further suggests that some-
thing of a more direct nature should
be done. A naval and military school
should be established on the coast,
where the pupils would be all cadets,
not necessarily to follow the sea-life
in after years, but to prepare them
for it if necessary. The school should
be under the charge of the department
of education, and would be free except
for the imposition of some nominal
fees. The discipline would have to be
of military character and the pupils
would, in order to preserve the best
discipline, have to be in residence all
the time. When these pupils were
ready to leave, they would be offered
them to enter the navy, and they
would be prepared to undertake the
work, already trained to the kind
of discipline that would be required
of them.

The school would be of a technical
character, such as develops the best
all round men. Navigation, engineer-
ing, and all the subjects which would
be desirable in entering a sea life would
be taught.

The location of the school would, of
course, be within easy reach of the en-
suing and other works, when the
practical side of the work would be
taught. No place would offer so many
opportunities for this as Esquimalt,
where the new shipyards would be
available for the practical engineering
course. This school would be for both
men and officers, and in this country
there could be no hard and fast divid-
ing line between the two. In that way
the navy will differ very materially
from that in England.

Picture Esquimalt with shipbuilding
yards, factories, a large merchant ma-
rine, and a fine technical school for the
training of seamen, and there are the
conditions for the building up of a navy
which has been some use in helping
to defend the Empire in time of war.
Captain Crawford is enthusiastic
when speaking of the things which
might be and which ought to be. He is
not a dreamer for he takes things as
they are and shows how these might be
improved. He believes in the navy as
the one force on which the Empire
must depend in her need, and he sees
how useless it is to have a show navy.
"There can be no navy without
men," is his motto, and here in British
Columbia there are no men such as
would be of use in a navy. They have
to be developed.

EIGHT WOUNDED.
Rock Haven, Miss., Aug. 31.—Eight
persons were wounded here yesterday
in a fight between would-be lynchers
and friends of their intended victim.
The fight occurred when friends of the
father of Myrtle Neal, a 12-year-old
white girl, attempted to lynch Robert
Woodhall, white, who is held here
charged with an assault. Woodhall
and his family, guarded by militia,
were hurried for one special train to
Jackson for safe-keeping.

GIRL DRINKS POISON.
Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Lena Christopher,
domestic, was walking out with her
sweetheart, and near her employer's
residence they evidently quarrelled.
The man left her and she screamed.
He went back and the girl then took
a bottle and drank the contents. The
dose proved to be carbolic acid, and
when the girl arrived at the hospital
she was dead.

RESERVE COMES
FORWARD AGAIN

DOMINION GOVERNMENT
IS TAKING ACTION

Asks City to Surrender Re-
versionary Rights So as to
Expedite Settlement.

Once again has the Songhees Reserve
question "brought forward" by the
"low"—possibly because of jealousy at
the large amount of attention being
given its rival for civic notoriety, the
water problem, which, like the poor,
is always with us. The reserve ques-
tion came before the city council Monday
evening in the following communication
from Frank Pedley of the Indian de-
partment:

Ottawa, August 23rd, 1909.
Dear Sir—This department is in receipt
of a certified copy of an order in council
of the government of the province of
British Columbia, dated June 3rd, 1909,
dealing with the Songhees Indian reserve
at Victoria, B. C., in which, among other
things, it is stated as follows:

"That by an order in council approved
January 21st, 1908, an agreement between
the corporation of the city of Victoria
and the government of British Columbia
in consideration of certain covenants,
the government of British Columbia
agreed to grant and surrender to the
corporation of the city of Victoria all
and every the reversionary interest and
all other right, title, interest claim
and demand of the government of
British Columbia in and out of two parcels
of land embraced in said Songhees
reserve, namely, the twenty-five acres,
more or less, lying to the north of the
Esquimalt road, for park and school
purposes only, and eighteen acres,
more or less, lying to the south of the
Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway for
terminal railroad and wharfage purposes,
to be used in aid of existing as well as
to be made provisionally available to
the city of Victoria," and consenting to
the Department of Indian Affairs dis-
posing of the balance of the reserve upon
the terms and conditions in said order
of the 3rd day of June mentioned.

While this department has not con-
ceded the order in council, the province of
British Columbia has any reversionary
interest in this reserve, yet, inasmuch as
the province has set up a claim to such
reversion this department has considered
it advisable in negotiating with the In-
dians for a surrender of the reserve to
make provisional arrangements regarding
this claim until such time as it would
be finally disposed of.

"When negotiations were had with the
Indians in the year 1906 an arrangement
was reached by this department with the
provincial government whereby its rever-
sionary interest in the reserve was either
withdrawn or postponed for the time being,
so that the Department of Indian Affairs
could deal with the reserve with a perfectly
free hand. It is thought that it will be
impossible to negotiate successfully with
the Songhees Indians for the surrender
of their reserve unless this department is
placed in a position similar to that which
it occupied in 1906, and I therefore write
to ask you if you will be good enough to
have the necessary action taken to trans-
fer to this department the reversionary
interest in the two parcels of land above
mentioned as assigned to you by the pro-
vincial government by order in council of
the 24th January, 1907.

Your obedient servant,
FRANK PEDLEY,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian
Affairs.

Ald. Fullerton thought that the let-
ter, which was a very important one,
should be handed to the city solicitor
and the city barrister for report.

Ald. Bishop concurred in this, and
favoured a meeting of the council to
deal with the matter. The Indian
reserve question was a standing
disgrace to the city.

Ald. Henderson also favored a special
meeting at which the council might be
advised by the city barrister. He con-
fessed to having some doubt about the
wisdom of the city handling over its
reversionary rights conferred upon it
by the provincial government. It would
appear that it had been a good thing
that the city had not been induced to
pass a resolution, as proposed, surren-
dering its rights to the C. P. R.

Mayer Hall thought that a copy of
the letter should be sent to the attor-
ney-general's department. The consent
of the provincial government would
have to be obtained in any arrange-
ment that was arrived at.
It was finally decided to refer the
letter to the legislative committee and
the city barrister, with instructions to
report back to the council.

TO INVESTIGATE STRIKE.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Hon. MacKenzie
King, Minister of Labor, has sent F.
A. Acland, deputy minister, to Nova
Scotia in order to get a full report of
the present industrial situation. This
action is voluntary on the part of the
department.

FORESTER SOUNDS
NOTE OF WARNING

Says U. S. Forests Are Being
Cut Three Times as Fast
as They Grow.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—In a fore-
st publication just issued, R. S. Kellogg,
assistant forester, says carelessness
in the production of timber and
recklessness in its use, because it has
been cheap and abundant, has brought
upon the nation a menace which will
take many years of effort to overcome
and to reach the necessary condition
of equilibrium between timber pro-
duction and consumption.
"We are cutting our forests three
times as fast as they are growing,"
said Mr. Kellogg. "The yearly drain
upon our forests is twenty billion cu-
bic feet. The annual growth is less
than seven billion cubic feet."



OUR GUEST:
MISS VICTORIA.—If I may not welcome the Governor-General, permit me to salute the Earl.

FEAR SALMON
WILL DISAPPEAR

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES
ASKED TO TAKE ACTION

Resolution is Passed at Meet-
ing of British As-
sociation.

(Special to The Times.)
Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—Two resolutions
of more than ordinary importance to
Western Canada were passed by British
scientists this morning. One recom-
mended that the Manitoba government
offer a bonus for extermination of rats,
and the other was in regard to the dis-
appearance of salmon in British Co-
lumbia, the federal authorities being
asked to appoint a committee of in-
vestigation.

Prof. Shipley, head of the zoological
department, moved the former resolu-
tion. He thought that the invasion
of the province by rats was a matter
of the gravest importance to the wheat
industry. If allowed to spread they
would destroy 25 per cent. of the yield
annually. Most determined steps
should be taken to exterminate these
pests, which have made their appear-
ance from the south.

As for the salmon, the scientists
feared that a few years would see their
complete disappearance unless steps
were taken at once, and to prevent it
a commission should start work im-
mediately.

The association has decided that in
future a large proportion of its income
shall be spent in Canada for scientific
research.
The agricultural section was again
the centre of interest this morning as
forestry problems were under discus-
sion.

KILLED IN STAVE MILL.
Cobalt, Ont., Aug. 31.—A fatal ac-
cident occurred at the Tilson company
stave mill yesterday. The machine used
for sawing staves went to pieces, a
fragment striking Peter Cline in the
abdomen, killing him instantly.

BARNS BURNED.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—Suspicious fires,
extending over several months, have
burned many barns in Aurora district,
and the inhabitants are greatly alarm-
ed. The damage totals about \$10,000.

DUTCH SOLDIERS
SLAY REVOLUTIONISTS

Troops Avenge Massacre of
Comrades on Island
of Flores.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Batavia, Java, Aug. 31.—In a sharp
battle between Dutch troops and rebels
on the island of Flores, 117 of the revo-
lutionists were killed. The punishment
inflicted upon the rebels was in retaliation
for the killing of 15 members of a
Dutch detachment who were ambushed
by the natives.

SWITCHMAN KILLED.

Saskatoon, Sask., Aug. 31.—F. A. Mc-
Dermott, a C. N. R. switchman, was
instantly killed in Warman yards yester-
day while trying to couple moving
cars. He was formerly an employee
of the Dominion Express Company.

Walking-sticks are a survival of the
old cudgels, which used to be carried only
for purposes of offence or defence.

APPELLATE COURT
MAY BE PROCLAIMED

This Week's Gazette Will Like-
ly Contain Order-in-
Council.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The proclamation creating the new
Court of Appeal for British Columbia
will in all probability appear in this
week's Gazette, following a cabinet
council made possible by the return of
the Premier and Dr. Young.

Following this proclamation, it is ex-
pected that the Federal government
will name the members of the new
court. It is well known that the local
government are anxious that at least
one of three well known local barri-
sters should be considered among those
selected for the Court of Appeal or
for the Supreme Court.

The three gentlemen in question are
Mr. Speaker Eberts, ex-Attorney-Gen-
eral Wilson and A. E. McPhillips, M.
P.P.

For the vacancies on the Appellate
Court a good number of names are
mentioned, including those of the leader
of the opposition, J. A. Macdonald, E.
P. Davis, Col. Gregory, Fred Wade,
Dennis Murphy and a number of
others.

The probability of some of the present
judges of the Supreme Court being
transferred to the Appellate Court
makes it likely that some of the ap-
pointments in question will be to the
first named tribunal.

It is expected that it will be some
time before definite announcement is
made by the department of justice.

NINE MILLION DOLLARS
FOR ROLLING STOCK

Rock Island Road Places Large
Orders for Equip-
ment.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Aug. 31.—As an evidence
of the prosperity anticipated by the Rock
Island railway, officials of the com-
pany to-day pointed to the placing of
orders by the road for \$9,000,000 worth
of equipment. The order is the largest
placed by a western railroad for some
years.

The items of the order are freight
cars, locomotives and passenger equip-
ment. A great part of the money will
be spent for new equipment to replace
worn out cars and coaches. Company
officials, however, have investigated
crop conditions and more freight cars
have been ordered than were operated
by the Rock Island for some time pre-
viously.

BURNED BY ACID.

New Westminster, Aug. 30.—A. Aver-
ill, the manager of the New Westmin-
ster creamery, is at present suffering
from painful injuries received as the
result of an accident on Saturday
morning. Mr. Averill was engaged in
making a milk test, and for that pur-
pose had mixed the usual strong acids
with a small quantity of milk in a
glass beaker. He was examining the
reaction, when suddenly the mixture
exploded and a large quantity of the
powerful liquid splashed over his
face. Mr. Averill at once plunged his
face in water and applied usual re-
suscitatory to counteract the action of
the acid, not however, before he had re-
ceived painful burns. Fortunately the
liquid missed his eyes, and while the
greater quantity of it was washed off
before it had a chance to burn very
deeply into the skin.

