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ANOTHER MINISTER RESIGNS PORTFOLIO

LORD BALFOUR HAS RETIRED FROM CABINET

Austen Chamberlain Will Probably Be
Chancellor of the Exchequer—
Other Changes.

London, Sept. 21.—Lord Balfour of Burleigh, secretary for Scotland, and Arthur Ralph Douglass Elliott, financial secretary of the treasury, have resigned, and their resignations have been accepted by the King. Mr. Elliott was not in the cabinet. These two resignations make a total of four vacant cabinet posts and one secretaryship at Mr. Balfour's disposal. With the resignation of Lord Balfour and Financial Secretary Elliott, both strong free traders, it is understood that the ministerial resignations are completed, and apparently the Duke of Devonshire has decided to remain in the cabinet. It is generally certain that Austen Chamberlain, ally of Mr. and Mrs. Brodick, will take the exchequer, colonies and India portfolios, respectively, and the only surprise in the new appointments is the nomination of a strong man to the war office to determine how far the plans of the South African war commission can be carried out. Home Secretary Aikens-Douglas started for Belfast, and he will probably be involved in the reconstruction of the cabinet.

King Edward is reported to have approved the appointment of Austen Chamberlain as the postmaster-general, to be chancellor of the exchequer in succession to Charles T. Ritchie; Mr. Arnold Foster, secretary to the admiralty, to be secretary for war in succession to Mr. Brodick; Mr. Brodick the secretary for the colonies in succession to Joseph Chamberlain. No official confirmation of the appointments has yet been forthcoming. It is known that Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner of South Africa, was offered the colonial secretaryship.

Premier Balfour's private secretary informed the Associated Press that the reported cabinet appointments had not yet been made. Apparently Lord Milner is still considering the offer of the colonial secretaryship. The question of the support of the Nationalist party for the new fiscal policy of retention is said to be the subject of negotiation between the government and the Irish leaders. It is reported that Chief Irish Secretary Wyndham is offering a concession in the shape of a Roman Catholic college at Dublin, while the Nationalists, on the other hand, are demanding a measure of local self-government as the price of their support. Whether or not these statements are well founded, it appears clear that the Nationalists intend to use the cabinet crisis as a lever.

Wm. O'Brien, M. P., speaking at Cork tonight, declared unequivocally that both of the English parties would be broken, and he would hold his hands till it was discovered from whom the best terms could be obtained. The means which secured the abolition of landlordism, declared the Irish leader, centering, on the same lines, achieve Home Rule.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Manufacturers Spending Few Days in City—Missionary Dead.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 21.—The special trains containing the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association arrived this morning. The local branch of the association entertained them to luncheon at the Garry court house, after which they were shown the city. All expressed themselves as delighted with the trip thus far. They remain in Winnipeg until Wednesday morning.

Hon. J. H. Ross, who represents Yukon in the Dominion House, left tonight for Ottawa to resume his parliamentary duties. Mr. Ross has been making a short visit to the Northwest.

John McKeown, of Portage la Prairie, was badly injured in the face yesterday by the explosion of a shotgun at the breach.

Isaac Pihlblad and Attorney-General Campbell have formed a legal partnership.

Rev. Thos. Hill, of Pritchard, lately of Ravenshoe, Anglican missionary, who has been ill here for some months, is dead, aged 37 years.

THE POPE INDISPOSED

Unable to Grant Audiences Owing to Attack of Rheumatism.

London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Rome to the Leader says the Pope is suffering from rheumatism, and the audiences have been suspended. His sister Antonia is critically ill at Venice.

THEIR PLAN FAILED.

Bold Attempt by Two Men to Rob a Michigan Central Express Car.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—A bold attempt by two men to lock themselves in a Michigan Central railroad express car with the express messenger, overpowered him after the train had left the yards at Thirteenth street and then rife the two safes in the car, was frustrated on Sunday evening when the plan miscarried. Wm. Ganigan, an expressman, was knocked unconscious and gagged in the express car shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening, and then the men discovered he was not the express messenger, and, fearing detection, fled. This is the theory of the railroad officials.

The express messenger, who has charge of the car, left Chicago at 3:30 this morning with one guard and about \$25,000 in two safes in the car. This money, it is believed, was the object of the attack of the two men. Ganigan was taken to the hospital, and it was found that his shoulder had been dislocated and he had sustained severe bruises. If he had not been discovered in the car in time the physicians say he would have smothered to death because of the gag in his mouth. Ganigan said nothing was taken from him by the robbers, which leads him to believe he received a beating intended for Express Messenger Hall.

According to the railroad officials eight or ten weapons are usually kept in the car. Every evening, except Sunday, the car leaves for the East at 9:30 o'clock. At 8:30, the time of the attack—last night, Hall, with an assistant, locked himself in the car and entered the locked himself in. The train did not leave until 3:30 a.m., and it is believed that a change in the schedule on Sunday, of which they did not know, frustrated the robbers' plans.

FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

Turkish Losses in Recent Engagement With the Insurgents.

Constantinople, Sept. 21.—The Serbian government's reply to the Porte's representations says measures have been taken to prevent brigands entering Macedonia, and a strong band which was preparing to cross the frontier has already been dispersed. The Serbian reply adds, however, that if the persecution of Macedonians and the excesses of the Turkish troops continue and serious reforms are not introduced, the government will be unable to restrain the popular agitation in Serbia.

In Hands of Insurgents.
Sofia, Sept. 21.—According to fugitives who have arrived at Rila from Brijuni a serious engagement has occurred at Pukin, near Melnik, 65 miles from Sofia, in which the Turks are said to have lost 500 men killed, including two colonels. Most of the villages in the district of Melnik are in the hands of the insurgents. Many of the villages are in flames.

The unfavorable replies of Austria and Russia to Bulgaria's last note, and the fact that none of the other great powers have yet replied, coupled with the allegations that one of the powers is encouraging the military party at Yildiz Kiosk, tend to create a less hopeful feeling here. Reports are in circulation regarding negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria looking to a solution of the Macedonian difficulty.

COAST-TOWENY LINE.

Vancouver, Sept. 21.—McLean Bros. are completing the survey between Vancouver and Westminster for the Western coast, and it is announced will commence construction on the right-of-way line in two weeks. The proposed line comes in at the east end of False Creek and across the new Great Northern extension. They will operate two construction camps this winter, one from Vancouver and the other from Hope westward, it being impossible to work east of Hope through the mountains in the spring.

Letters from Ottawa state that the railway committee is insisting on a change in the Great Northern's proposed bridge across False Creek into the city, so as not to interfere with the present wharves and private ownership.

Joe Clark, alias King, the man who escaped from Westminster jail several months ago and who gave the Vancouver police so much trouble, has been captured at Everett. He is held there on a charge of blowing open a safe, and as soon as that case is disposed of an effort will be made to bring him back to Vancouver.

ABUSED SUBORDINATE.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—A dispatch from Kiel gives an indication of the views of Prince Henry of Prussia on the ill-treatment of soldiers and sailors. A machinist named Dittmer, belonging to the cruiser Wettelsbach, was recently tried for badly abusing a subordinate and was sentenced to undergo twenty-one days' detention. The papers went before Prince Henry, who last night decided that the sentence of Dittmer should have been mitigation.

John A. Thomson and wife, of Vancouver, are attending the forty-seventh annual convention of the city delegates at Frankfurt to-day. Dr. Kolb, of Darmstadt, reported that the largest number of duels took place in Austria, and Germany took second place.

Mayor Anton, of Pulkovo, proposed that an international anti-dueling agreement should be brought about.

THE SHUT DOWN ONLY TEMPORARY

SOO PLANT WILL SOON RESUME OPERATIONS

F. H. Clergue Says Debts Will Be Paid and Works Started Up Again.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—F. H. Clergue, of Sault Ste Marie, is in the city to-day. When asked about the closing down of the Soo works and if the statement that he was going to straighten matters out was true, he replied that the works would be running again full blast in a few days. Mr. Clergue's words were: "The Soo plant will be running right away. We will pay all our debts, and will have the plant running as in the past. The closing down the other day was done without the authority of the directors of the company. When the works shut down they were earning \$150,000 per month net, and only a part of the plant was running." Mr. Clergue was asked as to the purpose of his visit to Ottawa, and replied that it was his busy day, and that he had no time to talk. During the forenoon he was engaged with Messrs. Henry Bondomoeu, of Paris, France, and Geo. Lafibre & Son, of Lille, France, French capitalists, who have been in the city off and on for the past week.

WATCHED VICTIM DIE.

Murderer Injected Poison Under Skin of Land-Owner and Shipped Body by Train.

London, Sept. 22.—A case of murder by the injection of poison by means of a hypodermic syringe is reported by the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Mail, who writes that an unpleasant smell proceeding from a wicker basket which arrived at the station at the Brest railway station in Moscow, and for which no claimant appeared, caused an examination to be made, when the body of a well-dressed man was found. An examination showed that death had resulted from the injection of poison under the skin by means of a syringe. Inquiries were instituted which proved that the murdered man was a well-to-do land owner named Martin Tomeshefsky. The perpetrators of the crime have been discovered and have admitted their guilt. The circumstances under which the deed was committed are of a highly sensational character. Tomeshefsky had no occupation, and resided at a hotel. He was passionately fond of card playing, and visited a club every night, where he played for heavy stakes, and was a rule very fortunate. On the day of the murder his cousin called at the hotel and asked him to come to his mother's house to play cards with two other friends of the family. Then, at a given signal, he was seized, his mouth covered so that he could not cry for assistance, and the poison was injected under the skin of the forehead. The three men then watched the effects of the poison for about half an hour, at the same time taking his money from his pocket, which they divided among themselves.

After their victim died they placed the body in a basket, and one of them tied a cord tightly around the throat to make sure, as he says, that there could be no further trouble with the murdered man. The perpetrators of the crime were confident that their social position would prevent any suspicion falling on them. It was only after a strong chain of evidence had been completed that they confessed.

DUKE BUYS CASTLE.

Purchased Kylesmole House Which Has Been Mentioned as Probable Royal Residence in Ireland.

London, Sept. 22.—The Duke of Manchester has purchased for \$15,000 Kylesmole Castle and estate, comprising 13,000 acres, situated on Lough Kylesmole, Conemara. The place formerly belonged to the late Mitchell Henry, M. P., who built the castle, which is one of the noblest and most romantically situated residences in Ireland. It has often been assigned by rumor as a probable residence for the Duke of Manchester. Henry spent \$2,500,000 in building the castle and improving the estate.

TO ABOLISH DUELLING.

At Present Austria Leads With Number of Fights.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—At a meeting of the anti-dueling league, attended by forty delegates, at Frankfurt to-day, Dr. Kolb, of Darmstadt, reported that the largest number of duels took place in Austria, and Germany took second place. Mayor Anton, of Pulkovo, proposed that an international anti-dueling agreement should be brought about.

CONCLUDES ARGUMENT.

Attorney-General Finlay Thanked by Lord Alverstone, of the Boundary Commission.

London, Sept. 23.—Attorney-General Finlay concluded his argument before the House of Commons this morning's session of the Alaskan boundary commission. He received the thanks of Lord Justice Alverstone and the congratulations of Messrs. Burt and Deakin, in explanation of so technical and comprehensive a subject.

The American counsel informed the Associated Press that every effort will be made by them to convince the tribunal that the treaty contemplated a barrier between the Dominion and the ocean, and that the question of territory is not important, provided the shores and inlets remain in the possession of the United States.

David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, counsel for the American side, opened for the United States, describing the purchase of Alaska and stating that the United States published in 1867 the explanation of so technical and comprehensive a subject.

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Chicago Medical School.
Property Acquired and Hospital's Will Be Built on the "Cottage" Plan.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—One of the most extensive real estate deals in the history of the city has practically been completed for the University of Chicago. The transactions involve the purchase of the entire south frontage of the Midway Plaisance, between Cottage Grove and Madison avenues, at a total consideration estimated at \$1,000,000 for the land, and \$450,000 for the building. The news of the extensive purchase confirms the reports which have been circulated in university circles for some time that the largest medical school in the world is to be established on the Midway. Rush Medical College will form the nucleus of the institution, and will be supplemented by the McCormick Memorial Institute for infectious diseases, extensive hospitals for which probably will be constructed on the "cottage" plan, and possibly the Chicago Polyclinic hospital.

DOMINION TRADES CONGRESS.

Opening Session at Brockville—President Flett's Address.

Brockville, Sept. 22.—The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened here this morning. President Flett, in the chair. The president's address deploring the fact that workers have not secured a fair share of the general prosperity. The speaker said that the establishment of legal defence funds and the pledging of parliamentary candidates to the abolition of the income tax, the increase of the per capita tax to four cents per month per member, the increasing of the poll tax on Chinamen from \$50 to \$500, and to prevent immigrants coming to Canada by the misrepresentation of the Manufacturers' Association. The U. B. R. E. was condemned, and the incorporation of labor unions was opposed.

FRANK DESERTED.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 22.—Passengers arriving to-night over the Crow's Nest report that another immense slide occurred this morning at Turtle Mountain, near Alberca. As far as known no lives were lost, but the pool of Frank has deserted the town again, being taken on to Blairmore and other towns.