SEVEN CHILDREN
BURNED TO DEATH

PERISH IN FIRE IN
NEW YORK ORPHANAGE

Hundreds of Little Ones Saved
by Bravery of
Sisters.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Aug. 31.—The bodies of
seven young children, burned beyond
the possibility of recognition, were found
in the ruins of the St. Malachis Home
for children at Rockaway Park to-day.
Firemen are working in the charred
remains of the home looking for other
bodies.

The discovery that a holocaust had
occurred came as a shock to-day as
the police last night reported that all
children had escaped from the blazing
home.

Hundreds of little ones were saved
from death by the bravery of the sis-
ters of the orphanage and the quick re-
sponse of the children to a fire drill
call.

It is not known how the seven who
were killed became separated from
their companions. The bodies were
found huddled together in a mass room
on the second floor of the building and
apparently the children were clinging
to each other when death came.

Nearly 1,000 children were in the
home, which was a wooden structure
occupying an entire block and facing
the Atlantic ocean. The children's ages
range from two years to 12.

The fire started in the engine room of
the home at 7 o'clock last night. The
children had just retired and the sis-
ters were at their devotions.

When the flames spread rapidly a fire
drill was sounded. Scores of spectators,
attracted by the blaze, cheered as the
12-year-olds appeared, carrying little
children and babies. As soon as the
children were in the street, a roll was
called and all were reported safe. It
was not suspected that any were mis-
singing and the firemen confined their
efforts to fighting the flames.

The refugee children are being cared
for at a sanatorium situated in an ad-
joining block.

When a search was made for the
records of the home to-day it was dis-
covered that all had been destroyed by
the conflagration. This will make it
practically impossible to determine the
names of the dead and missing, as the
books and papers contained the "his-
tory" of the children who were occu-
pants of the institution.

CUSTOMS REVENUE
CONTINUES TO GROW

Increase For Five Months
Nearly 25 Per Cent. Over
Last Year.

(Special to The Times.)
Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The customs re-
venue for the first five months of the
fiscal year totalled \$23,343,510, an in-
crease of \$4,503,819 or nearly 25 per cent
over the same period last year. For August
the increase was \$994,411. The total
duties were \$5,340,456.

CALGARY RETAINS SHIELD.

Calgary, Aug. 30.—The Caledonians
have been left in undisputed posses-
sion of the People's Shield for another
year because some members of the
Celtics say they had to be home to
start work at the beginning of the
week, so the whole team left on Sun-
day. There is disappointment here as
all were anxious to see a fight to a
finish.

SPECIAL MEETING
ON SOOKE LAKE

CITY COUNCIL PASSES
MAYOR'S RESOLUTION

Will Get Expert Data Before
Preparing Necessary
By-Law.

The city council will hold a special
meeting to deal with the question of
how best to proceed towards securing
Sooke Lake as an additional source of
water supply. All the aldermen were
agreed, when the matter came before
them Monday, that the city had
now no other alternative but to go to
Sooke, but the matter was of such im-
portance that a special meeting of
the council should be held to deal
with it, in the meantime all reports of
engineers being on Sooke will be ob-
tained and copies of the same supplied
to the aldermen for their information.

The resolution presented by mayor
Hall Monday evening read as follows:
"Whereas, the Water Loan Guar-
antee By-law to authorize the expropria-
tion of the undertaking of the Esqui-
mal Water Works Co. and the raising
of the necessary funds to pay the pur-
chase or the expropriation price and
the cost of conducting the water into
the city, was submitted to the electors
for their assent, on the 28th inst, but
failed to receive a majority vote:

"And whereas, the need for increase
in the water supply of the city is ur-
gent:
"Therefore, be it resolved that the
city solicitor be instructed to prepare
a by-law to provide for the raising of
the necessary funds to bring the water
into the city from Sooke lake for
submission to the electors at an
early date."

The resolution of the council his
wordship said, he felt it incumbent upon
the council to get the matter before the
ratepayers at the earliest possible
date. It would take some time to collect
all the data necessary for the prepara-
tion of the by-law and the council
might feel it necessary to have a
special meeting. If so he was agreeable.
Ald. Bishop asked if any other en-
gineer besides Ashcroft had reported on
the cost of going to Sooke.
His Worship replied that Mr. Ash-
croft had for the provincial govern-
ment submitted a voluminous report.

Ald. Henderson briefly outlined his
position on the Sooke Lake proposition.
He is in accord with his wordship as to
the necessity of no time being lost in
the matter, but all the facts would have
to be secured before the bylaw could be
prepared. He would move for a special
meeting of the council to take up the
question and this was seconded by Ald.
Fullerton.

Ald. Stewart, said he had been in
favor of Goldstream, but as the by-law
had been defeated he had no other
course to follow than to go to Sooke
at the earliest possible date.
Ald. Turner took the position that
before anything could be accomplished
it would be necessary for the council
to obtain an estimate of the cost of
tunneling from a practical man, one
used to rock work, so that an approxi-
mate cost of the work could be ar-
rived at.

The resolution carried and a special
meeting will be called at a date to be
fixed by the mayor.

A letter bearing upon the water prob-
lem of Victoria was read from the
city solicitor and was received and
filed. It was as follows:
Victoria, B. C., August 27th, 1909.
His Worship the Mayor and Board of
Aldermen of the City of Victoria, B. C.
Re Esquimalt Waterworks Company's
Claim as to Their Pipe Line Through
Victoria West:

Gentlemen: We beg to report to the
council that a claim was some time since
advanced on the part of the Waterworks
Company to be compensated by the city
for the loss of the right of entry for
maintenance and repair to main pipe line
on the lots in Victoria West along the
portion of the Craigflower road closed by
by-law.

This claim was made in the form of an
application to the arbitrator to hear and
consider the claim, and in the time
preliminary of the act initiating the Victoria
West arbitration proceedings. The arbit-
rator has been separately advised by
Messrs. Yates & Jay, who communicated
to the company's solicitors that they con-
tended the arbitrator has no jurisdiction
to entertain the claim, and at the same
time the matter rested there. The com-
pany's solicitors have, however, recently per-
sisted in their demand and intimated some
intention of appealing to the court to estab-
lish their right to have compensation de-
termined by arbitration. We considered
it desirable to confer with the city barri-
ster, and have gone into the matter with
him to-day, and his advice is that the at-
titude taken by the arbitrator would ap-
pear to be correct. In any case it is im-
possible to allow the city to recognize
the claim made, and if the intimated pro-
ceedings are taken they must be met and
contested. We have intimated Mr. Tay-
lor's opinion to Messrs. Yates & Jay.

Yours obediently,
MASON & MANN.

WOMEN REFUSE
ADVANCE IN WAGES

Fear Services Will Be Dis-
pensd With if They
Accept Offer.

(Special to The Times.)
Chicago, Aug. 31.—The women ticket
agents on the elevated loop of this city
to-day refused to accept a raise in
wages. Their action is said to be with-
out a precedent in the annals of the
local labor unions. The company offered
an advance of five cents a day, but
Clarence A. Knight, president of the
company, recently said he would dis-
pense with all women ticket sellers as
soon as their wages were raised to \$3
a day. At present the women are get-
ting \$1.95 a day and if they accepted
an advance of five cents a day it would
bring them to the danger line men-
tioned by Knight.

SCORES AMERICAN
LABOR LEADER

CLASH AT TRADES
UNION CONGRESS

Delegate Informs Gompers
That His Opinions Are
Not Needed.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Paris, Aug. 31.—Samuel Gompers,
president of the American Federation
of Labor, was the dramatic center of
the first days session of the sixth In-
ternational Trades Union Congress,
when several European delegates bit-
terly denounced what they claimed to
be the equivocal attitude of the Ameri-
can Federation with reference to join-
ing the international movement.

Mr. Gompers, in reply, insisted that
the problems and policies of American
trades unionism were so intermingled
with American traditions and ideas
that Americans could ill-spare the time
to encounter the influence of Euro-
pean leaders where the trades-unionism
tendencies were temperamentally dif-
ferent.

Nevertheless, as an evidence that the
United States was anxious for interna-
tional co-operation, Mr. Gompers
introduced a proposal favoring world
wide organization which would "de-
fend the rights and interests of all and
create international fraternity and soli-
darity."

The clash came over the question of
the exact status of Mr. Gompers and
the Federation in the conference. Mr.
Gompers' statement was received coldly
by several delegates jumped to their
feet to protest. Hueber, an Austrian
delegate vehemently characterized Mr.
Gompers explanation as mockery.

"We thank you for your opinions,"
he said, pointedly, "but we do not need
them. Your policies may not permit you
to come to us, but one day, American
workmen, you will realize that your
policies are erroneous and you will see
the necessity of joining the interna-
tional confederation."

Mr. Gompers, stinging under the re-
buke, arose to reply.
"I regret," he exclaimed, "that you
have misconstrued my remarks as an
attack upon European trades unionism.
I repeat, we sincerely desire in-
ternational federation, but only so far
as it preserves the American concep-
tion of unionism. If Europe does not
want us it will be unfortunate. Never-
theless, we will continue to do every-
thing possible to attain the goal for
which the human race is struggling—
international fraternity and unity."

Hueber retorted that it was seven
years since the American began talk-
ing about joining the international con-
federation and it was about time a de-
cision was reached.

M. Lein, the international secretary,
reviewed the controversy with the
statement that Gompers was only a
guest.

ITALIAN FACTION
WAR IN WASHINGTON

Two Attempted Murders Re-
ported—Further Trouble
Feared

POTTERY WORKS INCREASES PLANT

NECESSARY TO COPE WITH GROWING BUSINESS

Putting in Many Improvements at Victoria West Yards.

Reflecting mainly the growth and expansion of the city of Victoria and incidentally the progress throughout the province generally is the fact that considerable improvements and extensions are now being undertaken by the B. C. Pottery Company, Ltd., in their plant, Victoria West, at a total expenditure of approximately \$30,000.

Other recent improvements to the plant which have already been installed consist of a new steam pipe system, manufactured by the Captain Rice Company, of Acton, Illinois, a 19-foot drying pan; 28-foot wet pans. The company has also recently completed two large drying sheds and a machinery shed.

All these improvements have been undertaken so as to enable the company to cope with its rapidly-increasing business, consequent on the demand for sewer pipe in the various growing cities throughout the province. In Vancouver and Victoria especially a great quantity of street improvement work is in progress and the company has been kept especially busy filling orders. From Ladysmith and many points on the mainline also have come large orders, sufficient to keep the plant busy for many months to come.

The augmented plant has necessitated the erection of another huge boiler, so as to get the necessary increase of power. The work on the works has largely been increased of late and the company has now in its employ no less than 45 men, all white men. None but white labor is employed, and consequently the industry is one which is contributing very materially to the upbuilding of Victoria.

DIVERS AT WORK ON WRECKED OHIO

Five Thousand Dollars' Worth of Jewelry Has Been Recovered.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 2.—Five thousand dollars worth of jewelry has been recovered by divers from the wrecked steamer Ohio, which lies submerged in Carter Bay.

BODIES OF VICTIMS OF FLOOD CREMATED

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 2.—Giant funeral pyres are burning to-day in Monterey, Mexico, where the government's order that the flood victims be cremated is being carried out.

BUMP ON HEAD CAUSES DEATH.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 2.—E. R. Bowring is dead at the Providence hospital here from loss of blood as the result of bumping his head on a car window.

TO TEST AEROPLANES.

Sydney, C. B., Sept. 2.—Douglas McCurdy says his promised aeroplane trials with Badcock Nos. 1 and 2 will be made in about three weeks from now.

PLES

Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for every form of itching, swelling, and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can get your money back if not satisfied. 50c. at all news and drug stores. BATES & CO., TORONTO.

NUMBER OF WEDDINGS SOLEMNIZED IN CITY

Well Known Victorian Young People Enter Matrimonial State.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The home of Mr. R. G. Howell, MacLure street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 8 o'clock last evening.

The bride party entered the drawing room and took their places beneath a beautiful arch of ivy and sweet peas to the strains of the bridal march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Eva MacLaren, of Niagara street.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of cream silk poplin, the sleeves and bodice being richly trimmed with cascades of silk lace. Her bridal veil of Brussels net was held in place by a wreath of bride's roses, and she carried a large shower bouquet of roses and white carnations with long streamers of satin ribbon. She was attended by Miss Edith Winifred Howel, in the presence of the immediate relatives, was married to Mr. James McCallum Anderson, of Regina, the Rev. Joseph McCoy officiating.

Among the many beautiful gifts received by the bride was an ebony toilet set and a handsome travelling rug, which were presented by the united societies of Knox Presbyterian church, as at the instance of the pastor in which she was held by those with whom she had so long faithfully and harmoniously worked.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left on the Victoria transfer for Vancouver, en route to their new home in Regina. The bride, who was followed by the best wishes of a large circle of friends, travelled in a dark blue tailored suit with black picture hat.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at the home of Robert Mason, 140 Jubilee street, when his second daughter, Miss Eva Elizabeth Mason, became the bride of Mr. Albert Edward Shanks, of the E. P. Ritchet Co. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Leslie Clay in the presence of a large number of relatives, under a beautiful floral arrangement of white asters and sweet peas and smilax.

The entire decorations of the different rooms were carried out in pink and white, carnations, roses and sweet peas being used with ferns and smilax. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a smartly tailored cloth suit in wisteria shades, with black jet trimming, and black picture hat. She carried a large bouquet of white carnations and pale pink roses, knotted with small white satin bows, and tied with long streamers of white chiffon. She was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Mason, in a taupe cloth dress. Mr. S. J. Shanks, a brother of the groom, acted as best man.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served. Mr. Shanks was presented by the Ritchet company with a handsome Morris chair, while to the bride they sent a beautiful Wedgewood jardiner.

Mrs. Vigor, for whom the bride had long been head saleslady, presented her with a valuable silver butter dish, while a cut glass salt and pepper set was the gift of two of her fellow clerks. A great many other presents were received from relatives and friends, testifying to the esteem in which she is held.

Mr. and Mrs. Shanks left on the Princess Charlotte for Seattle and other Sound cities. On their return they will occupy furnished apartments until their new home is completed.

A wedding of interest to many Victorians, and also to friends in Toronto, took place quietly at 1 p. m. in Christ Church cathedral yesterday, the contracting parties being Miss Eva Beamish, youngest daughter of Mrs. B. J. Beamish, of Toronto, and Mr. James A. Bland, honorary secretary of the Victoria Horticultural Society. Bishop Perrin performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate relatives and friends only.

A wedding breakfast was served at the residence of Mr. A. H. Tobin, St. Andrew's street, at which only the members of the families interested were present. Mr. and Mrs. Borden left for San Francisco on the steamer Susan en route to San Jose, and on their return they will reside at 614 Dunedin street, in this city. Mr. Borden is an employee of the provincial government in the printing department.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon between Miss Edith Winifred Howel and Albert E. Shanks, the popular young Victorians. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, Jubilee avenue, and was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The bride was given away by her father, while her sister, Annie, made a dainty bridesmaid. The groom was supported by his brother, S. J. Shanks. The happy couple left on the Princess Charlotte for Seattle and the Sound cities.

The Esquimalt public school will open on Tuesday, the 7th inst., in the new temporary building erected on the school grounds, Lampon street.

ALL-RED LINE AND IMPERIAL CABLE

Projects Discussed by Premiers of Canada and New Zealand.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Premier Ward of New Zealand and Ambassador Bryce are in Ottawa to-day and will remain till to-morrow.

Premier Ward had an informal interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon, the all red line and imperial cable project being discussed. Ward says New Zealand is prepared to do its full share toward carrying out both projects.

It is understood Ambassador Bryce is here on an informal visit, but will take an opportunity to discuss with Sir Wilfrid the question of final ratification of the waterways treaty with the United States. The Canadian government will probably shortly announce its final consent to the terms of the treaty as amended by rider attached by the Senate at Washington last spring.

SMUGGLED CHINESE.

Tucuman, N. M., Sept. 2.—Fourteen Chinese are in jail here waiting the time when the federal authorities will deport them back to Mexico, following their discovery in a box car in which they were being smuggled into America from over the border.

The Chinese were captured by United States Immigration Inspector M. P. McGuire, and his assistant, David Tyre. The car was consigned to Kansas City and had come from California via El Paso.

In the car were sufficient supplies of water and food to last the Orientals throughout their journey. Their preliminary examination will be held as soon as a government interpreter arrives here.

SITES AVAILABLE FOR MODEL FARM

DOMINION GOVERNMENT CAN HAVE TWO SUITABLE

Question Taken Up by Board of Trade With Lord Strathcona.

It is understood that the question of an experimental farm for Vancouver Island has been practically settled and that if the question of prices can be arranged that one of two excellent locations will be taken by the department of agriculture for the purposes in question.

The two sites are both close to the city boundaries, both traversed by a line of railway, both served by a water system, both readily accessible by high road, and both with sufficient variety of soil to make a farm at either point one on which all varieties of fruit and grain can be grown.

One of these sites is what is known as the Skinner farm now used as the Victoria Transfer farm just beyond the city limits at Esquimalt, and the other on Rithe's farm near Royal Oak.

This former property is well known to citizens living only a mile or two beyond the city boundaries and being on the high road to Saanich. It provides, as already mentioned a great variety of soils. It is practically bounded by the Gorge park, the Gorge, Esquimalt harbor and the city boundaries. It has light and heavy, low and high soils, both wooded and cleared and is traversed by the pipe line of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and by the E. & N. railway.

Both this site and that at Rithe's

CLASH BETWEEN TURKS AND MONTENEGRINS

Heavy Losses Reported on Both Sides — Several Women Wounded.

Pera, Sept. 2.—The culmination of the border affrays between Turkish troops and the Montenegrins occurred near Cusluk, a city in Turkish territory, where a pitched battle was fought, according to advices received here to-day.

There were heavy losses on both sides and a number of wounded are reported. Among those injured in the battle were five Turkish women who were later captured and taken into Montenegrin territory.

The Montenegrins opened hostilities by firing upon the Turks, according to the dispatch. Armed forces are now facing each other on the frontier and it is expected that a decisive battle will be fought.

SAILORS DESERT.

Over Two Score Leave the United States Cruiser St. Louis.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—Since her arrival here from Honolulu ten days ago, forty-nine men, it is reported, have left the United States cruiser St. Louis. Eight have already been listed as deserters while the remainder are still classed as absentees.

There are about 100 men left on the St. Louis than the complement calls for, and a few of the sailors have asked to be transferred from the vessel to other cruisers.

It is alleged by some of the sailors that the main trouble and what caused the desertions was the poor quality of the food served on the cruiser.

COMMEND CAPTAIN AND CREW OF OHIO

Investigation Into Wreck of NOME Liner Continued at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 2.—All the witnesses called before the investigating committee which is taking testimony in the wreck of the steamer Ohio yesterday served in commending the work of Captain Johnson and the crew of the ill-fated craft.

In the opinion of F. H. Stewart, vice-president of the Alaska Trust Company, who was a passenger on the Ohio, no lives should have been lost. There was a surplus of life preservers, he said, and all of the lifeboats were lowered and filled without a hitch. While excitement prevailed all over the ship, it was not in the nature of a panic, and the admirable work of the captain and crew served to the commendation. There was plenty of time for everyone to have been saved, Stewart said.

Samuel Bradshaw, freight clerk, testified that he saw Eccles, the wireless operator, at his instrument, and then saw him come out of the room, close the door and walk toward a life raft on the starboard side about the time that the vessel ran aground in Carter's Bay. It was about 10:30 p. m. when the vessel ran aground, he said, and he saw anyone more than 10 feet away. He jumped into the water shortly before the Ohio sank.

COOK PLANTS FLAG AT THE NORTH POLE

(Continued from page 1)

"Fake observations without ultimate detection are practically impossible. Mathematicians and scientists have means of checking any observation made any section of the world. This could discover deception. Cook's records will be all the proof that is necessary."

Praises Explorer. New York, Sept. 2.—The happiest man in New York to-day is John H. Brayley, who financed the exploration expedition of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, which resulted in the stars and stripes being planted at the North Pole.

"If the news be true," said Bradley this morning, "and it must be true, Dr. Cook has accomplished the most wonderful thing ever attempted by any man. Just imagine any man with courage enough to make a dash for the pole, accomplish his object, unassisted by any other white man and then return alive and well. I tell you it's the most wonderful achievement in the history of this generation, or any other generation for that matter. I never entertained the slightest doubt but that Dr. Cook would return, as I had absolute confidence in his courage, determination and will power. So when some friends of Dr. Cook tried to finance a relief expedition recently I refused to subscribe to the fund as I believed that it might interfere with the plans of Cook."

"Naturally, I am pleased with Dr. Cook's great discovery, and I believe that when he returns to his native soil that the American people will give him the greatest welcome ever accorded to any American."

Taft Pleased. Beverly, Mass., Sept. 2.—President Taft is immensely pleased at the achievement of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, in planting the stars and stripes upon the North Pole.

As soon as the president receives official notification of the discovery he will send a special message of congratulation to the great explorer. Mr. Taft declined to make any formal statement to-day but did not endeavor to conceal his pleasure over the news.

It is expected that the American government will take steps to honor properly the man who has gained for this nation the glory that has been sought by all countries for centuries, but it is certain that no step will be taken until the discovery is confirmed and is officially recorded.

Sir D. Johnston Interviewed. Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 2.—What proofs would Cook be able to bring back with him to substantiate his claim to discovery of the pole. In other words, what evidence of a positive character to trust in the teeth of doubting Thomases. This question was submitted to a number of distinguished scientists. They all agreed that the only evidence Cook could have would be his astronomical notes. And could not these be "faked"? Yes, they could, perhaps for a brief space just as Dr. Rougemont faked his high-interesting notes, but his pretensions would be of a positive character to trust in the teeth of doubting Thomases. This question was submitted to a number of distinguished scientists. They all agreed that the only evidence Cook could have would be his astronomical notes. And could not these be "faked"? Yes, they could, perhaps for a brief space just as Dr. Rougemont faked his high-interesting notes, but his pretensions would be of a positive character to trust in the teeth of doubting Thomases. This question was submitted to a number of distinguished scientists. They all agreed that the only evidence Cook could have would be his astronomical notes. And could not these be "faked"? Yes, they could, perhaps for a brief space just as Dr. Rougemont faked his high-interesting notes, but his pretensions would be of a positive character to trust in the teeth of doubting Thomases.

Col. Sir Duncan Johnston, president of the geographical section of the British Association, did not know of Dr. Cook's expedition, but said that it would be easy to prove if the pole had really been reached by verifying the observations made. It would be quite possible for observations to be faked so as to deceive a scientist supposing for one moment that anyone would attempt to do such a thing, which Sir Duncan did not. He confessed great interest in the report and said that of course the achievement was one of the greatest in the history of exploration and it was really a fact.

Prof. Sir Joseph Larmor, D. S. C., secretary of the royal society, said the only way the explorer has of detecting when he has reached the pole, is by making astronomical observations and determining his latitude. Sir Joseph said it would be impossible for it to be proved that a man had not been to the pole if he said he had and departed in the right direction and returned from right direction. Nansen, for instance, if he had so desired, could have said he attained the pole, and that the outside world could not have proved him wrong.

The funeral of the late Peter Wolf took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 1911 Government street, where the Rev. E. G. Miller conducted impressive services. The cortege then proceeded to the Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas street, where the rites of that order were conducted. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends present and many flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: F. Bayliss, H. Stebbins, L. Moss, W. G. Ginn, sr., W. H. Handley and J. Knights.