The slide occurred just as the train was nearing Frank, and as quickly as possible the brakes were applied and the train backed for several miles. After waiting over an hour the train was run into Frank, and the people, who were all waiting in the station, were taken on board.

LOST LIVES IN MINE.

Manager and Superintendent Killed by Foul Air While Inspecting the Workings.

Buena Vista, Colo., Sept. 22.—Col. B. F. Morley, manager of the Buena Vista smelter, and the Mary Murphy mine, at Romley, and Adolph Anderson, superintendent of the mine, were killed by foul air when making an inspection of the mine workings last night. Their bodies were recovered to-day. Arch. E. Ackerson, superintendent of the Four Metals Mining Co., who accompanied Morley and Anderson into the mine, was unconscious when brought to the surface, but was revived.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS.

Threatened If the Czar Is Seen in the Streets of Vienna.

Vienna, Sept. 22.—The newspapers state that on the occasion of his approaching visit here the Czar, on account of the project formed by the Socialist organizations of making street demonstrations in sympathy with the Russian strikers, will not venture in the streets of Vienna. He will only spend half a day in Schloesbrunn, Austria, thence both the Empress will proceed to Syria on a shooting trip.

BODIES OF VICTIMS REMAIN UNBURIED

ARE LYING IN FIELDS AND BY ROADSIDE

Five Hundred Turks Reported to Have Been Killed By Dynamite—Villagers Burned to Death.

Sofia, Sept. 22.—Ten thousand refugees from the district of Losengrad arrived at Burga during the last few days according to official advices.

The unfavorable replies of Austria and Russia to Bulgaria's last note and the fact that none of the other great powers has yet replied, coupled with the allegations that one of the powers is encouraging the military party at the Yildiz Kiosk, tend to create a less hopeful feeling here. There is, however, no perceptible change in the situation. Various reports are in circulation regarding negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria looking to a solution of the Macedonian difficulty.

The Dnievick says Turkey has presented a note to Bulgaria asking for the latter's assistance in reaching a peaceful solution. Bulgaria replied that Turkey must end the massacres, withdraw her frontier forces, guarantee peace and protection to the villagers desiring to return to their homes, amnesty to political offenders, and introduce such governmental reforms as will pacify Macedonia and Adrianople.

The Bulgarian reply concluded: "If the present situation continues the Bulgarian government will be compelled to yield to public opinion and send an army to the frontier."

It appears doubtful that the government has sent such an answer, but the statements published represent in some degree the government's attitude.

According to information received at revolutionary headquarters from Monastir, 120 persons perished in the flames of the burning villages near Kastoria. More than 1,200 bodies of women and children are said to be lying unburied in the fields and on the roadside around that place.

It is rumored here that 500 Turks have been killed by dynamite while fighting a body of insurgents in the Krena defile.

Massing Troops.
London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from the town of Guitchewo, on the Turkish frontier, to the Daily Mail reports that a great excitement prevailed in the district because of a skirmish that occurred between Turkish and Bulgarian troops Saturday on the mountain range which forms the border line between the two countries.

The general impression is that war is only a question of a few days, and the people are removing their property from the frontier districts to their homes.

The dispatch adds that Turkey is massing 40,000 troops in and around Palanka, ten miles from the Bulgarian frontier, against which force the Bulgarians have only 4,000 at Kostendil.

The Turkish frontier officers, says a dispatch to the Times from Kubitza, Bulgaria, report that the insurgents under Gen. Zontcheff have been defeated with great slaughter near Sema, and a great number of Bulgarians were massacred in the neighboring villages, several of which are burning.

The Sofia correspondent to the Daily Telegraph says devastations by fire and sword continue, and the Bulgarian government has received from trustworthy sources a gruesome tale of massacres, tortures, indignities and burnings, in many instances the victims being slowly roasted alive.

EX-SENATOR DEAD.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Former United States Senator Charles B. Farwell died at his home, Lake Forest, to-day of heart trouble, after several months' illness. Mr. Farwell has been a prominent figure in local, state and national politics since 1844, when he came to Chicago from Ogle county, Illinois. In his business life he engaged successfully in real estate and banking and in 1864 purchased an interest in the present house of J. O. V. Farwell & Co. He was born in St. Ewen county, N. Y., eighty years ago. After serving as county clerk, a member of the state board of equalization, and in the state senate and house of representatives he was elected to the United States senate from Illinois in 1887. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Reginald Dekoven, Mrs. Dudley Wilson and Mrs. Hobart Chatfield Tyler, and one son, Walter Farwell.

FIRE AT VANCOUVER.

Interurban Tram Station and Large Car Destroyed—A Record Rainfall.

Vancouver, Sept. 23.—Early this morning the interurban tram station at the foot of Carrall street was burned to the ground, together with one of the two largest cars the company owns. The loss is about five or six thousand dollars. Miss Elizabeth Isaacs is in custody on the grounds with the allegation that she unwittingly set fire to the car.

The rainfall in Vancouver during the twenty-seven hours, ending 6 o'clock this morning, broke all previous records for the time. The fall was three and three-fifths inches.

Miss Edith McLaren, daughter of Rev. Dr. McLaren, and Rev. G. A. Wilson, of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, were married this morning.

CARRIAGE NATION WRITING PLAY.

Has Turned Over All of Her Property in Kansas to Charitable Organization.

New York, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation to-day decided over certain valuable property to a charity organization in Kansas. She is now writing a play in which will appear herself as "Defender of Homes" and advocate of total abstinence. The property Mrs. Nation surrendered consists of a handsome building and about two acres of land in Kansas City, Kan. She turned it over to the Associated Charities of Wyandotte county, Kan., to be used as a home for the destitute wives, mothers and children of drunkards, to the exclusion of all others.

CHICAGO TRAGEDY.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—The bodies of a well-dressed woman, about 29 years old, and a man, apparently 30, were found in a vacant lot in a fashionable residence portion of the Southside to-day. A revolver clutched in the dead man's hands, a bullet from which had passed through the woman's lung, and two bullet wounds in the man's neck, lead the police to believe it a case of murder and suicide. The names "Laurie" and "Sherman" on the woman's clothing and the initials "D.O.R." on the man's linen are the only identifying marks upon the bodies.

ALLEGED SWINDLE.

New York, Sept. 22.—Lawrence Sumner, known as "Larry" to the police, was arraigned here to-day on a charge of swindling Geo. A. McLean, of Pittsburg, out of \$23,000 in a mining stock transaction. The arrest was made at the request of the police of Philadelphia, where the swindle is alleged to have taken place. The police were also asked to hold two others, for whom they are now looking.

NEW LINES.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—It is stated on good authority that the Canadian Pacific railway is bitterly incensed at the Grand Trunk railway for entering the Canadian Northwest, and has determined upon a policy of retaliation by constructing competing lines in many parts of older Ontario.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Storm Swept Over Island Destroying Many Houses.

City of Mexico, Sept. 22.—More than 2,000 people are homeless on the Island of Coahuila, situated off the coast of Yucatan, owing to the fact that their houses were destroyed during the heavy storm that recently visited Yucatan and other places.

TIDE MAY TURN.

Many Irish People Who Emigrated to States May Go Back to Native Land.

London, Sept. 22.—Interest has been excited here by a letter from Secretary O'Callaghan, of the United Irish League of America, to Mr. Condon, M. P., saying that since the passage of the Irish Land Act 10,000 Irishmen have been making anxious inquiries regarding the possibility of re-acquiring their former holdings. Mr. O'Callaghan expressed the belief that should a large proportion of the inquiries be answered in the affirmative, it would go far towards solving the question of emigration and turn the tide back to Ireland.

MORE HATCHERIES FOR THE PROVINCE

EXACT LOCATION NOT YET DECIDED UPON

Statement by Hon. R. Prefontaine—Bill to Incorporate Bridge Company Stood Over.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—In the House to-day Hon. R. Prefontaine said that the government contemplated building two hatcheries in British Columbia, but had not yet decided at what points they could be located.

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE.

The bill to incorporate the Westminster Bridge Company stood over to-day in the railway committee at the instigation of the acting minister of railways, Hon. W. S. Fielding, upon the grounds that apparently both sides were making political capital out of the undertaking and it was advisable to get some note of approval from the provincial government. Mr. Morrison explained he was merely introducing the measure and left its consideration to the committee. He stated he had no brief from either party, but told the committee the personnel of the incorporators was one to which no objection could be taken, and that if the company were incorporated no harm could come unless the local government chose to make an improvident bargain with the company. The bill was useless if the legislature refused to deal with the company. Mr. Morrison gave an interesting history sketch of the political situation in British Columbia, and concluded by hoping that the Federal government would aid the bridge when necessary, whether the bill passed or not, and he was glad of this opportunity to place the condition of affairs before his Eastern friends.

UNITED STATES BONDS.

Funding Operation to Extend of \$20,000,000 to Be Renewed.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary Shaw authorizes the statement that owing to the scarcity of 2 per cent. bonds, both for circulation and as security for government deposits, he will renew funding operation to the extent of \$20,000,000 in accordance with the previous circulation. Of the total issue of \$17,000,000 of 2 per cent. bonds, the treasurer already holds for circulation and for deposits \$480,000,000. Secretary Shaw also authorizes the statement that he will redeem the 5 per cent. bonds maturing February 1st, 1904, paying interest to maturity. Formal instructions to the several sub-treasurers authorizing them to redeem on presentation will be issued to-day.

The banks that have had on file with the treasury for 30 days or more 5 per cent. bonds as security for public deposits will be permitted to substitute approved state and municipal bonds therefor, which will be accepted at 75 per cent of their value.

SERBIAN CONSPIRACY.

One Thousand Officers Implicated—Regicides Hold Alleged Incriminating Letter.

London, Sept. 22.—The Times correspondent at Belgrade sends a review of the situation in Serbia, in which he says the military conspiracy at Nieh, directed at the regicides, is far graver than the government lacks of vigilance. Of a total of 1,500 officers, 1,000 are said to be concerned in it, and probably the bulk of the nation secretly sympathize with them.

The clique of assassins, however, hold all the chief civil and military offices, the keys of the arsenal and the treasury, and anyone crossing their path is doomed. The King is surrounded and many doubt if he will ever shake himself free. Minister Gentich, in whose house the regicide plot was hatched and who conducted the secret negotiations with King Peter, is alleged to possess an incriminating letter, which is kept hanging over the royal head. Lately, however

SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPTAIN RUDLIN

PIONEER SKIPPER DROPPED DEAD TO-DAY

Expired on Street in Vancouver—Remains Sent to Victoria—Sketch of His Career.

(From Wednesday's Daily). "Capt. George Rudlin, of the steamship Princess Victoria, dropped dead at 11.15 o'clock this morning at the corner of Granville and Hastings streets, Vancouver."

Such was the surprising and startlingly sad message which the Times received at noon to-day, and which will be read by the public with deep regret. Whole-hearted and of a kindly, genial disposition, the venerable skipper was held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens in Victoria, while throughout all the province, as in his home city, he had a legion of friends. The cause of his sudden demise is attributed to heart failure.

Capt. Rudlin was a pioneer steambot man in these waters. In the days of the Otter and Beaver he was a commander, and just how well known he is to the general travelling public may be inferred from the statement that during his long term of service in these waters he has completed over 8,000 round trips between Victoria and Vancouver. Away back in 1855, when Canada's transcontinental dream, the Canadian Pacific, became a reality, the captain was in charge of the Yosemite. He held command of the Beaver for a time, and from the old to the new—the Princess Victoria—his life career has marked an important epoch in the betterment of steambot service on this coast.

Captain Rudlin was born in Essex, England, in 1836, and at the age of 12 joined a fishing smack at Colchester, England, and followed this vocation three years. He then spent a short time on Newcastle colliers, and subsequently shipped on the steamship Victoria as an ordinary seaman. The brig London for Valparaiso was his next berth, and after reaching the South American port he signed on the ship Red Gauntlet for San Francisco, arriving in the spring of 1856. He immediately found occupation on a Sacramento river schooner, where he remained for a year, and then went to Puget Sound on the barque Ella Francis, which loaded coal at Whatcom. He was next on the barque Sarah Warren with Captain Gove, but after making one trip left her in San Francisco and went to Humbolt Bay on the brig George Emery.

When the gold excitement broke out on the Fraser river he started overland for the mines, but on the way encountered Col. Joe Hooker, who was constructing the military wagon road through Oregon to California, and worked for many months afterwards going to Myrtle Creek, where he wintered. In the spring of 1859 he went to the mouth of the Umpqua and took passage on the steamship Columbia for Esquimaux. He found employment in the neighborhood of this city until the spring of 1860, at which time he settled on Discovery Island. While there he bought the schooner Cirrus, and after sailing her two years in the wood trade to Victoria built the schooner Discovery for the coal and lumber traffic. The first cargo was lumber from Port Madison mills to W. P. Sayward's yard in Victoria, where a portion of it was used in the erection of the First Presbyterian church. After five years in this business he left the Discovery and sailed the Black Diamond for three years, and then took charge of the steamer which he used to tow the Black Diamond. He was later master of the steamer Grappler, and with others formed the British Columbia Towing & Transportation Company, and acquired the old steamer Beaver from the Hudson's Bay Company, commanding her for nearly three years. He was on the Alexander for a few months, and subsequently entered Mr. Spratt's employ, remaining with him until the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company purchased his steamers. While with Mr. Spratt he handled the steamers Wilson G. Hunt and Cariboo Fly, and when the change in ownership occurred took the Enterprise, and afterwards successfully the Princess Louise, R. P. Bisset, Yosemite, Western Slope and Islander. His two most recent commands have been the Charmer and Princess Victoria, the C.P.R. Company promoting him to the new flyer in recognition of his long and faithful services.