GOOD ADVICE TO YOUNG STUDENTS

LORD STRATHCONA AT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Hospitals Were Visited by Him Before Leaving City.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Lord Strathcona, in addition to receiving many callers to-day, visited a number of the prominent institutions of the city. At noon he was taken in an auto to the St. Joseph's hospital, where he viewed that institution. After completing a tour there he was taken to the Royal Jubilee hospital, where he was particularly interested in the Strathcona wing for which he pledged the money and which has proven such a decided assistance. H. Dallas Heimcken and E. A. Lewis, representing the hospital board, accompanied him. University school at Mount Polime was next visited. C. C. Chipman, who has taken such a deep interest in that institution, having his boys educated there, was an interested visitor with His Lordship. The cadet corps and teachers welcomed His Lordship at the grounds, and as he entered the grounds, accompanied by Miss Howard, the grand-daughter of the lord, and Mr. Chipman, the cadet corps, drawn up to receive him, presented arms.

Entering the school, Mr. Bolton, the dean, informed Lord Strathcona that this was but the second day of the present term and that this was the reason that the gathering of students was not so large as it would otherwise have been. Mr. Bolton pointed out the grounds of the school and the beautiful view which was afforded from the steps, the Olympic mountains standing out beautifully. After this Mr. Bolton presented Lord Strathcona with a small memento, being a picture of the teachers and students of the school.

Lord Strathcona and party were then shown through the building and all expressed themselves as delighted. On returning to the front of the building, Lord Strathcona gave a short but inspiring address: "I am delighted to see you," he said, "it gives me great pleasure to face such a body of boys. It will be a good thing when these cadet corps are established in every city in the Dominion as it is a necessity for all to be prepared and ready in case of emergency. The loyalty shown by such bands is a great thing for the crown and empire."

He told the boys to prepare themselves for the battle of life as it was a strenuous one. No calling was degrading and the boys that shine shoes may be as good as anyone else. No matter how low one started he could always rise to higher positions. After shaking hands with the boys the latter gave three cheers with a hearty good will for the grand old man as he departed in his auto.

MANITOBA YOUNG LADY WEDS VICTORIAN

Miss Greenway of Crystal City and Mr. Dunford Are Married.

A very pretty home wedding took place at 9 o'clock last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, 619 Dunedin street, when the latter's sister, Miss Laura May Greenway, of Crystal City, Manitoba, became the bride of Mr. John Orville Dunford, of Victoria. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Henderson of Centennial Methodist church. The bride's sister, Miss Rena Greenway, played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. W. E. McIntyre, was very becomingly gowned in a heavily hand-embroidered cream silk, gown and carried bride's roses. She was attended only by her little niece, Vera Mutch of Crystal City, who made a quaint little flower girl in an embroidered white Swiss muslin frock with touches of blue, and carrying a basket of sweet peas.

The ceremony took place beneath a floral arch of white asters and sweet peas, and was witnessed by the immediate relatives only.

A dainty wedding breakfast was served from a table carrying out a delicate white and green color scheme, and many very handsome gifts were received by the bride, not only from those present, but from friends in her native prairie province.

Mrs. Monty's the hostess, wore her own wedding dress, an embroidered cream chiffon; Mrs. Mutch, of Crystal City, also a sister of the bride, wore cream voile, and Miss Rena Greenway very pretty pink mull.

The bride's going away costume was a dark grey tailored suit with green hat. After their honeymoon, which will be spent in Seattle and Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Dunford will take up their residence on Burnside road. The bride is a niece of the late Premier Greenway of Manitoba.

The Co-Op. Store 734 YATES ST. Has recently undergone alterations and is now open as The "BON-AMI" Ladies' and Children's Outfitting and Dry Goods Store

You are invited to take advantage of PRIVATE LOCKERS in the large safe deposit FIREPROOF VAULT. Moderate charge for the custody of deeds and personal property. Call and enquire at 734 YATES ST. SHELTON & SON, Proprietors.



ENTRANCE ISLAND LIGHT, QUATSINO SOUND. The view is from Light House site, looking down the tramway to the water. At the bottom of the tramway is fixed a large derrick which picks up the stores and material from the boats just outside the breakers and lands them on the tramway. The work is under the charge of Thomas Tubman.

PENNSYLVANIA MINING DISPUTE SETTLED

Order Regarding Use of Black Powder Temporarily Withdrawn.

Pittsburg, Sept. 2.—The dispute between the miners and operators of the Pittsburg district affecting 15,000 men was settled last night at a conference between the operators, the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America and President Lewis.

A notice will be posted in all the mines in this district telling the miners that the recent order of the coal companies that black powder must be used in mining coal is rescinded for the present.

To secure this concession on the part of the operators, President Lewis appointed a committee from the miners' organization to confer with Chief Mine Inspector Roderick, of Pennsylvania, asking that a thorough investigation of the use of black or "safety" powder be made by the state.

The annual meeting of the Anglican synod will be held in this city on October 18th, 19th and 20th. All those having notices of motion and wishing to have them printed on the convening circular are requested to send them to Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, clerical secretary, before September 10th.

John Scott, of 718 Yates street, believes that a guest at his house a few weeks ago may have been Frank E. Davis, who is missing from Portland, Ore. The man who was here gave his name as Davis, and was apparently following the races. So certain is Mr. Scott that he has located the missing man that he has hopes of again getting track of him and securing the reward of \$100 that has been offered.

WILBUR WRIGHT WILL NOT FLY AT ST. LOUIS

Declines Offer by Aero Club to Compete Against Curtiss.

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 2.—It has been officially given out at the Wright home that Wilbur Wright will not fly at St. Louis against Glenn Curtiss, the American aviator who holds the world's speed record for a 20 kilometre flight, made recently at Rheims, France. The declaration was made to-day by members of the Wright family. The offer was made to Wright to compete against Curtiss by the St. Louis Aero Club.

Dayton may have an inspector of balloons. Wilbur Wright has voiced such a suggestion and the International Aeroplane Club has taken the matter up. There is no law under which the inspector can now work, but the club has outlined a plan. It is for the gas company not to inflate any craft which is declared dangerous by the club inspector. There are so many gas balloons now in Dayton and so many more on the way that it was deemed wise that some precaution be taken.

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Captain of ERNA ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 2.—Capt. W. Ziegenmeyer, master of the German steamer Erna, which arrived yesterday from Victoria, bound for Panama, is under arrest here on a charge of smuggling.

CAPTAIN OF ERNA ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING

The complaint was sworn to by officials of the customs service in Los Angeles, and alleges that Capt. Ziegenmeyer and J. P. Solozzann, smuggled 800 Panama hats and other merchandise into this port on the last north-bound trip of the Erna.

The steamer was here July 7th. Capt. Ziegenmeyer says that Solozzann, who owned the goods, left the Erna at Seattle and departed overland for Panama via New Orleans.

According to statements of Deputy Collector of Customs Mehar, the goods were removed from the Erna after she left this port. It is alleged she was met outside by some small boat which brought the merchandise ashore. It was sent to Los Angeles and then to Seattle by rail, the officials allege.

LORD STRATHCONA VISITS VANCOUVER

CORDIAL WELCOME TO HIGH COMMISSIONER

Has Unbounded Faith in the Future of the Dominion.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, Aug. 31.—A memorable welcome was accorded Lord Strathcona, the high commissioner of Canada, upon his arrival in Vancouver this morning.

The streets to which the procession to the Hotel Vancouver, where, speaking from the steps of the hotel, Lord Strathcona declared that he had always had faith in this country as well as in the whole of the Dominion.

Lord Strathcona was accompanied by Sir Edward Clouston, secretary of the Bank of Montreal, Chief Commissioner Chipman of the Hudson Bay Company, his lordship's grandnephew, Miss Howard, and his grandson, Donald Howard.

PRESIDENT TAFT WILL TAKE DRASTIC ACTION

Is Now Dealing With Public Lands and Conservation Questions.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Official Washington is in a buzz of excitement following the news that President Taft has decided to accept the resignation of Ormsby McHarg, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, and that Secretary Banninger of the interior department, has left Seattle on his way here on "emergency business."

The two pieces of news are connected by those on the inside of administration affairs with the war that has been going on in the west this summer against the expectations of Roosevelt's policies in solving the minor officials of the Taft administration.

The announcement that McHarg is soon to quit Washington is taken to mean that President Taft has decided to take drastic action in the case and Roosevelt men here are elated because they say it means the beginning of a general clean-up of a number of men who were put in office at the beginning of the Taft administration by East-master-General Hitchcock, who managed the Taft campaign and distributed the federal patronage.

The resignation of McHarg is regarded as especially significant, because it was McHarg who announced some time ago that Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel would conduct a "house cleaning" in his department. This was followed by the announcement that Secretary Banninger would also do a "house cleaning" in the interior department.

"House cleaning" in both cases was well known to have meant that Nagel and Banninger were to get rid of all the men in their departments who had been connected with the Roosevelt administration. Neither cabinet officer got very far, however, because the big issue in the interior department, involving the water power trust in Montana and the coal land cases in Alaska, came up immediately after Banninger left Washington on his trip west.

Taft, says those closest to him, is a man who does only one thing at a time. Now that he has finished the tariff he has taken up the public lands questions and the conservation movement, and the Roosevelt men in Washington say that when Taft has finished with it he will be found on the right side, and there will be several places in his official staff to be filled.

The officials at the interior department, and at the general land office, refused absolutely to make any statement as to the resignation of McHarg, hurried trip to Washington. It is known positively, however, that he is coming to prepare the final draft of the explanation his department is making to President Taft in regard to the Alaska coal cases.

At Monday's meeting of the City Council a letter was received from H. D. Helmecken, K.C., asking for information as to when complaints against the Bowling Club being given privileges at Beacon Hill Park had been referred to the city engineer, and what was the reply of the latter, if any.

WHEAT DISCUSSED BY SCIENTISTS

Papers of Interest to West Read Before British Association.

Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—Three sections of the British Association, chemistry, agriculture and botany, have combined their forces to discuss scientific problems of supreme importance to the wheat industry.

At the banquet tendered the G. T. P. party at Prince Rupert last week, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson and Charles H. Hays made important statements relative to the company's attitude toward the new city.

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The papers of interest to the west can hardly be estimated. There were a large number of local grain and agriculturists present, Hon. R. R. Roblin being an interested visitor.

Canadians were given a large part of the programme, and read some of the new papers. Prof. Zevitz of Guelph agriculture college, read a paper on "The Influence of Good Seed," which was particularly interesting and valuable.

For the milling man and grain man the most interesting centered in the paper of A. E. Humphries, one of the largest millers in the world, and president of the British Millers' Association. He said the British public demanded a flour that will make a large shapely loaf of good color.

Prof. Hardy, who was deputized by Cambridge University to investigate the question of the strength of wheat, said that discussions on wheat strength always reminded him of a hunt for the Holy Grail, but as a matter of fact wheat strength was made up of a large number of qualities and what they were in search of was not the Holy Grail, but an array of arch-angels.

Papers on the ore deposits of Canada occupied most of the time of the geographical section. The speakers dealt with the subject rather with a view to giving information to the visitors than with any idea of adding anything new to the knowledge already possessed.

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THE FUTURE OF PRINCE RUPERT

G. T. P. OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC

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DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECT

G. BETHUNE GRAY LIKED CONDITIONS HERE

He Will Strongly Recommend Island as Place of Settlement.

G. Bethune Gray, British and European manager of the C. P. R. land department, left Monday for the mainland on his way eastward. In company with C. Keith Morris, special correspondent of the Canadian Gazette, published in London, Eng., and Bernardo Attolico, Italian inspector of immigration for the United States.

Mr. Gray made a tour of Vancouver Island for the purpose of looking into the conditions on an immigration standpoint. Seen last evening, Mr. Gray said his trip had been most satisfactory. He goes back to London with an excellent fund of information to be used in inducing immigration here.