The captain was signally fortunate in the management of steamers and his success was due to the cautiousness which he always exercised. In fact with many to know that Captain Rudlin was in charge of a vessel was to dispel all fear of misadventure through carelessness on a trip. The captain was a loyal Victorian and always stood up for this city interests. He was largely interested in real estate in this city, owning considerable property and many residences here. He took a trip to England a few years ago and took in the Jubilee ceremonies, returning to Victoria in splendid spirits. Mrs. Rudlin, who survives him, and who resides on George street, has the sympathy of the entire community in her present bereavement. The remains will be brought to Victoria on to-day's steamer.

WILL STRIKE

Butte, Mont., Sept. 24.—A special from Rock Springs, Wyo., says that 2,000 coal miners employed by the Union Pacific railway are about to go on strike. No definite information is obtainable as to the demands of the miners. It is known that organizers have been in the district for some time.

THE LATE C. P. R. SKIPPER,

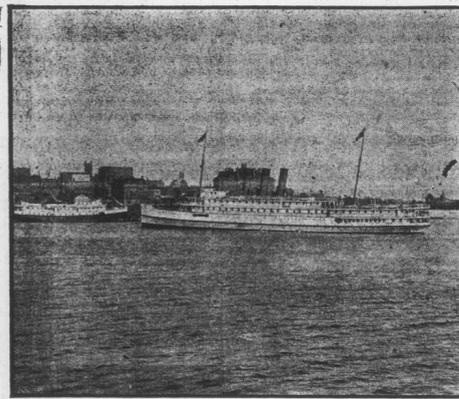


CAPT. GEO. RUDLIN.

Flags are half-masted on all the C.P.R. fleet in port to-day out of respect to the late Capt. Rudlin, the deceased skipper of the new steamship Princess Victoria, whose remains were brought down to this city from Vancouver on that vessel last evening. The arrival of the dead and the knowledge that the late captain went up to the Terminal City in the early morning in command of the ship, and apparently in good health, are facts which could hardly be reconciled.

As was customary after the steamer arrived at Vancouver Captain Rudlin went ashore for a short stroll. He had gone as far as the top of the hill leading up from the waterfront when a weakness came over him. Going into the Grand hotel he asked for a drink of water. In the meanwhile he took a seat, and while the water was being procured fell over dead. Immediately officials of the C.P.R. were summoned, and Dr. McGilligan, the coroner, being called found that death was due to sudden heart failure.

The sad news was conveyed aboard the Princess Victoria by Supt. Marpoie, and the loss was greatly deplored.



STEAMER PRINCESS VICTORIA, of which Captain Rudlin was in command at the time of his death.

BLOWING IN FURNACES.

Large Amount of Ore Arrives at Crofton for Treatment.

Crofton, Sept. 23.—Regular shipments have commenced again from Marble Bay, and the steamer Trader arrived yesterday with about 230 tons of first-class ore. The Lenora continues to ship steadily, and the grade of ore is considerably higher from this mine, whose prospects are very bright, and if the new body of ore known as the "Trigret vein" carries out the promise appearing in the prospecting work now being done on it, the Lenora will soon be famous. The production of copper at the smelter is increasing in proportion with the rise in the grade of the ore, and tomorrow will see the blowing in of the large Garretson furnace which will be used as well as the large water jacket furnace for smelting, the cupola furnace being closed down for a time. Coke is still being imported from Seattle as well as from Comox, and a shipment of 3,000 tons from the other side

FOR SETTLEMENT.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, today named November 10th next, at 9 a.m., as the date of the opening to settlement of the three-quarters of a million acres of ceded Chippewa lands in Minnesota, recently segregated from the timber land of that reservation.

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EMPLOYMENT OF ASIATICS ON RAILWAYS

Chinese Likely to Be Added to General Act Prohibiting Them on All Roads.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—Mr. Macpherson, Burrard, made a strong speech in the House last night in favor of a clause in the Grand Trunk contract to prevent the employment of Chinese and Japanese on the railway. There is a likelihood that a clause will be placed in the general act prohibiting the employment of Asiatic labor on all railways. It would not do to single out one company, Transcontinental Road.

The National Transcontinental Railway Bill is expected to get through committee to-day.

Question of Tariff. R. L. Borden, in the House, asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier as to the correspondence between Hon. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Blain, M. P., over the Canada-German negotiations regarding the tariff. Sir Wilfrid replied that the correspondence would be brought down. It will be remembered that all correspondence was brought down when the budget speech was delivered, and was published in pamphlet form at the point that Mr. Blain wants to make, and which would have been made in the British parliament if he got this correspondence, is that Canada control its fiscal tariff, while under Mr. Chamberlain's proposition, as understood by Mr. Blain, this could not be done.

ENGINEER'S DEATH.

Vancouver, Sept. 24.—Engineer Simons, of the Vancouver-Seattle train, met his death yesterday in a peculiar manner. He was coming from Seattle, and when a few miles south of Sumas, noticed that a culvert seemed washed out, and a good part of the track gone. He reversed the engine, shouted to the fireman and both jumped to save their lives. Simons fell under the train and was killed. The fireman escaped. The train went on without damage, finally bringing up right in the centre of the culvert, the tracks being in good condition, but under water.

THE CABINET VACANCIES.

Names of the New Ministers Not Yet Given Out.

London, Sept. 22.—Premier Balfour is apparently meeting with considerable difficulty in the task of constructing his cabinet. It is stated that Mr. Wyndham has been offered the choice of several portfolios, but has decided to remain as chief secretary for Ireland. Owing to the decision that the fifth and sixth army corps of War Secretary Brodrick's scheme, and it is believed that Brodrick's return to the office is reported that General Hunter, who was nominated for the command of the sixth corps, is to be transferred to India to command either the Bombay or Madras district. This has led to renewed rumors that General Hunter will succeed Lord Kitchener as commander-in-chief in India, and that the latter will be called home to succeed Mr. Brodrick as secretary of war.

All this, however, is merely speculation. Much public feeling has been displayed against appointing Mr. Brodrick to the India office, and it is believed the difficulty centres in providing a secretary of war and a secretary for India.

DENVER MURDER.

Man Arrested at New Westminster Identified by Sister of Victim.

Denver, Sept. 24.—Russell Boles is being brought from New Westminster, B. C., to stand trial in Denver, where the crimes of which he stands accused were committed.

On the evening of December 31st, 1901, Florence, 18 years of age, was walking to a pond in North Denver, to skate, accompanied by her brother Harold, 14 years of age. While putting on their skates they were approached by a man who pretended to search the boy's clothes for money and then turned to assault the girl. Harold, who had been knocked down, rose and went to the aid of his sister, who was fighting desperately. Thereupon the man struck the boy on the head with an axe, the blow killing him. The murderer then brutally assaulted the girl beside her brother's dead body.

Boles left the city within a month after the crimes were committed. After a long search he was arrested at New Westminster, B. C., through the efforts of Town Marshal Willis, of Sullivan, Ind., who accompanied Florence Fridborn to New Westminster. There she positively identified the prisoner as her assailant and her brother's murderer.

A special from Vancouver says that Boles bears a scar on his thumb when he assaulted her. In British Columbia the man was known as Jewell, but Marshal Willis positively identified him as Boles, whom he had known all his life.

MANY SHOTS FIRED.

Policeman and Negro Fatally Wounded—The Latter Resisted Arrest.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—In a running exchange of shots on the street to-day policeman John Donovan, 28 years of age, and Samuel Archer, a negro, were fatally wounded. Donovan observed the negro acting suspiciously and attempted to arrest him. Archer fired and was pursued by Donovan and three other policemen. The policemen discharged their revolvers after the fugitive, who returned the fire. One shot from his pistol struck Donovan in the abdomen. Archer was shot four times over the heart.

Few people are aware that when he was a young man Lord Salisbury, who now turns the scale at eighteen stone, was extremely slender in appearance and quite a lightweight.

MR. JARDINE AT PARSON'S BRIDGE

SPEAKERS COMPLAIN OF CIVIL SERVICE

The Liberal Candidate for Esquimaux District Given a Hearty Reception Last Evening.

More than two-thirds of the residents within a radius of five miles attended the Liberal meeting held by John Jardine last evening in the cosy hall at Parson's Bridge hotel. Richard Phillips, a life-long Conservative and a warm personal friend of Mr. Jardine, occupied the chair in an able and impartial manner.

The chairman first called on the candidate, Mr. Jardine, to address the meeting. In a speech, replete with facts, the candidate convinced his audience that a change was necessary, that the Conservatives had had every opportunity to demonstrate their fitness to govern the country, and had been found most lamentably wanting. He pointed out that so lax had been the administration of public affairs that the province was going behind at the rate of nearly \$2,000 per day on current expenditure alone. He urged that the administration of the lands department tended to favor the few at the cost of the country at large, resulting, as it did, in the tying up of vast tracts of land, both in the hands of favored corporations and in reserves, waiting to be bestowed on those who contribute most to the fund to debauch the electorate.

Mr. Jardine made the charge against the management of the lands and works department, that when he, with others, interviewed the officials there as to suitable lands for prospective settlers to the number of over 500, they were told of two different localities where suitable land could be found. These localities, on investigation, were found to be totally different from the representations made to the delegation. On the second interview the representatives of the prospective settlers were told by the officials that they never said that suitable lands could be found in the localities mentioned. The visitors were so disgusted that they left Victoria and returned to their friends' homes, although British Columbia had the finest climate and the most varied natural resources of any place in the world, that on account of this mismanagement of the province they could not recommend British Columbia as a desirable place for settlement. These men represented 100 families, all well-to-do people, worth all the way from \$10,000 to \$50,000 each.

The various speakers of the evening also referred to the mass which had come to their notice.

Mr. Jardine could not see how such a patriotic citizen as Hon. Mr. McBride presumed to be would advocate a scheme which practically meant the establishment and operation of fish hatcheries by Canada for the benefit of American trap fishers. On Mr. Jardine's return recently from his visit to Port Renfrew the captain of the steamer informed him that on one of his trips from the West Coast to Victoria he had run into a school of salmon outside of San Juan harbor, and for 20 miles of the run he ploughed his way through countless fish.

Where do they go? the captain asked Mr. Jardine, and then answered it himself by the assertion that the American traps got the lot, as no such run was known of on the Fraser river this year.

J. S. Annett, in a brief address, assured the electors that while at the present time every man would poll his vote without fear of intimidation, it was not always a secret ballot, that previous to 1888 every ballot was numbered, making it the easiest thing imaginable to keep tabs on any elector. When Thomas Forester, M. P. P. for Delta, introduced his bill for a "secret ballot," the government, while not openly opposing the bill on the floor of the House, put every obstruction in the way of its passing through committee. The bill was introduced the first week in April, and did not pass the House until well on in May. On a vote in committee of the whole on May 15th, 1888, on a motion to kill the bill, Messrs. Pooley, Eberts and Hunter, among others, voted against it, which was only saved by the vote of twelve in that year had every desire to curtail the freedom and privileges of the electors. Not a Liberal voted against the introduction of the secret ballot.

Mr. Johnson corroborated Mr. Jardine as to the unreliability of government officials across the Bay, and asserted that he had personal knowledge of several other cases where prospective settlers had complained. It is an abominable thing that men should be appointed and kept in the civil service because of their services as committee men to the Conservative party. He closed with a glowing account of the benefits reaped from the honest rule at Ottawa by the Liberals in comparison with the mismanagement and corruption of the Conservatives as exemplified in this province by the B. C. Southern, Columbia & Western, Chimney Creek and other scandals. Wesley Solomon, the next speaker, in a happy vein drew attention to the fact that the first time that he spoke in Esquimaux district was in aid of George Riley, M. P., in 1902, whom the electors of Parson's Bridge and vicinity had given a good majority. He contended that the civil service needed a new broom, that while he considered that every good man is entitled to a fair vote with a liberal interpretation, yet no excuse could be offered for an increase in salaries of nearly \$100,000 in three years of government officials employed in the parliament buildings in Victoria.

All the speakers were accorded a good

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Japanese Mattings! In All the Popular Designs and Colorings. J. PIERCY & CO., Wholesale Dry Goods, Victoria, B.C. bearing, and have the kindest feelings toward Henry Price, the genial host at Parson's Bridge for his treatment of them. The electors at Parson's Bridge and vicinity believe that no time must be lost in bringing about a better state of affairs. The meeting closed at a late hour with singing "God Save the King" and cheers for the candidate.