The office which Mr. Gray holds is one only recently opened by the C. P. R. With headquarters in London he has agencies in all parts of the United Kingdom and in various centres in Northern Europe. The object is to give information to intending immigrants to Canada. While settlement of the land is aimed at largely, the department is also prepared to give assistance in various other lines which will mean the introduction of capital into this country.

As an instance of what is being done, Mr. Gray says a representation of one of the largest lumber dealing firms in the midlands is now on his way to this coast to look into the question of investing in timber. Inquiries are received from all lines of manufacturing as well as farming and the department has been prepared to give, the most exact information.

On the tour of the island Duncan was visited and then by motor the party proceeded to Nanaimo, then to Alberni and from there as far as the Comox valley. The points visited showed Mr. Gray conditions superior even to what he had expected. Near mining centres like Nanaimo and Ladysmith he was struck by the splendid scenery, the beautiful scenery, good fishing and hunting together with the promise of rich returns for his labor all would be strong inducements.

There is a class made up of gardeners and others who understand the treatment of soil who are anxious to come here. The island should appeal to them. With the excellent markets afforded for the produce of the island, Mr. Gray will strongly recommend Vancouver Island as a place for settlement on his return. He will visit some points on the mainland such as Sumnerland and Nelson before going to the prairies on his way east. Many, he says, in the Old Land have a strong preference for British Columbia rather than the prairies.

Yours respectfully, FRANK HIGGINS.

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Ashcroft, Aug. 30.—A party of three, consisting of Messrs. MacKirdy, Clark and McKenna, left on Wednesday for the Blackwater country, where they intend wintering. The party is under the leadership of Mr. MacKirdy, who has already been for some time in that section, and various tracts of land have been acquired, and most will be purchased in the near future, with the object of starting a settlement. The land acquired is two and a half miles this side of Blackwater, and a party of sixteen are coming along in the early fall, mostly from Phoenix, B. C., to start the settlement.

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LAWSUITS ARE NOW IN SIGHT

AFTERMATH OF THE TALLY-HO ACCIDENT

Counsel for Steve White Writes Council, Holding City Liable.

Rumors have been afloat for some days past to the effect that those who were injured in the regrettable tally-ho accident the other day had determined to seek damages for the injuries they had sustained. It is said that they had laid the matter before the United States consul in this city, and that actions would, in the first instance, be taken against Stephen White, the owner of the tally-ho, and that the latter would, in turn, hold the city liable for damages.

That responsibility for the accident will be tested in the court was made clear by the receipt by the City Council of the following letter from Frank Higgins on Monday, which, without debate, was referred to the city barrister and the city solicitor for report.

Victoria, B. C., August 30th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Sir, Stephen White has instructed me to notify you of the damages sustained by him and the injuries occasioned to certain passengers who were being driven in my client's tally-ho along the main road on the 27th inst. My client states that when the tally-ho was passing near Mary's Cove, the driver, Stephen White, gave way beneath the tally-ho, the passengers were thrown with violence from their seats and some seriously injured, and the vehicle badly damaged. No notice was given to the driver of the condition of the roadway. My client desires me to call your attention to the fact that the corporation of the city of Victoria is solely responsible for this unfortunate incident, and that the corporation is liable to make good the damages sustained by the passengers and himself.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' ANNUAL PICNIC

Results of the Races—Box Social to Be Held at Gordon Head.

(Special Correspondence.)

Gordon Head, Aug. 30.—The annual Good Templars' picnic held on Saturday last, was a great success. Races and sports occupied the greater part of the afternoon, but the chief feature was the three-mile race from St. Luke's church to Cordova bay. Willard Holmes ran the distance in eight minutes, winning a pair of gold cuff links. He was followed closely by Watson Clark. The programme of races was as follows:

Ladies' fifty yards race—1st, Miss Saddle Miller; 2nd, Miss Kathleen O'forhan.

Children's 100 yards—1st, W. Holmes; 2nd, Watson Clark.

Ladies' egg and spoon race—1st, Miss Gladys Heal; 2nd, Miss Nance Bradshaw.

Fifty yards race for boy under fourteen—1st, Reg. Woolsey; 2nd, Stanley Featherstone.

Children's three-legged race—1st, Rev. H. A. Collison and Watson Clark.

Victoria Cross race—1st, Lance Clark with Gilbert Heal.

The Saanich municipality is calling for tenders for supply of cord wood for schools in the district.

The members of the Ladies' Auxillary in connection with the St. Aidens' church met at the residence of Mrs. R. H. Green on Thursday last. Several business matters were discussed and it was decided that a "box" social will be held in the Gordon Head hall in the near future.

A special meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held on Thursday, September 2nd, at Royal Oak.

Miss Alice and Elsie Collison left on Friday on a visit to their old home on the Naas river.

Mr. McRae of Sacramento, Cal., is visiting his brother, Ronald McRae of "Lavinook."

Mrs. Gilbert and her son, Master Rodney Gilbert, have left for their home in Minnesota after a lengthy visit to her brother James Todd, of Cedar Hill.

Miss Isabel Clark is visiting the Misses Glendenning of "Brentwood."

RAILWAY RIGHTS ON CITY STREETS

PROPERTY OWNERS VS. V. & S. RAILWAY CO.

Solicitors of Property Owners Write a Letter to the City Council.

At Monday's meeting of the City Council the following letter was received from Messrs. Pooley, Luxton & Pooley:

Victoria, B. C., 30th August, 1908. To the Mayor and Aldermen, Victoria, B. C.

Victoria v. Victoria Terminal Ry. Gentlemen—We beg to advise you that we represent a number of ratepayers whose interests in the city and property shall be entered into to bring this litigation to a close.

Acting on the suggestion of your counsel, Mr. W. J. Taylor, the writer, in connection with a deputation of these ratepayers, last and laid our objections before him, and his due course was to take the matter up with the council and the railway company.

The position taken by our clients in part is that the city should proceed with the pending action and that it could be brought to a successful issue, and further that the proposed privileges to be granted to the railway company on Blanchard street cannot be legally given by the city in the manner proposed, and without a further by-law to be voted on by the ratepayers.

It was suggested by Mr. Taylor that the action is down for trial on the 4th September, and that the matter must be settled at once.

We beg to suggest that the case be adjourned to the 15th of October, and that in the meantime an endeavor be made to arrive at a settlement, if one is intended, who would as nearly as possible meet the views of all concerned, including our clients.

We should be glad of an immediate reply as to whether our suggestion can be carried out, as if not it may be necessary for our clients themselves to take action.

Your obedient servants, POOLEY, LUXTON & POOLEY.

Aid. Bishop explained that he was present at Mr. Taylor's office when the deposition of Blanchard street property owners had conferred with the city barrister, and he came to the conclusion from what was said that if the company would agree to not allow the cars to stand more than five minutes on the sidetracks which would be laid down on that thoroughfare, some agreement could be arrived at.

On it being suggested that the letter be referred to the city barrister, Aid. Turner declared that it was not a matter for the consideration of the city barrister at all. It was for the council to say whether the matter should be left in abeyance for a time or not.

Aid. Henderson thought that as Mr. Taylor had the matter in hand it should be referred to him.

This was finally agreed to, the mayor remarking that Mr. Taylor would be invited to attend the meeting of the streets committee on Friday evening and report on the matter. The city solicitor, on this matter, informed the mayor that he was of the opinion that a possible mode of settlement was for the company to buy a block of land.

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VOLIVA GOES TO JAIL. Watkegan, Ill., Aug. 31.—Voliva, Dowie's successor as the leader of Zion jail to-day to begin a six months' sentence following his failure to pay a \$10,000 bond judgment held against him by Philip Mohrhill.

GOOD ROAD. Major Sheppard, of Ontario, Will Address Meetings in This District. On Thursday evening next at the city hall, Major Sheppard, of Ontario, will deliver a public address at the city hall, to which the mayor and aldermen have been invited. The matter came before the council at last evening's meeting and the invitation was accepted with thanks.

RAILS FOR G.T.P. (Special to the Times.) Sydney, N. S., Aug. 31.—Steamer Belle of Spain, sailed last night bound for Prince Rupert, with a cargo for the Grand Trunk Pacific of 15,316 steel rails, 8,640 bundles fish, etc.

FIGHT OVER CLAM. New York, Aug. 31.—Nicholas Nicetase and Nicholas Loranio are dying in the hospital, with two bullets in each of their bodies because Frank Artino believed that Nicetase should have sold him five cents in his restaurant for five cents instead of four. Artino's efforts to obtain the fifth cent resulted in a fight in which he fired ten shots at the restaurant keeper and Loranio, who attempted to stop him. A policeman captured Artino while he was reloading his two pistols to continue the fusillade.

TYPHOID AT COBALT. Cobalt, Aug. 31.—A serious outbreak of typhoid has occurred here, with 70 cases in the hospital. "People with weak hearts often die." A deeply interested boy asked here: "How often have I to die before they say dead?"—Wasp.

AMINE TO WRECK... WRITERS' S GONE NORTH... Reach Site To... w Morning... The Canadian for... expected to... steamer Ohio to... and work is expected... afterward as to the... raising the vessel... representing the... Underwriters; Capt... representing Lloyds... representing the... ship company, and the... on the way to... the wreck rest... City on which they... put into the bay... all the insurance on... ergo was covered by... rewriters. The sur... will be supervised... Capt. Gibbs and... the decision as to... to raise the vessel... RACE FOR... SE DESERTERS... and Chained to... of Steamer's... Deck... of deserter stained... hair cropped close... station of the... all could see him... of the Japanese... Maria, who came... mission, but return... Fortunately, was pub... the officers of the... Portland Telegram... adopted by Captain... of the steamer, for... the brown men under... deling the word de... his brow are Jap... will remain a... can be erased. Dur... will live in ment... of the great dis... fallen him... the humiliation to... being subjected, two... deserted from the... USE... CED ON ROYAL... When Will Be Fully... North... steamer Princess... the North on Tues... wireless phone was... L. H. Pike and Z... rted the work of in... atus for the United... Everything will be... the time the steam... north on Friday next... to have charge of the... steamer. He was th... on the Ohio, and... set aboard. Half an... fessel left, however... de, and Eccles was... Eccles remarked be... this was to be a... of a girl would be... essel on her return... is of two kilo... nally the same as... ing installed by the... for the Dominion... el new stations and... and Pachena. He... in charge of Captain... Hughes being in... eight 212 passengers... and other points, a... being round-trippers... Dr. Young and... the passengers. This... for some time when... been good in the... The nights were de... mon making them... the days... perintendent of local... (Columbia, has been... dent of the Internat... Confederalion which... ternational Congress... last month and of... representatives from... ntry now amalga... pose of temperance... semination of reliable... to the late Joseph Got... of Mr. and Mrs... took place Tuesday... the Hanna chapel... W. Leslie Clay of... of the late Charles T... to rest in Ross Bay... yday. The funeral... o'clock from the... here the Rev. Lead... an impressive service... a telegram from the... Society's secretary... nelson, has received a... resters of the British... nipeg, stating that... members to arrive in... mber 7th, with the... list of the names of... been mailed.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK PASSENGER TRAIN

Watchman Kills Bandit and Receives Wound Which May Prove Fatal. Mineral City, Ohio, Sept. 1.—A plot to wreck the Cleveland and Pittsburg passenger train yesterday between here and Canal Dover, was frustrated today by Watchman John Mace, who is in a dying condition at Canal Dover following his brave action. Mace came on four train wreckers, who were laying explosives in a tunnel. A revolver duel followed in which Mace shot one of the bandits dead, wounded another and received wounds that may cause his death. Section hands, drawn to the tunnel by the shooting, came up and in a hand to hand encounter with the bandits, two of them were shot. The thugs fled after the shooting, leaving the dead comrade. A trail of blood left by a wounded bandit may aid the authorities in capturing the men. An attempt is being made to identify the dead train wrecker.