NORTH WARD'S VOTE NO

SLIM ATTENDANCE MEETING ON W

Addresses by Three of tive Candidates and of Supporter

The first movement of that will surely obliterate ranks on the 3rd of next have been plainly discerned few who attended the North Ward school Wednesday a number present undoubt chill to the reception area Helmecken, Hunter and all the persuasive eloquence of the trained speakers failed to arouse any special enthusiasm. A. E. McPhillips, conservative candidate, was He had gone to Comox, it and was there championing of the party. W. H. Price occupied present with him on the Jos. Hunter, D. B. Beagle, Helmecken, C. Hayward, L. and J. W. Bolden. In opening the meeting urged all to co-operate in the campaign. The Conservative friends of the laboring earnestly solicited the electorate in returning the fore them.

Calling on Mr. Beagle, attempted to give a very per address on the political and Conservative provincial subjects. The thought of every British Columbia, and after the well defined principles what the antagonistic element of the Liberal party. There quate in Kootenay, who volved in labor interests, and others who would not kneed with one another in any represented, and Mr. knew, would never consent "donkey engine to the at Ottawa." The Liberal's united and its candidates anything along this line, hand they dealt in person which there was surely matters engaging the att province.

After referring to the tanglement in which Libe Mr. Beagle then endeavored glittering generalities wha vative party stood for whee of time seemed to dawn on had thought of one spee which the two parties div was that of the Oriental history of the legislation, which he traced, and whi setting himself up in opp provincial policy and the tions of the Colonial S conclusion the speaker said of the Natal act and the for nothing more than Sifton and his political ric Mr. Hayward, "the muc didate," as the chairman was next called on after a reference to his career ing the meeting Mr. Hayw his life was before the book. Up to the present anxious to find out what of the Liberal party were, ing several articles devote and from the remarks of gentlemen, he came to t which was being waged ar refused to follow along th wished to speak to the educational among other t this connection alluded to the school boards, if he pledge himself to do all in secure the cheapest and b to have it.

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SLIM ATTENDANCE AT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Addresses by Three of the Conservative Candidates and a Number of Supporters.

The first movement of an avalanche that will surely obliterate Conservative ranks on the 3rd of next month must have been plainly discernible to those few who attended the meeting in the North Ward school Wednesday. So small a number present undoubtedly gave a chill to the reception accorded Messrs. Helmecken, Hunter and Hayward, and all the persons who could muster...

Mr. H. Price occupied the chair, and present with him on the platform were Jos. Hunter, D. B. Bogle, H. Dallas Helmecken, C. Hayward, D. W. Higgins and J. W. Bolden.

In opening the meeting Mr. Price made allusion to the work of the campaign. The Conservatives were the friends of the laboring men, and he earnestly solicited the support of the electorate in returning the candidates before them.

Calling on Mr. Bogle, that gentleman attempted to give a very profound analytical address on the policy of the Liberal and Conservative parties. There were prominent subjects which should be the thought of every elector in British Columbia, and after alluding to the well defined principles of the Conservative party, he endeavored to show what the antagonistic elements in the Liberal party were.

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TWO BUSINESS BODIES ARE TO JOIN FORCES

Union of Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce Ensures Strong Organization.

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AGRICULTURAL

HANDLING THE APPLE CROP. Some timely and valuable advice on the selling, picking and grading of apples is given by W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the fruit division, Ottawa. Every one interested in the growing and marketing of apples should write for a copy of Mr. MacKinnon's bulletin on the "Export Apple Trade."

When the grower is not also an exporter he may sell the apples in one of two ways, either at so much per barrel or at a lump sum for the entire orchard. As buyers often make their contracts long before picking time, either method involves consideration of the probable market price during fall and winter, which will be regulated by the total supply and demand, influenced too by changes in the quality of the crop.

All apples should be carefully picked by hand, with the stems on and without breaking the skin or bruising the fruit in any way. As a general rule it is advisable for growers to harvest and pack their own fruit, whether they eventually sell it on the premises or ship to foreign markets.

Time to Pick. Tender varieties should not be allowed to ripen on the trees as they are not so hard as the others. Sometimes styled "winter varieties," such as the Baldwin and Spy, will gain in color and flavor if left on the trees as long as the frost will allow, besides being less liable to rot and mould during storage.

Secretary Morley was called upon to read the conditions under which the members of the chamber would amalgamate with the Board of Trade. It is to be reported that the Board of Trade was willing to amend its constitution to enable the

enlargement of the council so as to give members of the Chamber of Commerce representation on it in a proportion of 1 to 12. Under these conditions Mr. Walker was in favor of the recommendation of the executive. He considered that nothing better could be done than to join forces with the Board of Trade. Now was the time for Victoria merchants to get together and work for the betterment of themselves and the city.

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VIEW IN PRAISE OF LIBERALISM

HELMCKEN APPROVES OF IT WITH HUNTER

Conservative Candidates Endorse Their Opponents' Platform—Financial Situation Exposed.

The Conservatives held their first meeting in Semple's hall Monday. Three of the candidates only were present, Hon. A. E. McPhillips having gone to Vancouver to take a part in the campaign in that city.

The Liberal government at Ottawa was treating the province in a shameful manner. They owed British Columbia \$240,000 for Chinese poll tax and more than \$46,000 of a refund on fishery licenses. Still more than that, \$14,500,000 was paid to the Dominion government over and above that received by the province.

Although the Dominion government had made a huge blunder on the Eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Hunter thought that all would commend the wise course of the government in extending the railway to the Pacific coast. But through the tactics followed in the East the government was evidently creating for itself an enormous election fund.

Mr. H. Price followed with a few remarks on the policy of protection, on which subject he thought the Liberals could not be trusted.

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LABORERS IN REVOLT.

Former Spanish Officer Charged With Inciting Native to Take Arms. Manila, Sept. 24.—Lieut. Oliver Eskridge, 25th infantry, has just been sentenced to three months' confinement in quarters and a fine of \$75 for being off guard duty without leave. Gen. Geo. M. Randall, upon reviewing the decision of the court, added a reprimand.

The government has decided to build a canal from Lake Taal to the sea at an expense of \$200,000 out of the congressional relief fund. This will give Batangas province an outlet for its products. Governor Taal has just received additional reports of distress among the natives of Batangas and Negros, Tayabas and Cebu, the result of failure of the crops owing to the ravages of locusts.

The government is now distributing \$50,000 worth of rice among the afflicted districts, which is to be paid for in work.

Domador Gomez, a former Spanish officer, awaiting sentence upon the charge of maintaining an illegal organization known as the Union Obrera, was today charged with rebellion and insurrection for inciting Ladrones laborers in the provinces of Rizal, Bulacan, Laguna and Cavite to take up arms in arms in rebellion against the authority of the United States. This has resulted in the recent outbreak of an insurrection in the provinces named in the form of a guerrilla warfare.

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THE VICTORIA CANDIDATES.

The Nelson Economist, a strong Conservative newspaper, does not attempt to conceal its conviction that John Houston will be defeated by the Liberal candidate, S. S. Taylor. The Economist also takes a great deal of interest in the political situation in Victoria. In its last issue our contemporary says: "The two parties are now getting down to close quarters. The coast cities have nominated their candidates and gone into the fight in earnest. At Victoria, the Conservatives have placed a very strong ticket in the field. Messrs. McPhillips, Helmecken and Hayward should run well, but the Liberals have two exceedingly strong men, Messrs. Drury and McNiwen. Either one of these is likely to be elected, and if both, the result will be two Conservatives and two Liberals. Mr. Drury ran for the Dominion House three years ago, and came near being elected. Mr. McNiwen is a Labor-Liberal, and stands high with his fellow workmen. He has good ability, moderate in his views and conscientious in his motives and will get a great number of votes on account of friendship. Men of his stamp would be useful in the legislature, and if it were not that he is impregnated with Liberalism, the Economist would like to see him elected." But the Economist is only partly right. All four candidates in Victoria are strong men, and they are all going to be elected. No man in this city stands higher in the esteem of the people than Aid. W. G. Cameron. He has served the people faithfully in the city council, has repeatedly headed the poll in South Ward, and in all his years of service it has never been hinted that his actions were inspired by improper or even questionable motives. Mr. Cameron's record is unassailable. He has often been urged to come out as a candidate for the mayoralty and he would undoubtedly have been successful if he had cared to aspire to the chief seat at the council board. Mr. Cameron will poll a heavy vote on the 3rd of October. Mr. Hall will also poll the full party vote, while his record for business integrity and his zeal for the welfare of the city he has so faithfully represented will appeal to the large Conservative element which distrusts the McBridge government, and will add greatly to the strength of the Liberal candidates generally.

CONSERVATIVE HARMONY.

Premier McBridge should break away from the life and death struggle with John Oliver and take his candidates in Victoria in hand. If he decides to come down here we advise him to bring a good strong club with him. Here are three of his candidates ostentatiously flaunting him and deliberately declaring his policy—which is opposition to fish traps as long as the breath of life surges through his lungs and implacable hostility to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway—to be that of a demagogue. That is practically what Messrs. Helmecken, Hunter and Hayward said in their speeches last evening. They are all in favor of fish traps and they all think the building of the Grand Trunk line will be a great thing for British Columbia. It is gratifying to Liberals of course that Conservatives are forced in this public fashion to admit the hopelessness of their cause if they follow the banner held aloft by their gifted leader, but they must excuse us if we take the liberty of doubting their sincerity. They have elected to follow Mr. McBridge as a Conservative, and they cannot deceive the electors by saying that they will only follow him if he leads in a certain direction. Once they are seated in the House, there is not the slightest reason to believe they will not tag after him wherever he may choose to go. We have not the least doubt that when the Attorney-General appears on the platform here he will make that quite clear. Mr. McPhillips, notwithstanding his weakness in general and his predilection for Conservative "principles" in particular, is not a trimmer. As a member of the government he will endorse all that has been said by his leader and take the chance of the approval of the electorate. The only way to deal with trimmers, the only manner in which their capacity for evil can be destroyed, is to defeat them. The day of political wrigglers in British Columbia is done.

CAUSE OF CANADA'S PROSPERITY

The Colonist points with pride to the fact that Winnipeg is now the leading grain centre of the world. More wheat is handled there than in Chicago, the metropolis of the American West, or in any other city in the grain-raising regions. It is also quite true that the mind of man can hardly conceive of the possibilities of that great centre of agricultural wealth. Our contemporary might also, if it had suited its purpose, have pointed out that the dominance of Winnipeg has been achieved during a Liberal regime—that the Western metropolis of Canada lauded during all the years of Conservative rule in common with the country as a whole. Instead of stating the facts, however, vague suggestions are made of what might be accomplished if what is called a truly national trade policy, assumed to be the sole property of the great but impotent great Conservative party, were adopted. It seems we are not getting the right kind of immigrants. And yet the population now flowing into the

Northwest has accomplished the grand work which has placed Winnipeg in the position she occupies to-day. The exploiters of the prairie lands cannot be such incompetent people after all, nor can the present government's trade policy be so very far wide of the mark. That policy was adopted after a careful investigation by practical men. It was not born of the theories of a coterie of unpractical politicians, ready to follow any path that appeared to lead to power and to the advantages and emoluments thereof.

It appears to us that as Canada is progressing to-day as satisfactorily as the heart of any patriot could desire, the best thing for us to do is to keep right along in our present course. Winnipeg is one of the busiest cities of its size in the world to-day. The country which surrounds it is rapidly filling up with settlers. The dominant feeling is one of hope for the future. In the course of a few years the diversity of industry will be quite as great as the multiplicity of interests which have made the Western States the most prolific producers in the world. A great transcontinental highway is projected, and will probably be completed considerably within the time specified in the contract—five years. That road, as has already been pointed out, will create a new Dominion. If it is managed with anything approaching the ability which has characterized the conduct of the officers of the C. P. R., as there is no reason to doubt it will be, as there is no more capable or enterprising railway man on the American continent than Charles M. Hays, the Grand Trunk Pacific will accomplish greater things for Canada than the original transcontinental line. It will pass through practically virgin territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific, whereas this can only be said of the portion of the C. P. R. west of the great lakes. It will pass through every province and territory of the Dominion with the exception of the far northern regions in the Mackenzie and the Yukon. In Athabaska it will connect with what are said to be the most magnificent stretches of water—river and lake—in the world, and will thus bring into touch with civilization and open up to commerce resources which are at present practically hermetically sealed. What will the admittedly important city of Winnipeg do to-day become in a few years after this second great highway of trade has made it the centre of a new industrial and commercial empire? What will the position of Canada be twenty years from now if the policy of the Laurier government, broadening out and expanding as the circumstances of the case justify it, be consistently adhered to? We simply cannot grasp in all its magnitude the boundless promise of the future.

British Columbia cannot but be a partaker in the general prosperity which has resulted from the statesmanlike policy of the Dominion government. Premier McBridge says he will oppose the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway until certain guarantees are given by the Dominion government. But no one takes Mr. McBridge seriously. When he made such a statement as that he was probably merely trying to assure his leader at Ottawa that "first, last and all the time" he is a Conservative. Mr. McPhillips says he is sorry the alternative scheme of Mr. Borden had not received the consideration its merits deserved. As the Conservative leader's scheme dropped into oblivion as it fell from the lips of its expounder, and has not been mentioned since, we may take it for granted that the last has been heard of that extraordinary hodge-podge of shreds and patches. There will be no opposition to the Grand Trunk Pacific in British Columbia. But a government in sympathy with the broad policy of the Dominion government, a government endowed with a certain portion of the spirit of the Liberalism which has restored order out of chaos, has converted almost yearly deficits into annual surpluses running up to over fourteen millions for the past financial year, is sadly needed in this province. The balance between revenue and expenditure must be restored, and that is something the electors are convinced can never be accomplished by the "old gang," for it is the old gang under a new name that is seeking to gain control here.

Hon. Robert Green is fighting for his life in Kaslo, with practically the whole voting strength of the interior mainlain arrayed against him; Hon. Richard McBridge on the lower mainland is as helpless in the hands of John Oliver as he is in the hands of the opposition in the late legislature while the Hon. A. E. McPhillips has been left the duty of leading the government cause on the island. The weary platitudes and long-winded harangues of the Attorney-General are likely to make as great an impression on the electors generally as they did on the empty benches of the late House. The government is indeed in a bad way. No wonder the ministers are anxious to get the agency over. They were right in assuming that the longer time they gave the electors to consider the situation the more utter the rout was likely to be.

The news of the death of Capt. Rudlin will be received with deep regret in all sections of British Columbia. The captain was one of the best-known steamboat men in this part of Canada, careful of his ship and ever mindful of the comfort and safety of his passengers.

IS THE EMPIRE MENACED?

We wonder whether the vociferous, exulting opponents in Great Britain of Mr. Chamberlain have noticed that the alleged downfall of the late Colonial Secretary is taken in the United States, and no doubt in all countries whose statesmen believe that their political, industrial and commercial interests will be best served by the dismemberment of the British Empire, as a distinct triumph for the cause they have always more or less secretly hoped for and advocated. Americans are chiefly interested in the course Canada will adopt, admitting for the moment that there is any real reason for a change of position. We who live in and direct the affairs of this country cannot observe any change in the attitude of the people. If there is a feeling here that the collapse of the propaganda of Mr. Chamberlain should be taken advantage of to direct the attention of Canadians to the advantage of political independence or of union with the United States, it is not yet so pronounced as to be observable by the communities chiefly concerned. Possibly the very closeness of our proximity to the scene of the alleged movement obstructs the line of vision. It may be that the hope which has been expressed in some of the newspapers in the United States is founded upon a declaration of the Toronto World that the union of Canada with the republic is one of the possibilities of the future. But we advise our sincere well-wishers on the other side not to build too much upon such a statement as that. The Tories of Canada have a habit of breaking out in that way when the prospects of attaining power are assumed to be remote. For proof, read the political history of the country. There is no well-defined craving after annexation in Canada. We are content to wait the course of events "at home." Even if British leaders of public opinion on both sides of politics—or perhaps in view of the present involved state of affairs it would be more correct to say on all sides of politics—should unanimously agree to maintain for all time the present status, Canadians would still be satisfied. They feel it to be doubtful whether any change would improve their condition or their prospects. They would be the last to ask the people of Great Britain to adopt any policy that would inflict hardship upon any class, and more especially upon the class whose struggle to maintain themselves in conditions of moderate comfort is hard enough as it is.

Admittedly these are days of rapid and unaccountable revolutions in public opinion. A wave of feeling might in any moment be blown up by some ill-considered blast from the lungs of one of the demagogues who seemingly are as plentiful in Great Britain as they are in the United States and Canada. It might sweep from the Atlantic to the Pacific, instigating many at present cherished sentiments and opinions. If it did arise assuredly some of the boasted Tory champions of British connection would be found riding triumphantly into power upon it. The party which once cried "so much the worse for British connection" would not hesitate to do so again if material advantage promised to follow such a declaration. But the circumstances are not likely to be favorable. The progress of Canada has been very satisfactory within the last half dozen years. The wave of good times is gathering force as it proceeds, and while a community is materially prosperous it is not likely to pay much heed to a demand for a radical political departure. So we can assure the New York Times and all other newspapers which profess to wish us well and have schemes for making us better off, that the political upheaval in Great Britain has not affected the public sentiment of this country one jot. We are as independent now as any free-dominating people could wish to be, and in that position we are determined to maintain ourselves. It may be an ill-considered conceit of ours, but there is no doubt the belief is entertained, that in Canada the individual has a greater measure of the true liberty, within a code of wise and just laws, that makes for happiness, peace and contentment, than is to be found under the Stars and Stripes.

There may be "a formidable movement in Australia for an independent republic." It is one of the weaknesses of the "British Colonial" system that important developments may be taking place in one section of the Empire without the people of the other sections being cognizant of it. The Pacific cable has not yet brought Canada and Australia into the intimate relationship that was anticipated. At the same time we are to express our doubts. We believe the British Empire is not yet in danger of falling to pieces. The reasons given by the Times for the genesis of the alleged agitation in the southern dependency do not seem very cogent, because all the reforms said to be aimed at could be accomplished quite as effectively under the existing political system. We are told the businessmen are the agitators, that they have an organ in the Bulletin, a weekly newspaper published in Sydney, New South Wales, and more widely read than any other paper in Australia. Its motto is "Australia for Australians." Its avowed aim is an independent republic. Its immediate policy is the cessation of borrowing, close economy in all non-productive expenditure, the breaking up of large holdings of

land, and a form of State Socialism which includes old age pensions and the state control of public utilities, but always with the strictest regard to economy. The Bulletin is the organ of no party. It is absolutely directed by its owners. It is extremely prosperous. It is very able, written in excellent English, illustrated by alert and clever artists, and edited with skill and originality. Its idea of the "Mother Country" is expressed in the nickname of "Bull-Cohen," which it applies habitually. It teaches that the only object of England in the colonies is to make money from them through heavy loans and extravagant expenditures and through fat places for English favorites. It is said the movement in favor of independence has become so pronounced that the correspondent of the London Times has directed attention to it. He says the confederation of the Australian colonies has given a great impulse to the spirit this paper appeals to, that in the federation, with its upper house elected by manhood suffrage instead of appointed as in the separate colonies, the businessmen will have far more influence and interest, and that the movement for independence is likely to become very serious.

MOMENTOUS ISSUES.

We cannot agree with the statement that there are no great questions at issue in the present provincial political campaign. There are issues of tremendous magnitude before the people. And the people are interested in them, and we believe have already made up their minds to pronounce upon them, and that all the ponderous platitudes of this official head of the government in this particular portion of the province will not affect in the slightest degree that determination.

There are many minor reforms necessary to place British Columbia upon a firm and sure foundation, reforms which lead Conservatives of the province have had the opportunity of effecting for the last dozen years, but which they have absolutely refused to touch. The Conservative party has been dominant in all governments for that length of time, and it has persistently aggravated the conditions rather than ameliorated them. Each succeeding administration has led the country deeper into the mire.

But these reforms are minor ones. The great question engaging the attention of the people is that of getting rid of the old gang, and along with the old gang of submerging forever the corporations whose interests it has consistently and continuously served. Mr. McPhillips strenuously denies that the "old gang" is supporting the present government, or that the demands of the "old gang" will have any influence upon its policy. And yet upon the very same platform the Attorney-General recently said that he considered three of the members of that discredited and detested junta, while from Victoria to the northern end of the Island candidates have been put up against the representatives of the Liberal party. Whom will Mr. Joseph Hunter represent if by any unfortunate combination of circumstances he should be elected to the House; or Mr. Pooley, the candidate of the government in Esquimalt; or Mr. Eberts, in Saanich; or Alexander Bryden, in Newcastle; or Mr. Skinner, in Cowichan; or Mr. Grant, in Comox; or Major Hickey, in Alberni? They are all a slight measure of the evil leaven of the "old gang." Mr. McPhillips says very boldly and bravely that while he is Attorney-General he will administer without fear or favor. But he has been upon the stump advocating the cause of some of the candidates who have been put up for the very purpose of putting a damper upon his bubbling enthusiasm.

At this stage of the campaign it is just as well to point out frankly the actual position of affairs, to lay bare the facts and give the electors in all parts of the province an opportunity to pronounce intelligently upon them. There can be no reform under the present government. If it is returned to power it will be tied hand and foot by the same influences that have foisted reforms in the past.

GOOD BODY OF ORE.

Has Been Struck on Richard III, Just Above Tye Mine, at Mt. Sicker.

J. H. Little has returned from Mount Sicker, where he has been inspecting the Richard III. mining property. He reports that about a week ago a most favorable strike was made at a depth of some 100 feet. It is thought from indications that it is a continuous workable body which has proved so rich in the Tye mine.

The management of the Richard III. has been carrying on operations with great care in view of securing the best possible character of ore as the Tye. Everything pointed to this, as the Tye veins ran in the direction of the Richard III, which lies immediately above the former.

The new body is about 11 feet by 17 feet, and gives excellent assays. E. W. Molander, of Port Townsend; C. W. Dickie, ex-M.P.E., and others of Dunsmuir are interested in the property. They have systematically returned the Liberal ticket at the polls, and record itself in favor of clean government. (Applause.)

SPRING RIDGE IS FOR LIBERALISM

DEATH KRELL OF "OLD GANG" WAS SOUNDED

At Good Meeting of Young Men's Liberal Party Tuesday—Number of Live Speeches.

Despite the "Vancouver weather," as one of the speakers characterized the meteorological conditions prevailing last night, there was a good attendance at the Young Liberals' meeting in Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge. All the speakers were cordially received, and the applause which punctuated the deliveries showed that the sympathy of the audience was entirely with the Liberal candidates in this campaign. The labor element is exceptionally strong in this section of the city, and it will go practically en masse for the Liberal ticket. There may have been one, and possible two, "Vancouver weather" speakers, but likely they have undergone a change of heart ere this.

The smug handed out to the Labor party by the Conservatives when they refused to allow the workmen to be represented on their ticket is naturally keenly resented by the Labor party, who will poll a strong vote for the Liberals in the coming contest. Special reference was made to this by several of the speakers. During the evening the Young Liberal quartette rendered a couple of selections, which were well received, and Jas. Hunter created a very favorable impression by his vocal number.

The chairman, A. Johnson, opened the meeting in an able address. The Young Men's Liberal Club, he said, should be congratulated on the splendid showing they had made in their short existence. The active interest manifested by young men in public affairs argued well for the future of the country. That the young men should stand with the Liberal party was another reason for congratulation. The Liberal party was a party for young men. (Applause.)

The chairman was pleased that party lines had been adopted. He had always favored such a political alignment, and he enumerated his reasons for holding this view. The Conservative party based their ideals on tradition and the past usages, and did not recognize the tendency of the times towards progress. On the other hand the Liberal party looked forward to the future. It was their inherent tendency to strive for prosperity. It was therefore natural that young men should affiliate with a party which was full of life, hope and activity. (Applause.)

There were young men in the Conservative party it was true, but their conservatism was inherited. Frequently and fortunately they developed into good Liberals. Others unfortunately developed into what are known as "mossbacks," of whom there were two many in Victoria.

But while the Liberal party was the natural political sphere of the young men, it was also the natural place for progress and optimism. (Applause.)

Workmen did not seem to be wanting in the Conservative party, as was illustrated by the small vote polled by the Liberal representative at the Conservative convention. Contrast this with the splendid vote received by the labor candidates at the Liberal convention. This was a test of the feeling with which labor was regarded by the two parties. When polling day came he felt assured that labor would throw its support strongly in favor of the Liberal candidates. (Applause.)

Richard Hall was next called upon, and he cordially received. He did not think the people had yet fully entered into the new condition of political affairs which now obtained, but this would be thoroughly understood as the campaign progressed.

It was much to be desired that a government should be returned which would act harmoniously with the beneficent government at Ottawa. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's administration had worked wonders in the development of Canada's prosperity. A factor contributory to this was preferential trade in favor of the Mother Country. Incidentally Mr. Hall expressed his sympathy with the policy advocated by the ex-colonial secretary. In this contest he was certain the Liberals would win. They had a better representation of the people on their ticket. They had the influence of the best government Canada ever had, the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. They also had the support of the influential Labor party. (Applause.)

Had he lost the nomination to Mr. Fullerton, he would have been pleased to give him his most earnest support. He greatly admired and appreciated the manner in which that gentleman had supported the ticket. (Applause.)

Mr. Hall then took up several matters dealt with by him at the meeting on the previous evening. He favored state-subsidized technical schools, and a more equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation for educational purposes, so that the working classes would receive more consideration. The fiscal system needed reform. Greater economy in the administration of the country was required. The cost for civil service was excessive for a population such as that which we have. There should be greater efficiency for the expenditure in the department. The powers of the government should be limited in the administration of the Land Act, so that the public domain may be guaranteed protection from land grabbers.

man who would head the Liberal ticket on October 3rd. (Applause.) Mr. McNiwen expressed satisfaction that party lines had been adopted. In the past suspicion had permeated all quarters in local political life, but he was pleased to say that this was past.

The Liberal part here was now united and had an ideal in the Laurier government which all were proud to follow. (Applause.) The first thing to be done provincially was to clean out the present government, to remove the men responsible for the mal-administration which had so grievously injured the country, and replace them with legislators who could be trusted. (Applause.)