TRIBUTE TO ECCLES. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—From 2 o'clock until 2.30 yesterday all the wireless stations of the United Wireless telegraph service were silent out of respect for George Eccles, the wireless operator on board the Ohio when she was wrecked, and who lost his life while at his post calling for aid.

GIRL EXPIRES IN ARMS OF HER BROTHER

Dies Suddenly While on a Visit to the A.-Y. Exposition. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—With a happy smile and light-hearted words of admiration for the beautiful things she was seeing, Edna Clark, an eighteen-year-old school girl of Bellingham, fell over backwards into the arms of her father, who was standing near the entrance of the Oriental building on the fair grounds yesterday, and before help could arrive, was dead, a victim of heart disease, which less than six months ago had claimed the life of her mother with equal suddenness. Miss Clark was a daughter of Harry Clark, a Bellingham business man, and was looking over the statutory in the Italian exhibit with Coleberg Clark, her brother, while they waited to meet their father. Not a word passed the girl's lips after she was stricken, and when the ambulance reached the Oriental building the last spark of life had gone. The young brother, when he learned that she was dead, collapsed completely and had to be cared for at the hospital.

HARRIMAN'S CONDITION

Railway Magnate Issues Statement Regarding His Illness. Arden, N. Y., Aug. 31.—E. H. Harriman, urged by weary representatives of the press, who have camped about his mountain home since Wednesday with a statement that he was all right. Mr. Harriman's statement follows: "I am urging the course laid out before I went abroad, and advised by the physicians. I intend taking a rest as soon as my responsibilities will permit. My treatment abroad reduced my strength and weakened my digestion. The most expert physicians in the world advised me to take a vacation by surgeons as a matter of precaution. This has been done very carefully by Doctors Bromer and Chile, in conjunction with Dr. Walter James and Dr. Lyle, and the whole result is that they find nothing serious, and renew the advice previously obtained, that I should have a rest and not see many people at one time, and this I am trying to do. "This covers the whole case, and later on, if the representatives of the press desire, and there is any purpose to be accomplished, I will see them up here, but now I ask that the surveillance of the operations of my home be withdrawn, not so much on account of my family or myself, but that the coming and going of my friends may not be interfered with. I appreciate the interest in my welfare taken by the press and by friends in all sections; but if there was or should be anything serious, I will let the press know, and as I have never deceived them, I ask that the press will withdraw its representatives from my premises." The newspaper men, relying on his word, returned to New York last night.

FATAL BRAWL

Emerson, Man, Aug. 31.—As a result of a drunken brawl on Saturday night, the remains of John Boyce, of Overstone, now lies at the town hall here. Doctors May and Wallace made a post-mortem yesterday. The row took place at a Galesian house immediately east of the skating rink close to the C.N.R. tracks. W. Chulny and another Galesian are said to have been involved in the fatal quarrel and the police are now looking for them.

CONDUCTOR INJURED

Nanaimo, Aug. 31.—Ernest Lott, employed as a conductor on the Anderson Logging Company's train at Union Bay, met with an accident yesterday while at work, sustaining injuries to his forehead and left arm which may render amputation necessary. He was taken to the hospital at Cumberland.

TWO RACE TRACK TOUTS IN TROUBLE

Are Held by the Police at Vancouver on Charge of Theft. Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 31.—The police made a good haul last night when they arrested John D. Staunton and Harry Overton, two confidence men and race track tout, on a charge of theft. The men had a roof fitted up in the vicinity of the Hotel Vancouver, furnished with a mock telephone, race track charts, etc. Then they went searching for the victim and secured one in the person of John Long, a retired rancher of Bellingham, who was here for the races. They framed up a deal whereby he would give them \$5,000 on one race, but he had to put up \$5,000 to get the \$15,000 and again he fell for them, putting up a cheque for the \$5,000 drawn on a Bellingham bank. A day passed when Long did some thinking, and suddenly he took a tumble. He reported his trouble to the police, and payment of the cheque was stopped by a wire to the Bellingham bank. The pair were locked up and this morning appeared on a charge of theft, but the case was remanded until Friday, when they will appear in court. In speaking to the News later, Inspector Stephen stated that as far as he was concerned, he would not again attempt to prosecute a hotel-keeper or restaurant-keeper for selling cigars on Sunday. "The magistrate has given his decision," said he, "so the matter must end here."

FIRE DESTROYS LAUNCH

Man is Missing and It is Believed He Lost His Life in Flames. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 1.—The launch Pirate is in ruins following the explosion of an oil lamp which set the launch on fire and caused the death of Carl Schaene, 20 years old, who had been working as a deck hand. The launch was towing a barge of oil and was opposite Pholo when the launch caught fire. Capt. Daniel Webster and Ole Nelson, the mate, jumped to the barge, and fearing the blazing launch might start the barge to burning, the row rope was cut. At the time it was cut, Schaene was on the launch, but later his form was seen silhouetted against the flames on the launch. Soon afterwards the launch hit the pier in the Italian section of the Oriental building and it is believed that he fell back into the flames and went to the bottom of the bay with the flaming craft.

FINAL ESTIMATE OF WHEAT YIELD

Placed at 118,109,000 Bushels for Western Canada—Saskatchewan's Advance. Winnipeg, Sept. 1.—Monday night was full moon and incidentally it was the coldest night of this season in Winnipeg. The mercury dropped to 34, white frost covering the ground, but the most tender garden stuff does not appear to be affected. What is a good deal more to the point, so far as can be learned, no frost occurred through the prairie west with the single exception of Pierson, Man., where four degrees were recorded. Quite 75 per cent of the spring wheat is now beyond damage from anything, but very heavy frosts, say eight to ten degrees, and oats, being harder, are not affected, even though pretty green by light frost. The Free Press yesterday issued its annual final estimate, which of recent years has nicked well with actual threshers' returns. This gives a general wheat average for Manitoba of 15 bushels per acre, or 33,130,000 bushels for the province; for Saskatchewan, 13 bushels average, totalling 70,130,000; for Alberta, winter wheat, average 23 bushels, totalling 40,800,000; and Alberta spring wheat, average 25 bushels, totalling 7,500,000. This gives a grand total of 118,109,000 bushels of wheat for Western Canada, and is probably a little on the conservative side, allowance being made for possible frost damage. A noteworthy feature is that while the total wheat yield is twenty-five to thirty million bushels in excess of any previous year, this increase is almost entirely due to Saskatchewan, which province by increased acreage and high average yield for the first time becomes the dominating factor, robbing the old province of Manitoba of its lead. Other cereal estimates are as follows: Manitoba, oats, 43,788,752 bushels; barley, 18,000,000 bushels; Saskatchewan, oats, 87,600,000 bushels; barley, 8,600,000; Alberta, oats, 32,600,000; barley, 5,642,000.

"IRON KING" INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

W. H. Singer, Head of Big Pittsburg Firm, May Not Recover. Pittsburg, Aug. 27.—Wm. H. Singer, one of the best known of Pittsburg's "iron kings" and the head of the Singer-Nimick Company, is believed to be fatally injured to-day as a result of an automobile crash last night in which he was hurt. The accident occurred near his summer home at Providence, R. I. The wealth of Singer a year ago was estimated at \$30,000,000. He is nearly 70 years old and has four children. Last year he invited all his children to dinner and on the plate of each was found a paper giving an absolute transfer of \$4,000,000. The dinner cost him \$16,000,000, one of the most expensive on record.

MAY SELL CIGARS ON SUNDAY

Charge Against Toronto Restaurant-keeper is Dismissed. Hereafter restaurant keepers and hotel-keepers may sell cigars to their hearts' content on Sunday without interference on the part of the police, says the Toronto News. This pleasing state of affairs from the smokers' standpoint, is the result of a case which was brought up in the police court by Staff Inspector Stephen. Albert Williams, who operates several restaurants on Yonge street, was charged with a violation of the Lord's Day Act, in selling a cigar on Sunday. The evidence was given by William Beverly, a young man hired by the police. He stated that he had gone into the quick lunch restaurant at 101 Yonge street and purchased a cigar at the cashier's counter. "You had no meal there?" asked Mr. Corley. "No, I didn't." "And you were not a guest?" "Well," interrupted His Worship: "What I want to know is—is it any greater wickedness on the part of the proprietor of a restaurant to sell cigars to a man who comes in without buying a meal, than to one who buys a meal?" "I want your opinion on that point," said Inspector Stephen. "Oh, very well then. 'I'll dismiss this case."

VISIT INDIAN SCHOOLS ON WEST COAST

Officials Spend Several Days in Clayoquot District. Clayoquot, Aug. 30.—Rev. A. E. Green, inspector of Indian schools, has spent a couple of weeks visiting the Ahoushet boarding and the Christie industrial schools. Rex T. Ferrier, of Brandon, superintendent of Methodist hospitals and Indian schools for Canada, together with Rev. J. Robson, Nanaimo, chairman of the Victoria district, spent four days looking into the Indian works at Clayoquot. Mr. and Mrs. George Raynor of Wellington, Ont., came up to visit their son, M. Raynor, superintendent of the Clayoquot Methodist hospital. A public meeting of the settlers was held here to discuss with Rev. Mr. Ferrier and Rev. Mr. Robson the question of the hospital and Sunday services for the white people. E. B. Garrow is spending a couple of weeks in Seattle and Victoria. Mrs. T. Dawley, Mr. and Mrs. Carle and Mr. McLeod have returned here.

ALBERTA MAN WINS THE GOVERNOR'S MEDAL

Officers of Sixth Regiment, Vancouver, Take the Barlow Match. Ottawa, Aug. 27.—The Governor-General's match at the Dominion Rifle Association meeting was concluded today, the second stage consisting of 7 shots at each of the following ranges, 500, 300 and 1,000 yards. McInnis, Alberta, won the first prize, D. R. A. being the runner up. In the grand aggregate, Vancouver, won the grand aggregate, of Vancouver, was ninth, winning \$5; McHarg, Vancouver, 17th, \$5; Youhill, Vancouver, 21st, \$5; Bouite, Vancouver, 30th, \$5; Caven, Victoria, 52nd, \$4; Perry, Vancouver, 50th, \$5; Simpson, Vancouver, 67th, \$4; Richardson, 73rd, \$4. The Barlow match for teams of four officers was won by the 6th regiment, Vancouver, with 361. The match was ten rounds at 500 and 600 yards. Russell won the Blesley aggregate with 385. Forrest scored 422; McHarg, 384; Bouite, 371; Perry, 375; Youhill, 374; Richardson, 372; Simpson, 368; Caven, 362.

HAS NOT ABANDONED WORK

Vice-President Mohler of Union Pacific, Declares Harriman's Condition is Not Alarming. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 1.—"Harriman has not been off the job," declared Vice-President Mohler of the Union Pacific here yesterday, replying to the question when Harriman would return to work. Mohler received a letter from Harriman to-day, which was mailed from Arden, the wizard's country home, where he is now confined. Mohler refused to give extracts out from the communication for publication, but said the magnate's physical condition is not alarming. "At no time has Mr. Harriman become so sick as to compel him to abandon his work," Mohler concluded.