The speaker then emphasized the desirability of the party being retained who would be in harmony with the Liberal government at Ottawa. It was a government that should be supported in this province. It was provided for another transcontinental railway, which would ensure the opening up of British Columbia to a wonderful extent. It had restored prosperity to Kootenay by granting bounty to the silver-lead miners and had increased the capitation tax on Chinese to \$500.

In conclusion the speaker predicted the success of the Liberal ticket at the polls on October 3rd. (Applause.)

B. J. Perry. B. J. Perry, who was next called upon, said that it spoke well for the prospects of the Liberal ticket when so many leave "Vancouver weather" speakers to the Liberal candidates and bear the questions discussed from the Liberal standpoint.

The speaker then pointed out that each Liberal candidate represented the whole of the province. It was the duty of the Liberal electors to support them all. Elections could not be won by platitudes, but the only way success could be achieved was by showing up the unworthiness of their opponents.

The speaker then trenchantly waded into the Conservative ticket, paying particular attention to Chas. Hayward. This gentleman, like Mr. Helmecken, based their appeals to the electorate on their personal popularity. The former was parading his record as Mayor, and took credit for a lot of improvements to which all knew he wasn't entitled. Were there more men at work? Were there more improvements in the city? Was the town more prosperous under Mayor Hayward than under Mayor McCandless? By no means. Never were there more workmen employed at one time than now, not only that, but they enjoyed an eight-hour day, which was not the case last year.

The speaker held no brief for Mayor McCandless, but when the ex-Mayor floundered his "What I have done" plea before them he was appearing under false pretences.

Both Messrs. Hayward and Helmecken had worn the personal popularity plank so much that its smoothness caused them to slip when they last sought the suffrages of the electorate. It was to be hoped that they would fall never to rise again on October 3rd. (Applause.)

W. F. Fullerton. W. F. Fullerton, who was introduced by the chairman in a few well put words, next addressed the meeting. Regarding the contest for the nomination Mr. Fullerton said he considered the number of votes secured by him as flattering indeed. The total polled by Mr. McNiwen and him was a marked commentary on the interest taken by labor in the present political situation.

The speaker warmly eulogized Mr. McNiwen, whom he described as one deserving the confidence of the electorate, and who he was sure would be returned on October 3rd. (Applause.)

Workmen were anxious to see this country prosperous. How could this be accomplished? Why was British Columbia behind the other provinces? It had the people and it had the resources, but it did not have the right kind of government. It was in the power of the electorate to produce a change, to clean out the party which plunged the country into stagnation. Consider what the Liberal government at Ottawa had done. The granting of the silver-lead bounty, the Grand Trunk Pacific proposal with its conditions so especially advantageous to this province, the increase in the head tax on Chinese, all should commend the Liberal government to the support of every working man in the province. (Applause.) Therefore the Liberal candidates should be returned so that a government might obtain which would act harmoniously with the authorities at Ottawa.

Mr. Fullerton then touched briefly on the main features of the Liberal platform, giving a vigorous, clean exposition of the stand taken by the party on these important matters, and closed with an earnest appeal to carry out the work energetically for the return of the Liberal party.

R. T. Elliott. R. T. Elliott, the last speaker, placed himself on record as a straight Liberal and a supporter of the four candidates whom he eulogized as men of integrity, loyalty and zeal, and worthy of every confidence.

The meeting closed with cheers for the candidates and the singing of the National Anthem.

EXHIBITION NOTES.

Entries Coming in Thick and Fast—Meeting of Executive To-Morrow.

Entries for the Victoria exhibition, which will be held from the 6th to the 10th of the next month, are coming in thick and fast. Those who intend exhibiting should make their applications for space as soon as possible for the best positions are rapidly being taken up. Cattle and poultry seem to be the classes of farm stock that will be most largely represented at the exhibition. There will be plenty of thoroughbred stock from the Lower Mainland, the farmers of that district evidencing a great deal of interest in the forthcoming show. T. Wilkinson, of Nanaimo, will likely be the largest poultry exhibitor. He has already entered a lot, and may put in more. Local poultry breeders also intend competing.

The proposal of running some of the machinery used by the different local manufacturers in order to give the public an idea of the processes through which the raw material has to go before be-

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In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, Congressman Beckman says: "My Dear Doctor—It gives me pleasure to certify to the excellent curative qualities of your medicine—Peruna Manina. I have been afflicted more or less for a quarter of a century with catarrh of the stomach and constipation. A residence in Washington has increased these troubles. A few bottles of your medicine have given me almost complete relief, and I am sure that a continuation of them will effect a permanent cure."—J. D. Bodin.

Mr. J. F. Verdery, a prominent real estate agent of Annapolis, Md., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from catarrh of the stomach. I tried many physicians, visited a good many springs, but I believe Peruna has done more for me than all the above put together. I feel like a new person."—L. F. Verdery.

The most common form of summer catarrh is catarrh of the stomach. This is generally known as dyspepsia. Peruna cures these cases like magic. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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coming the completed article has been abandoned. Many thought the thing impractical and in defiance to their opinion it was decided not to make the attempt. It is the intention of a number of exhibitors to operate machinery by motor power for the purpose of illustrating to better advantage the manufacture of different articles.

Some days ago mention was made in these columns of a prize of \$100 presented to the B. C. Agricultural Association by the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association to be distributed for competition at the forthcoming show among the shorthorn breeders of this province. At a meeting of the executive the other evening the prizes were distributed as follows: Best heifer, consisting of half and four females, over one year (short-horn), 1st prize, \$20; 2nd, \$20. Best (short-horn) any age, 1st, \$25. Best female (short-horn) over 1 year, \$25.

A detailed programme of the bicycle race to be held at the fair, the first day of the fair, has been prepared by the executive. The conditions of each of the six of the contests were outlined in these columns some days ago. Prizes are offered as follows:

First prize in half mile race for boys under 16, solar lamp; 2nd, 20th century lamp. First prize in slow race, large pewter; 2nd, "Royal" bicycle bell. First prize in open bicycle race, oak and silver tankard; 2nd, pewter mug. First prize in hurdle race, a Brooks saddle; 2nd, large foot pump presented by T. Hinley. First prize in open bicycle race (three miles), oak and silver tankard; 2nd, pewter mug. First prize bicycle race, open, Chinese and Japanese, cash, \$4; 2nd, cash, \$2.

There will be a meeting of the executive of the association to-morrow evening to consider tenders for privileges. It is understood that a number of Victoria business men intend competing in the races to be held on Saturday next, the 20th of September, commencing at 1 p. m., in connection with the Delta Agricultural Society's sixteenth annual exhibition. The programme follows:

Free for all. Trot or pace. Three in five. One mile heats. Entrance, \$4. Green horses. Trot or pace. Two in three. One mile heats. Entrance, \$3. Running. Free for all. Half mile. Two in three. Catch weights. Entrance, \$2. Running. For ponies, under 14½ hands. Half mile. Two in three. Catch weights. Entrance, \$2. A catalogue of the exhibition to be held at Courtenay, B. C., on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23rd and 24th, under the auspices of the Comox Agricultural and Industrial Association, has been received. It includes a lengthy prize list and the premiums offered should result in a good number of entries and the keenest competition.

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C. E. POOLEY A SMALL TELLS OF WHAT WAS DONE FOR

If Returned He Promises to Tone Premier McBride Somewhat.

C. E. Pooley, the Conservative, returned to the Legislature on Wednesday. He had been absent for some time on a tour of the coast, and had been reported to have been favorable to traps for fish.

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A dispatch from London says that Commodore James E. C. Goodrich, R.N., leaves England for Esquimaut early next month.

An inquest into the death of Wm. Bowman, who passed away a few days ago, resulted in the return of a verdict of "accidental death."

Constables Carson and Clayards returned Tuesday night after having surrendered the two desperadoes, Leonard and Leonard, to the warden of the penitentiary at New Westminster. On the way across the Gulf the officers kept vigilant watch over their charges.

The Jews of Victoria are celebrating the commencement of the year 5664, according to Jewish faith. Rosh Hoshana is one of the religious observances marking the beginning of the new year. The ritual used is of solemnity and great antiquity, part of the prayers used antedating the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in the year 70 B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, of Tolmie avenue, mourn the loss of their infant daughter Gladys, aged three days. The funeral took place from the residence at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. L. G. McPhillips, K.C., of Vancouver, brother of the Attorney-General, and Miss Emma Rogers, were married at the Roman Catholic church in the terminal City Tuesday morning. Hon. A. E. McPhillips attended the ceremony.

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Victoria is not the only city on the coast which suffered from the activities of the forgers who got in their work here on Saturday last. According to a San Francisco paper two people, a man and a woman, played the same game in Oakland. They were accompanied by a little child, so it is altogether likely they were the pair who victimized Victoria dealers. So far they have not been apprehended, and in view of the alert they had their chances of escape are good. Their operations in the Californian city were just as successful as they were here, but their stakes were smaller. The cheques there were for fourteen dollars; here they were marked eighteen.

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The first distribution of profits among the employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company has been made. For the year ending June 30th last the men have received \$25 each. Next year Manager Buntzen expects this will be increased by probably one hundred per cent.

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Arrangements have been made by Rev. J. P. Westman for the appearance in this city of John R. Clarke, of Buffalo, the celebrated lecture entertainer, who will deliver his well-known lecture on "To and Fro in London" in the Central Methodist church on Monday evening next.

C. E. POOLEY HAS A SMALL MEETING

TELLS OF WHAT WAS DONE FOR DISTRICT

Returned He Promises to Endeavor to Tone Premier McBride Down Somewhat.

C. E. Pooley, the Conservative candidate for Esquimalt, held a meeting last evening in the Lamson street school house.

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THE LIBERAL CANDIDATES.



HENRY TANNER

Having been identified with nearly every industry that has tended to foster the development of the agricultural interests of Saanich, Henry E. Tanner, the Liberal standard bearer for Saanich, is a man unexcelled in qualifications for representing this constituency in the legislature.

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THE PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT

APPROACHING VISIT OF IMPORTANT PARTY

How Members of Canadian Manufacturers' Association Will Be Received Here Next Week.

Arrangements have been perfected for the entertainment of the touring members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association when they reach Victoria next week.

This influential aggregation of business men left Brandon last evening in special train for Calgary.

They will arrive here on Wednesday evening next one hundred and sixty strong.

Representing the most prominent commercial interests of the broad Dominion their importance is not to be underestimated.

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In order to have Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills placed in the hands of all persons suffering from blood deficiency, we make the following most liberal offer:

If you will send us your name and address and agree to sell for us twelve boxes of Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills at 25c per box, we will give you ABSOLUTELY FREE A BEAUTIFUL WATCH AND CHAIN in either Ladies' or Gents' size, or your choice of twenty other premiums such as fine sets of Jewelry, Rings, Violins, Mandolins, Ten Sets, Sateen Skirts, Cameras, etc.

Remember we DON'T WANT ANY MONEY until after you sell the Pills and you don't have to sell any more than 12 boxes to get the premiums. This is a bona fide offer from a reliable concern that has given thousands of dollars worth of premiums to agents all over the country.

Remember also that Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills are a well known remedy for all diseases of the kidney and bladder, Bright's disease, diabetes, rheumatism, nervous troubles and female complaints, and are for sale by all first class druggists and dealers in medicines in all parts of the world.

You have only to show them to sell them. You are not offering something that the people don't know. Our watches are the regular standard size for Ladies or Gents and in Nickel or Gold Metal Cases with handsome illuminated dials and reliable time-keepers, watches such as no lady or gentleman need be ashamed to carry, and they will be sent absolutely free to all who sell only twelve boxes of these wonderful Tonic Pills. Write at once and be the first in your locality to earn one of these beautiful watches and chain.

As soon as we receive your letter or post card we will send you post paid twelve boxes, together with our illustrated Catalogue and beautifully colored card with your name and address on as our authorized agent. Bear in mind that you will not be asked to sell any more than the 12 boxes and you DON'T WANT ANY MONEY UNTIL after you have sold them. We bear all the expense and are only making this liberal offer as a method of advertising Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills. Don't delay, write at once and earn a beautiful present for yourself for Christmas. Address ARNOLD MEDICINE CO., Dept. 122, 50 Adelaide street east, Toronto, Ont.

EXHIBITION NOTES. Special Service From Vancouver Arranged—Secretary Has Moved to Market Building. (From Wednesday's Daily).

To-day R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association, and staff, moved their headquarters from the offices of Swinerton & Oddy, Government street, to the Market place. This was necessary owing to the pressure of business as a result of the steadily increasing number of entries coming in each day from all parts of the province.

The committee of the association is still busy completing preparations for the show. Every indication is that the fair will be successful, financially, as it is likely that crowds will be in attendance from both the mainland and island points. This morning Mr. Baxter, the honorary secretary of the transportation committee, announced that arrangements have been made with Capt. Troup to put on the Yosemite for the convenience of exhibitors at the New Westminster show who intend also exhibiting at Victoria. The boat is to leave on Saturday, 3rd October, from New Westminster at 10 a. m., and from Ladner's Landing at 12 o'clock.