GOMPERS BARRED

Not Allowed to Participate in International Conference of Trades Unions. Paris, Sept. 1.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was barred from participating in the international conference of trades unions in session here yesterday by the adoption of a motion not to admit Gompers. His chief Canadian ally, Mr. J. H. Macdonald, who is not affiliated with the conference to discuss questions submitted to it. The action was taken following Gompers' opposition to the plans of other delegates to affiliate the American unions with those already members of the international conference.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST IN CITY

LORD STRATHCONA VISITS VICTORIA Romantic Career of Canada's High Commissioner at London. (From Wednesday's Daily.) To-day Victoria is entertaining one of the most remarkable men of the age in the person of Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner of Canada in London. Famous all over the British Empire for what he has done and continues to do in the cause of Empire, Lord Strathcona started his life as a lawyer. The story of his life reads like a romance. In 1838, when Van Buren was president of the United States, when Victoria of England had held the throne but a year, he came into the life of Canada. At that time he was 18 years of age. He was born in Scotland of Highland parents and came to the new country to seek fortune. For nearly thirty years he labored in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. After ten years of it in the Labrador wilderness, the record finds him promoted from the trader's vocation to be an agent of the company on the bleak coast of Labrador. Little hope there was in that. Soon he gained the reputation of a trader who, no matter how bad the season, might always be relied upon to show a balance on the right side of the ledger; and he advanced steadily from one post to another, until, in 1868, the greatest prize, save one, the company could give him fell to his lot, and he was appointed chief executive officer in Canada, becoming governor-general of the company in 1888. Nearly fifty years of age, already possessed of an ample fortune, Donald Smith after thirty years of unremitting toil might well have looked forward to spending the rest of his days in ease. But in reality his career was just beginning. For the successful man of business was ripe for development into the business statesman, such as Cecil Rhodes was. It was as a special government commissioner to enquire into the causes of the Red River rebellion, and if possible, to adjust the difficulties, that he first came into prominence in Canadian public life. The ability and prudence manifested in the discharge of the mission were so effective in the

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He Threatened to Call Police to Eject Alderman. Planta. Nanaimo, Aug. 31.—At last night's meeting of the city council, Ald. Shaw introduced a by-law authorizing the borrowing of the sum of \$60,000 for the construction of a sewerage system. The by-law passed its first and second readings. When the by-law came up for its first reading, Ald. Planta had some information he desired to get and took exception to the measure until he had the information. Mayor Hodgson interjected: "Discussing the by-law now is quite out of order." Ald. Planta: "I am not out of order, I am only asking for information from the introducer of the by-law." Mayor Hodgson: "It is entirely out of order to discuss the by-law on the floor reading. The first reading was only a formal matter, simply to introduce the by-law before the council." Ald. Shepherd thought Ald. Planta out of order in discussing the by-law at the present stage. Ald. Planta, evidently had a copy of the by-law at hand and it was not fair for the alderman who had not copies for Ald. Planta to bring up a discussion now. He had evidently looked over the by-law and found a flaw, but he (Ald. Shepherd) did not think now the proper time to discuss the subject. Ald. Planta assured Ald. Shepherd he had found no flaw in the by-law. He was not looking for flaws, only for information and the mayor was seeking to shut him off from getting it. Mayor Hodgson: "You are entirely out of order, Ald. Planta, discussing the question at this stage; will you sit down?" Ald. Planta replied he would not. "Will you sit down?" again called out the mayor. Once more Ald. Planta replied "I will not" whereupon the mayor instructed the clerk to telephone the police office. "Oh now this is going too far," remarked Ald. Planta, as he took his seat. "There is a right way of asking a man to sit down." "I asked you to sit down, you were out of order," replied the mayor, and the incident was closed when it looked as if there was going to be something doing around the board. Explanations followed and Ald. Planta accepted them and the by-law passed.

TWO GIRLS ARE KILLED BY FARMER

Murderer Sets Fire to House and Then Ends His Own Life. Redwood Falls, Minn., Sept. 1.—Wm. Tibbets, a wealthy farmer, living near Delhi, killed Cecil Norton, the 15 year old daughter of his housekeeper; his daughter, Dorothy Tibbets, 12 years old, set fire to his house and then hanged himself. Tibbets was a widower, 70 years old. It is believed the tragedy resulted from an attempt by Tibbets to take undue liberties with the Norton girl. Mr. Timid (hearing noise at 2 a. m.)—"I think, my dear, that there's a man in our perfect simplicity, the master. His wife (scornfully)—"Not in this room."

RUSSIAN COUNTESS SECURES DAUGHTER

Czar Orders Father to Hand Over Child to Her Mother. Chicago, Sept. 1.—That the long arm of the Little Father of All the Russias was largely instrumental in restoring to the Countess Gizecki, former Miss Eleanor Patterson of Chicago, her three-year-old daughter Felicia, alleged to have been kidnapped by the Count Gizecki, is apparent from the facts that have just become public. The search for the titled daughter of the American heiress after she disappeared a year ago, led all over the civilized world and was directed recently in the Count's own land, Russia. The details of the arrangement by which he was compelled to relinquish the little girl were not made public at that time and were the subject of much conjecture and excited discussion in court circles on the continent. According to J. Medill Patterson of Chicago, cousin of the Countess, the child was restored, only after the announcement of an imperial command. Patterson said: "The case was exceptional insofar as it came under the jurisdiction of no regular Russian tribunal. "The Emperor of Russia declined to intervene, and by imperial command to restore the child to the Countess' possession. Through the imperial clemency of requests, an order was issued that she be protected in its possession in Russia or abroad so far as lay in the power of the Russian diplomatic representatives. The separation of the Countess and her husband, which was followed by the kidnapping of the child from the Countess' apartments in London a year ago, caused a distinct sensation in half a dozen capitals. It was rumored that the Patterson millions, with their peculiar proclivities, were largely instrumental in quieting the demands of the noble father of Little Felicia.

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For Sale—Houses FOR SALE—Greenhouse, new and nicely built, glass ends, roof and sides; would look well in gentleman's lawn; size 8x12 feet. Jones, 800 Fort, cor. Blanchard.

JAMES BAY NUGGET—Five roomed cottage, all modern conveniences, nicely situated in James Bay district. Apply 850 St. James Street.

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RECEPTION TO LORD STRATHCONA

CIVIC ADDRESS WAS PRESENTED TO HIM

Delightful Trip Made From Vancouver by Yacht Dolaura.

Lord Strathcona, who has played such an important part in the history of Canada, arrived in the city on Wednesday afternoon.

Landing at the outer wharf his lordship was greeted by quite a large crowd in spite of the fact that the exact arrangements for his arrival were not known until just before the steamer reached here.

Lord Strathcona, who is accompanied by Sir Edward Clouston, manager of the Bank of Montreal; C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, had a delightful trip from Vancouver.

Quietly and unobtrusively the party slipped out of the Terminal City this morning. Everything was arranged so that there could be no demonstration at all. The yacht docked at pier "B" of the C. P. R. at 10 minutes to eight, and the party boarded her at once.

Mr. Musket, secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, met Lord Strathcona in Vancouver and accompanied him over as the representative of Government House.

On behalf of the city a civic welcome was extended in an address which was handed to them by Mayor Hall.

It was as follows: "To Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Great Britain and Ireland, G. C. M. G., P. C., High Commissioner for Canada.

"Sir—It is with no ordinary pleasure that, on behalf of the municipal council and the citizens of Victoria, we extend to you the hand of greeting and welcome at this time.

"Though we have not had the pleasure of meeting you personally before, the fame of your name and deeds has long preceded you, has pervaded the land from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and has won for you an esteem and affection in the hearts of all true Canadians, that nothing can destroy.

"Coming to this country as an unknown lad in 1838, to an obscure post in a rock-bound Labrador, in twenty-four years you had risen to the position of chief factor of the greatest trading company the world has ever known, and in 1890 to the chair of governor of that company. To follow successfully and to sustain with even brighter lustre and renown, the traditions of your distinguished predecessors in office, Prince Rupert, James Duke of York, and Lord Churchill, should suffice to demonstrate the possession of truly remarkable qualities in any man. Hence, your appointment in 1896 to the highest place in the gift of the government of this country, is a just and fitting recognition of your worth and of the confidence which the government has placed in you.

"Time nor space would permit us to speak of the splendid patriotism you have manifested, the manifold generosity you have shown, and the abundant charities you have ministered unto, which have endeared your name to the people of Canada, and will engrain it in their memory forever. Even in this far western city we have striking evidence of the wisdom of your philanthropic work, evidence which is written in walls of brick and stone, and in the gratitude of the sick and suffering who find comfort and healing therein.

"Long may you live to inspire all by your example in every walk of life, and in every sphere of human endeavor, and to represent the highest ideals of patriotism and philanthropy, of citizenship and manhood.

"Again we welcome you, with all our hearts, to the Capital City of the province of British Columbia.

"Signed on behalf of the municipal Council and citizens of Victoria, B. C., at the City of Victoria, this 1st day of September, 1909.

"LEWIS HALL, Mayor. "W. J. DOWLER, C. M. C."

Notable among those who met him at the wharf and were warmly greeted by Lord Strathcona were a number of former Hudson's Bay Company officials, including Hon. J. S. Helmcken, Mr. Munro and Kenneth McKenzie, H. Dallas Helmcken was also present. Simon Leiser, president of the Board of Trade, and others were also present. After being presented to those present he entered Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir's auto and, in company with His Honor, proceeded to the Empress hotel so as to be present at the Canadian Club luncheon.

You cannot possibly have a better Cocoa than

NEPP'S'S A delicious drink and a sustaining food. Fragrant, nutritious and economical. This excellent Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP

THIS IS IT! The soap that saves you work, and saves you money without injury to hands or article.



Get a bar of Sunlight to-day and try. Follow Directions.

NORTH WARD CLUB PREPARING FOR SEASON

Will Try to Rent Fernwood Hall as Temporary Home.

The first meeting of the season of the North Ward Athletic Association was held Tuesday night in the club rooms, Fernwood hall, Spring Ridge. Throughout the meeting was a roving one, and every member present was most enthusiastic. They discussed plans for the coming winter, and will make an attempt to get a lease on the hall, commencing with September 15th and continuing until the time that their new athletic home is completed. The new club rooms will be erected in the near future on the North Ward Park grounds. A number of the members present made speeches, and they all dwelt on the topic of raising money for the new home.

At the close it was decided that every member should make an endeavor in some way to swell the funds of the new club house. It was decided by those present that the same officers who kept the club in such good standing last year should remain in office for this season. The officers are: President, Ed. Christopher; secretary, J. Mackay; assistant secretary, Frank Sweeney; treasurer, Byron Johnson.

DIRECT SERVICE TO VANCOUVER

Ladysmith Merchants Have Promised Business to Terminal City Firms.

Victorians must awaken or the trade which has hitherto come this way will be going in other directions. The latest move in this direction is the inauguration of a direct steamship service between Ladysmith and Vancouver, which is commencing to-day. The service will be done by the Steamship Company, of Vancouver, who, it is said, have had assurances of business from the merchants of Ladysmith. Steamers Tartar and New Era will inaugurate the service, and if it is found to be a profitable venture a new steamer of something of the type of the Joan will be brought from England to enter the trade. A number of points on the islands are also being included in the itinerary.

Four years ago the Union Steamship Company of Vancouver put the steamer Comox on a somewhat similar run, but the service was soon discontinued owing to lack of patronage.

SUPER-DREADNOUGHT TO BE LAUNCHED

Duchess of Albany to Christen Neptune September 30th.

It is announced that the Neptune, the "super-dreadnought," now being completed at Portsmouth, will be launched on September 30th by the Duchess of Albany. Work upon the gigantic battleship, which is of 25,250 tons displacement, and both longer and wider than the Dreadnought, is going on by night and day. When complete she will be the most powerful battleship afloat. Her water-line armor will be heavier and wider than that of the Dreadnought, and she will have greater protection against submarine mines. Her ten 12-in. guns will be of the new 50-calibre pattern, which gives greater power and penetration than that of the older 12-in. guns, and she will also carry 4-in. guns to repel torpedo attacks.

OFFICERS EXONERATED. Result of Inquiry Into the Wreck of Pacific Mail Liner Indiana.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 1.—The officers of the Pacific mail liner Indiana, which was wrecked in Magdalena Bay on April 3rd last, during a heavy fog, were declared blameless of the disaster yesterday by Federal Steamboat Inspectors Bolles and Bulger, who have completed a review of the evidence.

Capt. Robinson, who was in command of the steamer when she went on the rocks, committed suicide in his state room shortly after the wreck.