The annual fair of the Saanich Agricultural Association will be held on Friday and Saturday next at the Agricultural grounds, Saanich. On the former day the judging of the inside exhibits will take place. Saturday's programme follows: Judging of live stock, commencing 9 a. m.; baseball, Cedar Hill vs. Saanich, at 1 p. m.; cup presented by D. M. Eberts; horse racing, commencing at 2.45 p. m.; parade of stock, commencing at 8.30 in the evening; there will be dancing, music being supplied by the Solby-Bantly orchestra. Refreshments will be served on the grounds during the day. On Saturday trains will leave at 7 a. m. and 2 p. m. and a large number of Victorians are expected to attend.

On Friday and Saturday also the annual exhibition at Duncan's will take place. There will be a large number of entries and the show promises to be an unqualified success. One of the special features of the show will be the sawing and wood chopping contest. Excursion rates will be in effect on the E. & N. railway, and a large number of Victorians are expected to visit the show.

CINNAMON-COATED PILLS.—Dr. Agnew's Live Pills are coated like a cinnamon drop, very small and delightful to take. One pill a dose, 40 in a vial for 10 cents. Their popularity is a whirlwind, sweeping competitors before it like chaff. No pain or griping, no inconvenience. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—108.

I WANT INFORMATION OF Ed. Dillon, formerly of Alaska. Address Hattie Dillon, Canton, Mo.

MINERAL ACT. (Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE. John Hancock Mineral Claim, situated in the Port Renfrew Mining Division of Victoria in the east end of the Saanich district, where located: At Port Renfrew, on the N. W. 1/4 Sec. 36, Tp. 13, R. 12 West District.

Take notice that I, Henry Croft, Free Miner's Certificate No. 370653, intend, on the 7th day of October next, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that section, under Section 37, must be held open before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 23rd day of September, 1903. HENRY CROFT.

NATION... & CO. Combination.

EXHIBITION NOTES.

of the Executive of Agricultural Association on Wednesday.

Executive meeting of the B. C. Agricultural Association was held last at which Mayor McCandless presided.

Most of the business of a routine character.

Principal matter dealt with was the system in the employment of the grounds during the exhibition.

It was decided the following was adopted: Resolved, that employed about the ground must report to Mr. J. Taylor, the overseer, the time of going to work and wages regulated accordingly.

of the executive of the association is being held this afternoon for the purpose of considering business.

Another meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Agricultural grounds.

McCandless and Mr. Norris selected as a committee, to Attorney-General McPhillips arrangements if possible for the provincial police at the expiration of the fair.

Exhibitions, within easy distance, will open to-morrow, Tuesday, and will continue for two days, Saturday and Sunday.

For Saturday a special programme of sports prepared, which will include a baseball match between Hill and Saanich for a trophy presented by D. M. Eberts.

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Y. M. C. A. WORKERS Passed a Very Enjoyable Evening Wednesday—Reports of Committees.

Twenty-eight enthusiastic members of the Y. M. C. A. representing the different committees met in the association parlors last night.

Dinner was served at 6.45 by the Women's Auxiliary. After dinner a round table conference was held presided over by the president of the association, R. W. Clark.

Each of the committees presented their plans for the season's work, the carrying out of which will mean much to the young men of Victoria.

Two teams were chosen, captained by E. B. Jones and Leslie Glenison respectively, to compete in the different classes, the team bringing in the greater number of applications to be entertained by the losing side.

The educational committee reported that a goodly number had registered in the different classes, the carrying out of which would no doubt be one of the liveliest of the work.

All the committees in turn expressed the same confidence in a successful season.

Mr. Martindale sang a solo which contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

The president gave his charge to the committees, and felt that as they had by their presence and words pledged their hearty support, they would go out and put it into practice.

The meeting voted its hearty appreciation to the ladies for the excellent and tasty dinner, in response to which Mr. Jenkins, president of the Auxiliary, made a neat reply, observing that the young men were the pulse beat of a nation, therefore it was well to see that they lived a healthy moral life in the community.

During the evening a flashlight of the group was taken by Mr. Henderson. The meeting throughout was marked by enthusiasm, and as one speaker put it "augurs well for the future of the association."

The meeting voted to hold a rally next Wednesday to formally inaugurate the season's work. All members, prospective members and those interested in the educational classes will be invited to this meeting; music, refreshments and a general presentation of the different departments of the work will comprise the programme.

This committee rally will be held monthly during the winter as it was felt to be of great benefit to the work. The present membership of the association is 275, and the attempt will be made to reach the five hundred mark by December 1st.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE. London, Sept. 24.—Contrary to expectation the rate of discount of the Bank of England was unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

The court of the Bank of England today gave the usual dividend of 5 per cent, for six months ending August 31st, having the amount at "rest" on that date \$18,901,285.

One entire block in the heart of Yorkshire, Iowa, including property valued at \$50,000 or more, has been totally destroyed by fire.

ORDINARY CORN OUBRES ARE DANGEROUS. Because they contain acids, but Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor is entirely vegetable in composition.

Refuse a substitute for "Putnam's"; it's the only safe, safe and painless cure for corns and warts.

The longest mile is the Norwegian, which contains 12,182 yards.

LEADING SPIRITS IN CANADIAN COMMERCE

Special Train Bringing Members of Canadian Manufacturers' Association to the Coast.

As previously announced the special train bringing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association excursion party to the coast left Toronto on Saturday.

The train is made up of six drawing room sleeping cars, two dining cars, the compartment car, baggage car, and a tourist car for the train.

Each sleeper has a smoking room compartment in the rear, and the very best car equipment and rolling stock have been requisitioned for this special train.

About 180 members of the association, accompanied by their wives and other members of their families, are making the trip and J. J. Ross, travelling passenger agent, has been placed in charge of the train.

The first break in the trip was made at Winnipeg, where the train arrived yesterday. The party left to-day for Portage la Prairie and Brandon, at both of which places several hours will be spent to enable the threshing operations and grain elevators to be inspected.

A detour will be made to the Edmonton district, and Strathcona will be reached on Friday morning. Leaving there at 10 p. m. the same evening, the train will run back to Calgary, where the morning of Saturday will be spent. The attractions of Banff and Glacier will be seen away the hours of Saturday evening and Sunday, and at noon on Monday the special train with its influential passengers will arrive in Vancouver.

From Monday till Wednesday, the party will remain in Vancouver, leaving for Victoria on the latter day at 1 p. m. On the return trip the tourists will reach Vancouver on Friday morning and leave at noon, travelling Eastward via Revelstoke, the Kootenay and Crow's Nest routes. Short stops will be made at Rossland, Nelson, Fernie and other points en route and the party will finally arrive in Toronto again at 8 p. m. on Saturday, October 10th, after 22 days' absence.

A special meeting of the board of trade will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock to receive the report of a special committee who have in hand the matter of making final arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates.

CONSIDERING THE BRIDGE. Engineer Sultzer Reports on Means to Be Adopted to Keep It Open.

The tramway company are complaining of the check to their traffic which results from the cutting off of communication by the closing of the James Bay bridge.

Engineer Sultzer, in charge of the building of the new Westminster bridge, has inspected the bridge on behalf of the tramway company and recommends means to be adopted to allow for the bridge being used temporarily.

His report will come before the members of the city council, who will decide upon what can be done.

Engineer Sultzer, in his report, recommends that piles be driven on each side of the bridge. The weight of the superstructure should then be taken off the present abutments and made to rest on the piles. Otherwise he thinks the weight of the filling will continue to sink the piers, thus disarranging the bridge from time to time.

One thousand building laborers went on strike at Montreal on Wednesday and six hundred still remain at work. The men demand time and a half for overtime, and double time for Sunday labor. Master builders refuse to accede to the demands of the men.

Ladies are largely employed in London in rent collecting, earning commissions of 4 and 5 per cent. One lady is responsible for rentals amounting to about \$27,000 a annum.



Diamond Dye FAST BLACKS ARE THE BLACKEST NEVER FADE OR WASH OUT. See that You Get the "Diamond"

- J. N. Fortier, Montreal. William Fountain, Toronto, Ont. George F. Ferr, Owen Sound Portland Cement Company, Toronto. W. G. Francis, Francis Frost & Company, Toronto. C. B. Frost, Frost & Wood Company, Smith's Falls. George C. Galt, Galt Manufacturing Company, Toronto. Lieut.-Colonel W. M. Garshore, McClary Manufacturing Company, London. W. K. and Mrs. George, First Vice-President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Standard Silver Company, Toronto. J. J. Gibbons, Toronto. J. J. Goulo, Goulo Manufacturing Company, Smith's Falls, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray, William Gray & Co. Limited, Oshawa, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gurd, Charles Gurd & Co., Montreal. C. Gurney, Gurney Foundry Company, Limited, Toronto. G. S. Hamilton, J. S. Hamilton & Co., Brantford. Mr. and Mrs. I. Harmer, Massey, Harris Company, Toronto. J. J. Harris, Underferd Broker Company, Toronto. C. E. Harver, Christie, Brown & Company, Toronto. R. M. Hattie, Secy. Nova Scotia Branch C. M. A., Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. Jones Hedley, Monetary Times Company, Toronto. J. S. Henderson, Chairman Nova Scotia Branch C. M. A., Messrs. Henderson & Potts, Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox, Henry Surprise Spring Bed Company, Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hewton, Kingston Hosiery Company, Kingston. Fred. F. Jacobs, Phillip Jacobs, Toronto. A. A. Jacobs, Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jamieson, R. C. Jamieson & Company, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. William Jecopt, Toronto Lithographing Company, Toronto. W. S. Johnston, W. S. Johnston & Co., Montreal. Cecil A. Knight, Lever Brothers, Toronto. Major Laybourn, London. E. J. Lee, Miss Ethel Lee, Toronto. F. J. Lowe, J. H. Wetchoy, St. Catharines. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lowndes, Miss E. F. Lowndes, Lowndes Company, Toronto. A. J. McKenzie, N. B. William McLennan, Lindsay, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. A. Murray, Montreal Star. Mr. Michael, Dominion Raditor Company, Toronto. H. P. Moulton, Taylor, Forbes & Company, Guelph, Ont. James McKeown, Salem Manufacturing Company, Limited, Toronto. M. A. W. McKelvie, Halifax. D. W. McLaren, J. C. McLaren Beiting Company, Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. M. McLaughlin, Miss Ada McLaughlin, Royal Dominion Mills, Toronto. Charles Marriott, G. Gouiding & sons, Toronto. Niel Marchal, Standard Fuel Company, Toronto. William Needles, Needles Power Company, Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Merritt, Motionable Table Company, Owen Sound, Ont. G. N. Miller, E. W. Gillett Company, Toronto. T. L. Moffatt, Jr., Moffatt Stove Company, Weston, Ont. A. R. Munro, Munro Wire Works, New Glasgow, N. S. G. H. Muntz, Toronto Bedding Company, Toronto, Ont. J. S. Neill, J. Bruce Payne, Granby, Que. Mr. and Mrs. John Northway, Toronto. L. H. Packard, Montreal. E. Perkins, Maritime Nail Works, St. John, N. B. A. Ramsay, A. Ramsay & Son, Montreal. F. A. Ritchie, Ritchie & Ramsay, Toronto. J. H. Robb, Montreal. O. Rolland, Rolland Paper Company, Montreal. F. Hessel, Toronto. J. J. Ross, Canadian Pacific Railway. Andrew Rutherford, William Rutherford & Sons, Montreal. W. H. Shaw, Shaw Typewriter Company, Toronto. E. R. Shaw, official stenographer, Toronto. F. C. Simson, Simson Brothers, Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. William Small, Canadian Horse Nail Company, Montreal. H. C. Smith, Smith & Baker, Dundas, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, John H. Smith & Sons, Toronto. W. A. Spratt, Norton Manufacturing Company, Hamilton. Mr. J. P. Steedman, Gurney Scale Company, Hamilton, Ont. J. H. Sprundie, Port Hope. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steele, W. H. Steele & Company, Toronto. F. M. Stewart, Secretary Toronto Branch C. M. A., Toronto. James A. Strath, Standard Paint & Varnish Works, Windsor. F. W. Strathy, American Watch Case Company, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Scully, Raymond Manufacturing Company, Guelph. A. W. Thomas, Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Thorn, Metallic Roofing Company, Limited, Toronto. D. J. Waterous, Waterous Engine Company, Brantford. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Watson, Miss Iza B. Watson, Watson Foster Company, Montreal. John Western, Dunlop Tire Company, Toronto. R. S. Williams, Goderich Organ Company, Goderich, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Waldman, Office Specialty Manufacturing Company, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Witton, George E. Tuckett & Son, Hamilton. A. E. Wright, Canadian Rubber Company, Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright, MacLaren Imperial Cheese Company, Toronto. F. N. Yanzant, Union Petroleum Company, Toronto. J. A. Lair Young, Glencoe, Ont. R. J. Younce, Secretary Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto.

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TENDERS OPENED FOR WATER PIPE

LARGE NUMBER WERE RECEIVED BY CITY

The Contract for the Carnegie Library Building Will Be Awarded to Geo. Snider.

There was considerable routine before the regular meeting of the city council on Monday, the most interesting business being that of the decision of the board to award the contract for the building of the Carnegie library to Geo. Snider for the sum of \$44,894, providing bonds be furnished to the amount of \$5,000. Tenders for the supply of city water pipes were then opened, a great variety being received. All were referred to the water commissioner and purchasing agent for report.

The secretary of the B. C. Rifle Association wrote stating that the challenge cup had not yet been received, and asked for the same to be forwarded to Vancouver. Referred to finance committee to arrange for purchase of the cup.

A. Munro complained of a wooden sidewalk on Wharf street being in a bad condition. Referred to the city engineer for report.

From the same writer a communication was received stating that he was willing to stand his proportion of the cost of building a retaining wall as soon as the city engineer returned. Received and filed, the work to be proceeded with on the official's return.

T. M. Henderson asked that the broken rock in front of his house on Belcher street be removed. Referred to the water commissioner, with power to act.

B. C. Pettengill asked that the road at the corner of Blanchard street and Burdette avenue be completed. Referred to the city engineer.

R. Lewis drew attention to a wood yard close to his property on Second street, which impaired the value of his place. Referred to the city solicitor for report. Ald. Graham remarked that there were too many cases of the kind, and that the trouble should have been attended to before it was submitted to the council.

Edward Brazz complained of unfair treatment at the hands of the city engineer in regard to the building of a sewer connection. Referred to the city engineer.

Thomas Brydon applied for the position of clerk of the works on the new Carnegie library. Similar applications were received from Geo. Jeeves and G. G. Hoyer. All were laid on the table, to be taken up when such an appointment is considered.

Richard H. Meek asked if there was any vacancy for a sanitary inspector. Received, the writer to be informed that there is no vacancy present.

John H. Richardson forwarded his resignation as caretaker of the Isolation hospital. Received and filed, and the resignation accepted.

A largely signed petition was received from the license victuallers, asking that licenses be reduced to \$200 per annum, as formerly.

Ald. Yates moved that the petition be received and referred to the consideration of next year's council, and this motion was adopted.

Geo. Marsden and 30 others wrote requesting that the Salvation Army be allowed to hold its services at the corner of Yates and Government streets.

His Worship said that the matter was one for the police commissioners.

Ald. Vincent asked that it was a matter also for the people in front of whose premises the services would be held.

His Worship said that a number of those who had signed the petition had complained in the past.

The petition was referred to the police commissioners.

R. B. Lasse and E. Nicholas once more drew attention to the unfinished condition of upper Johnson street, and also to the need of a sidewalk and sewer connection. Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

Tenders for water pipe were next opened, and were referred to the water commissioner and purchasing agent for report. The tenders were received from W. Bowness, H. Darling, R. Angus, Walter S. Fraser, W. H. O'Neill, John Colbert, Robert Ward & Co., R. P. Ribbet & Co., Victoria Machinery Depot, E. G. Power & Co., Boyd & Burns (Vancouver), and Crane & Company (Seattle). There was a wide difference in the tenders received, R. P. Ribbet & Co.'s was the lowest, it being \$41.50 and \$42.80 per ton, according to the size of the pipe required.

The library commissioner's report recommended the award of the Carnegie library contract to Geo. Snider, on the condition that the contractor provide two sureties of \$2,500 each. The report was received and adopted.

The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$221.16.

The C. P. R. hotel by-law was next reconsidered, and finally passed, and His Worship was authorized to attach the corporation seal to the agreement with the company.

The Yates street paving by-law and the fire prevention by-law were put through their final stages, and Ald. Stewart moved that the council adjourn till to-morrow evening in order to meet the officials of the Victoria Terminal Railway Co.

Ald. Yates seconded the motion. He did not expect to be in the city for any more meetings of the council for a considerable time.

Ald. Vincent asked why should the council be treated as above?

Ald. Yates said he might not care, but the city did.

Ald. Graham pointed out that the council was already divided five and five on the market building matter. He was opposed to meeting the railway officials to-night.

His Worship considered it important that a meeting should be held. He for

one would consider the agreement "without prejudice." There were some points in the agreement on which both sides might yield. He wanted a conference, and had arranged one. A vote being taken Ald. Grahame, Goodacre, Kinsman and Vincent opposed the motion, but the Mayor casting his vote on the other side, the council will meet the railway officials this evening.

Before adjourning His Worship said that Ald. Yates was leaving for Europe shortly, and he did not know if the council would have the pleasure of having him with them again. He therefore wished to express his appreciation of the alderman's good services. Ald. Yates, however, stated that he expected to be home again before Christmas.

A NUMBER OF LOCAL STOREKEEPERS VICTIMIZED

Bogus Cheques Passed on Victoria Merchants Saturday Evening—Couple Traced.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Brief mention was made in yesterday's Times of the prevalence of bogus cheques, a number of which had been detected at the banks. As a matter of fact, investigation shows that a pair of forgers were exceptionally active in the town on Saturday evening, and succeeded in clearing out before the forgeries were discovered. They were a man and a woman, and worked their little game so successfully that as many as fifteen dealers at least were victimized.

The names forged were those of M. O'Keefe, contractor, and John Collins, carpenter, who has been in the former's employ. The cheques are made out on the Canadian Bank of Commerce and in favor of Mr. Collins for the sum of eighteen dollars. On the cheque appears the words "in payment of wages in full," and "carpenter contractor," the latter being directly beneath Mr. Collins's name. The word "contractor" is incorrectly spelled, the second "t" being omitted. The cheques are indorsed by "John Collins."

The result is that the forgers got hold of the names of Messrs. O'Keefe and Collins in this way: A few days ago a man appeared on a job for which the former held the contract, on which Mr. Collins was employed, and in view of inquiries regarding wages and employees, etc. On Saturday the cheques in every instance were presented by a woman, who said she was Mrs. Collins, and that her husband had been taken back of them. Drygoods and general furnishing proprietors were the principal sufferers. In all cases the woman purchased goods and tendered the cheque in payment.

The swindlers timed their nefarious operations well. They transacted their business on Saturday evening when the banks were closed. They then sneaked out, expecting that they would have a good start before the forgeries were detected. They were quite right in their surmises, because it was not until yesterday morning that the police were notified. A number of the bogus cheques were presented at the banks, and the swindle discovered. The police traced the pair to the Vancouver boat, and have wired to Whatcom to have them headed off, the expectation being that they will make for the other side by rail from South Westminster.

FURNISHED A ROOM.

Sir Edward Clarke Contributes to Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

During the course of a drive around the outskirts of the city yesterday Sir Edward Clarke, formerly solicitor-general to the Salisbury cabinet, visited the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home on Esquimalt road. He was shown the institution by Rev. J. P. Hicks, the founder, and expressed himself pleased with it. He evinced a desire to become more tangibly interested in the home and its work, and inquired the cost of furnishing a room. Immediately upon the amount being named he handed it to Rev. J. P. Hicks, who, in turn, was delighted with the substantial gift. The kindly interest which the distinguished jurist has manifested in the work of this worthy institution will be warmly appreciated by not only the activity associated in its promotion, but by every soldier and sailor of His Majesty's forces on his station.

On Sunday flower services were held at the home, and were largely attended. Special music was rendered, a solo being given in the morning by Mr. Wheeler, and in the evening by Miss Kneeshaw.

COMPLETED INSPECTION.

Major-General F. G. Slade, C. B., inspected the Royal Artillery and the various forts on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Grant and staff, and expressed himself as pleased with the results. As part of the inspection, the garrison were called upon to show the efficiency in handling the ordnance and in firing practice.

To-morrow morning Major-General Slade will leave for Seattle. He will then go to San Francisco, and thence across the continent to New York, where he takes ships for Bermuda. There the artillery force will be inspected, after which he will leave for England.

Concerning the probable relations between the new Pope and the Italian government, Cardinal Gibbons says: "The Pope as Patriarch of Venice, is on very friendly terms with the King, but what a man does when he is a mere private in the ranks, so to speak, and when he is elevated to power and responsibility, are wholly different things. When X, will do in this matter is, of course, unknown. You may rely on it, however, there will be no sudden change. These things are not done in a way to attract attention. If a change does take place it will be a gradual change. The friendship between the Vatican and the Quirinal will grow."

HAVE BEEN LODGED IN PENITENTIARY

HOLD-UP MEN TAKEN TO MAINLAND TO-DAY

City is Well Rid of Pair of Desperate Characters—How They Were Arrested.

Through the courtesy of the chief of police the Times is enabled to produce the pictures of the pair of desperadoes who held up the Western hotel bar a week ago last night. The two, Leonard and Lorenzo, were conveyed to the New Westminster penitentiary Tuesday in charge of Constables Carson and Clayards. No chances were taken by the officers, and a vigilant guard was maintained over the prisoners throughout the trip. After the discovery of the poker in Leonard's cell and his flat-footed admission that he intended to lay the jailer out when he got the show, every man in the penitentiary was kept on his toes. The prompt manner in which the two were arrested calls for special comment.

At Lenora Mine—Copper Percentage Has Also Improved Wonderfully.

Nicholas Treagar, manager of the Lenora mine, Mt. Sicker, was in the city on Saturday and Sunday. He has now gone to Quatsino Sound to look into some properties there, but will return as soon as possible to take charge of the work at the mine.

Manager Treagar is well satisfied with the conditions at the property at Mt. Sicker. The mine is increasing its output and now is shipping about 150 tons or so a day to the smelter.

In the old workings the ore is showing a marked improvement. What promises to be a splendid body has been encountered. It is in the direction of the Tye in the eastern workings. Several hundred feet remain before the Tye line will be reached, so that there is abundance of chance for developing a large body of ore.

The Lenora vein recently discovered by the manager and which was fully described in the Times, work is proceeding satisfactorily. Though it is only a few weeks since the body was discovered, it is now taking out forty tons a day of shipping ore.

This, mixed with the ore taken out of the old workings, has increased the average percentage of copper in the shipments to the smelter by over one hundred per cent.

Mr. Treagar is prosecuting his investigations into the ore bodies on the property to discover where depth can be found. When that is found he will be in a position to lay out his works for a satisfactory development of the property.

APPRECIATIVE ADDRESS.

Presentation to Sister Mary Providence, Mother Superior of St. Ann's, Monday.

An address was presented to Sister Mary Providence, mother superior of St. Ann's convent, Monday afternoon, as stated in yesterday's Times. Mrs. Judge Harrison made the presentation and the Rev. Mother responded on behalf of Sister Mary Providence.

The address is appended:

Reverend Mother Providence, Ex-Principal of St. Ann's, Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital:

Honored Mother—To the measured beats of time, and blessings and trials, joy and sorrow, toll and leisure—all fraught with eternal issues—our lives have glided on since we passed from these protecting convent portals to our sphere of action in the social world. We find our several ways of duty it has been a common experience that our burdens have been lighter, our vista clearer, for having, in the halcyon days of our youth drawn at the treasure of your wonderful heart and mind.

Fitting, therefore, it is that we, your pupils of bygone years, should at this harvesting of your fiftieth golden sheaf, blend our life-long gratitude with our whole-hearted affection, congratulations which well from our hearts' deep reverence for you, dear Mother Providence, the pioneer Sister of Mercy and Educator in this island.

It was the day of your landing on these shores, blessed the hour, when your name, as a benediction, first fell upon this city! For who has since approached you but thereby to be benefited? Who in affliction has not been comforted? Who in need that you did not comfort? Homeless, that you did not harbor?

When hardly out of the flush of girlhood you entered a boarding school, and unceasingly have you since followed the noble philanthropic lines with a reserve force still for many years of active service much to the joy of citizens and cloister.

The efficient perfect in the school for half a lifetime, yours was the responsible duty of leading the tiny child through the various phases, even to woman's realm, irrespective of race, castes or creed, you opened to all the resources of heart and intellect, and gave to mind as well as to the deep, the practical and wide-spread sympathy of your all-embracing kindness.

A result of your masterful supervision was the development, physical and educational, of the institution, while the home-like atmosphere pervading lent a charm that years cannot efface, forming indeed, one of the chief reasons for the success of the choral of harmony arising to-day, it would doubtless be that struck by the orphan and the outcast, so many of whom you, in your vigilant counsel and care the parent or guardian denied them by an unkind fate.

To the calculating outlook, it must at times have appeared that some secret, plentiful source was ready to supply wants at need, now for the housing of the homeless, then for the care of the sick and dying, again for the intellectual development of the youth of our sister provinces, but we who were privileged to live in the inner household, to bask in the sunshine of your presence, realized that the levers on which your action moved, your real secret source, was your implicit trust in God and in prayer, and your unwavering fidelity to duty and to charity.

By these means were accomplished the works for which we do heartily congratulate you, Honored Mother Providence, on this occasion of your fifty years' service to God and to society. May this fiftieth anniversary bring you a rich increase of Heaven's blessings, and may your mission be extended until the golden span the diamond eke.

After a trial lasting eight days, the jury at Cynthiana, Ky., in the case of Cated Jett, charged with the murder of Town Marshal Cockeril, at Jackson, Ky., July 21st, 1902, have rendered a verdict of death, and fixed the punishment as death.

IN A PAINFUL DILEMMA.

"Ten miles to the nearest doctor, without a bottle of Neriline in the house," W. T. "I don't know how to do with my child, which was suffering from cramps and headache. For years I have used Polson's Neriline in my house and it has been a certain remedy for all internal pains, stomachic, and bowel troubles. Neriline is the best remedy in case of an emergency, and just as good as a doctor. You can take Neriline internally or rub it on. No house should be without Neriline." Get a large 25c. bottle from your druggist today.

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