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TO INCREASE TRADE OF JAPAN

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY VISITING UNITED STATES

Tour Will Include All Important Cities on Pacific Coast.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—Forty-six representatives of the highest commercial interests of the Japanese Empire, who have been designated by their government as honorary commissioners, arrived in Seattle to-day from Yokohama on the Great Northern Steamship Company's liner Minnesota. Headed by Baron Shibusawa, president of the First Bank of Japan, as chairman, the party includes a representation from the largest trade institutions of the Orient.

After a four days' stay in Seattle they will leave for a tour of American cities, including all the important Pacific coast points, to continue for four days, for the purpose of establishing closer trade relations between the two countries. In addition to the forty-six delegates, the Japanese party includes the wives of four members and the secretaries to Baron and Baroness Shibusawa.

Or the aspirations of himself and associates for the success of the trade movement now well launched, Baron Shibusawa to-day said:

"We come with the slogan, 'know each other' as paramount. Pleasant weather from the hour of our departure seems an omen of success. I do not believe that there exists in the family of nations two more friendly than the United States and Japan. An increase of our trade relations will add to this. We are commissioned to perform a part toward bringing this about. Our association with Americans aboard ship have been exceedingly pleasant.

Furthering the sentiments of Baron Shibusawa, Commissioner Nakano, president of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, and a conspicuous figure in Japan's commercial life, said:

"Our people believe fully that where trade relations are big enough a condition of substantial friendliness has been established, where no army or navy is needed to maintain peace. Trade means peace, and to enlarge our commercial relations on this basis is the important aim of this party."

A committee from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce met the Japanese party upon the arrival of the Minnesota, and the morning was spent at the Washington hotel in receiving local business men and acquaintances.

An elaborate programme of dinners, luncheons, receptions, sight-seeing visits to the exposition, theatre parties and automobile trips has been arranged for the entertainment of the visiting Japanese tradesmen and the ladies of the party.

To-morrow evening Baroness Shibusawa and the other Japanese ladies who made the trip across the Pacific with their husbands will be the guests of Mrs. Harry W. Treat at her magnificent Highland Drive home. The visitors will take an active part in the celebration of Japan day at the exposition on Saturday, beginning on Monday morning for Tacoma.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES ON PACIFIC COAST

Losses to the Underwriters Have Been Heavy This Year.

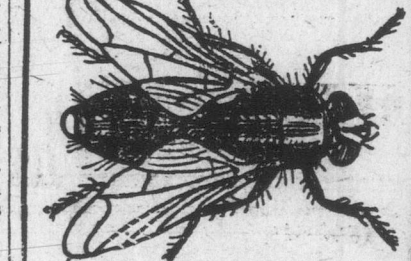
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—That the losses to underwriters on the Pacific coast have been large this year is brought out in an article in Railroad and Marine News, just published. The article says:

The Winniebag, which stranded at Point Arena, Cal., while on a coasting voyage, and became a total loss, was insured for \$100,000, about \$70,000 of which was placed in London. Premiums for 1909 amount to but \$1,250,000, and in seven months the losses have already reached more than \$800,000.

The large losses since January 1, 1909, are as follows: Steamer Sybil Marston, hull, \$50,000; German steamer Wanders, cargo, \$210,000; British steamer Adato, cargo, \$75,000; schooner Ensign, hull, \$100,000; steamer R. D. Inman, hull, \$100,000; schooner Maroon, cargo, \$12,000; steamer Ventura, hull, \$50,000; steamer Indiana, cargo, \$100,000, and sundry claims on her totaling \$50,000.

SIR H. STRONG DEAD. Was Formerly Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Canada.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—Sir Henry Strong, retired chief justice of the Supreme court, died last evening, aged 84 years, at his residence on Queen street. He was born at Poole, Dorset, England, and came to Canada in 1858. He was appointed to the Supreme court in 1875 and retired a few years ago, and was succeeded by Sir Eliezer Taschereau.



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Ten for Ten Cents

WEIR LINERS. Recent Bulletin Issued by Frank Waterhouse & Co.

The Aymeric left Hongkong, returning, August 25th. The Century, which left Honolulu for Comox, B. C., August 21st, and arrived two days ago, will take the Australian Mail line steaming from San Francisco September 24th.

The Ocean steamed from Seattle for Yokohama August 27th. The Inverary arrived at Sydney, July 25th. The Katanga arrived at Millside, B. C., August 17th, from Eureka, Cal.

The Suveric arrived at Yokohama for Tacoma and Vancouver August 28th. The Tynaric left San Francisco July 30th for New Zealand and Australia. Of the sailing vessels of the same line, the British barque Hawthornbank left Vancouver July 24th for Iquique and British ship Sorlingbank left Vancouver for Sydney August 19th.

LABOR DAY EXCURSION. Cheap Rate to Vancouver for Holidays at End of Week.

For the Labor Day holidays an excursion has been arranged on the Victoria-Vancouver steamers for September 4th and 5th, returning as late as the 7th. For this occasion a special rate of \$2.50 has been made in order that those who wish may be able to attend the marathon race in which Shrub and Marsh will compete and the big Vancouver-Westminster lacrosse match.

PRINCE RUPERT IS HAVING A BOOM

Lots Selling at Advanced Prices—Many Residents for Seattle Fair.

J. Fred Ritchie, the provincial government engineer at Prince Rupert, is paying a visit to Victoria on official business. He says that the northern city is advancing very rapidly. It is estimated that 3,400 people are now there. Building is progressing rapidly and there is an ever-increasing demand for lots. A good many lots have already changed hands since the auction sale, and these have been at prices far in advance of those then paid.

During his recent visit to the city, Earl Grey, the Governor-General of Canada, made purchases there. Saturday is to be Prince Rupert day at the Seattle Exposition. About 150 members of the Publicity Club of that city are going to be in Seattle and the Port Simpson Indian band will be taken by them to assist in the demonstration.

THE DAMAGED LUCANIA.

Liverpool, Sept. 1.—A surveyor of the Cunard liner Lucania, which caught fire at her dock here August 14th and was sunk in order to quench the flames, shows the damage to be so extensive that the company probably will not repair the vessel. It is estimated that it will cost more than \$500,000 to rent the steamer.

UNDERWRITERS MEET. Toronto, Sept. 1.—The Dominion Life Underwriters' association convened here to-day for a three days' session. During the session a number of problems, important to insurance men, will be thrashed out.

VICTORIAS WILL NOT ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Will Not Play Suggested Match With North Wards.

At a meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club held Tuesday night it was decided not to accept the challenge of the North Ward team to play a match. The ground for refusing is said to have been that the North Wards were not a senior lacrosse team and therefore the Victorias could not well recognize them as such.

A match between these two teams it was recognized would have been a most exciting one. The Victorias have of late improved very materially and have established a fine record. They have, however, been unable yet to defeat Vancouver or New Westminster. The North Wards, on the other hand, have had a splendid record this season. They have not yet been defeated. Among the teams defeated were Ladysmith, V.A.C. team (champions of Vancouver), Oak Bay and Victoria West (local teams).

WESTMINSTER CHAMPIONS.

The New Westminster lacrosse club has had another bumper year. The professional team has won the provincial championship, by defeating the Vancouver team six times after playing eight games and they now retain the Minto cup for the year. The New Westminster amateur team has also won the championship of British Columbia this year by defeating Victoria on Saturday last. It certainly is going some for a little town like New Westminster to produce such crack teams and large cities like Victoria and Vancouver can't secure teams good enough to make a showing against them.

SELFISH PLAY.

The Montreal Star is pointing out and trying to eliminate the selfishness and grand stand play which now mars the national game of lacrosse. Players now in the eastern league try to draw the attention of the spectators on them by making a long run up the field taking the ball up instead of passing it and saving their wind. This will make lacrosse seem monotonous instead of a fast game characterized by quick passes and a fast combination. It might also be said that in the west a slight tendency to that practice is shown, but not so much as in the east.

Chief Davis of the fire department leaves for Seattle on Monday, where he will read a paper before the convention of fire chiefs, he having been specially requested to do so. The chief's paper will be on "Truck Services and Their Advantage."

Mrs. J. C. Kemp, provincial commander of the L. O. T. M., who was a recent visitor in Victoria, has received the sad news of the death of her brother who was a conductor on the C. P. R. at Winnipeg. He was recently killed while crossing the tracks. Mrs. Kemp will have the sincerest sympathy of her many friends in Victoria in her sad bereavement.

The funeral of the late Charles I. A. Gemmill took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hanna parlors where the Rev. Joseph McCoy conducted an impressive service. At the graveside the usual ceremonies of the R. C. P. order were conducted by P. A. Cookley. There was a number of friends of the deceased present and a number of flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: J. L. Smith, J. Evans, W. Shaw, Serg. S. Raderave, J. Brown and R. Morrison.

COQUITLAM DAM. Government was Occupied With Subject All Morning—No Decision Reached.

The provincial government was occupied Wednesday with the consideration of the Coquitlam dam question. This is something that has been before the government for some months. The Electric Railway Company seeks the right to raise the dam, while residents of the valley below oppose it on the score of danger, and the city of New Westminster opposes it on the ground that it will interfere with their water supply.

No decision has yet been reached by the government. It will probably be several weeks before an answer can be given.

MINING IMPROVING. Inspector Shepherd Is Satisfied With Conditions in the Interior.

Frank Shepherd, inspector of mines for the province, is in the city. He has just returned from the interior and says that there is a marked improvement in conditions as far as mining is concerned. Many of the old mines are being rebounded and are being made to pay. The outlook is therefore improving.

DRINKS POISON. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 1.—"Good-bye, all; chloroform won't kill." Leaving this note on his desk in the Marine Engineers' Club to-day, Martin Anderson, of Astoria, walked to the wharf with the evident intention of jumping in the bay, when the chloroform which he had drank at the club overcame him, and he collapsed on the pier. He died before he could be taken to the emergency hospital. Anderson leaves a widow at Los Angeles. No cause can be ascribed for the deed.

Wynd Meredith, the engineer who will have charge of the installation of the big power plant to be put in at Jordan River by the B. C. Electric Railway Company, came over from Vancouver on Wednesday, and will in the ensuing few days take up some initial work in connection with that big enterprise.

MANY SEEKING TO SETTLE ON ISLAND

Men of Means Wish to Take Up Residence Near Victoria.

About fifty inquiries a day are pouring into the office of the Information Bureau of the provincial government, the large proportion of them from intending settlers. Secretary Clarke finds the work daily growing in volume and in interest.

One of the most recent letters received by him is from northern India from two military officers—one a colonel and the other a captain in the Gurkas. These two officers state that they wish to settle on Vancouver Island and that they are writing on behalf of six families that hope to remove to his country within the next two years.

The character of the intending settlers is shown by the fact that each family will be in the receipt of an annual income of about \$2,000 or \$3,000. They all want to engage in fruit-growing in the near vicinity of Victoria.

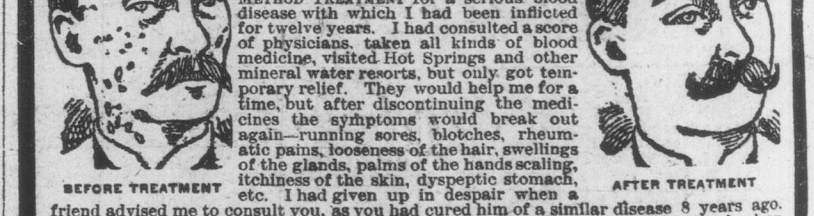
Are the intending immigrants all of a military type. Strange to say, another applicant is a newspaper man who wishes to follow the simple life, and by some extraordinary freak of fortune had acquired about \$3,000.

All of the inquiries indicate that British Columbia is looming large in the eye of intending settlers.

Prompt work by the fire department at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening prevented what might have grown into a disastrous fire in the James Bay district. Sparks from a grate in the residence of Mrs. J. E. Stewart, 452 Niagara street, set a clothes closet ablaze, and damage resulted to the amount of about \$300. The attic and roof of the same were somewhat damaged. The alarm was not promptly sent in, but when the brigade arrived they made short work of the fire. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

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