

LIFE-SAVING BOAT FOR THE WEST COAST

Will Be Provided at Once—Orion Has Been Enlisted And New Telegraphic Connection Will Be Established.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The eight miles of telegraph wire required to connect the Clayoquot line with the Sechart whaling station will be built at once, instructions having been given by the public works department to-day. The work will be rushed and the wire should be in operation in a few weeks.

Capt. Balcom tendered the use of the steamer Orion for life-saving on the coast wherever and whenever available, and as the steamer is generally at dock with steam up during rough weather when wrecks occur, and at no time is far away, the importance of having a reliable telegraphic connection with Sechart is obvious.

Captain Balcom has proposed to carry the necessary equipment which will be provided by the government, and to proceed whenever necessary to reach and save life. The Orion is a splendid vessel for the purpose, and manned by experienced seamen continually patrolling the coast in the wreck area, her enlistment in the cause of life protection is the best step yet taken by the department for that purpose. The building of the telegraph line was necessary if the Orion was to be reached from other points on the coast, and this having been ordered, it is now up to the local officials of the public works department to push the work to completion.

While the Dominion government is sometimes placed in unfavorable comparison with the United States when the question of promptness of action is concerned, it will be a matter of some satisfaction to not a few to know that

long before an American life-saving plant has been provided for the West Coast there will be an efficient station working on the Canadian side. As in Victoria so in Seattle and other Puget Sound cities, there have been strong appeals made for a life-saving apparatus for the West Coast, especially since the terrible disaster to the Valencia. Both governments were accused of being apathetic, but when all things are considered it will now be conceded that while citizens were complaining here the government at Ottawa has been working. Without any ostentation it has established a life boat at Victoria, which has been manned by a crew of experienced men who have regular drills to perform, and who must respond to call for service at any hour of the day or night. Tenders are being invited for three surf boats, two of which will be placed at Clooose and Schoulet, and a third is to be carried by the salvage steamer Salvor, which makes her headquarters in Esquimalt. Investigations are also being made by the department of marine and fisheries, according to a message from Ottawa published some days ago, with a view to ascertaining the best type of motor boat for a station at Bamfield. In consideration of what the government has now done, however, it may not be necessary to construct this boat. A contract has been entered into with Capt. Balcom, managing director of the Pacific Whaling Company, whereby the steamer Orion, which makes Sechart her headquarters, will be on hand in case of a shipwreck. In addition Sechart station is to be connected by wire with Victoria. The suitability of the Orion for the work will at once be realized by all interested in marine affairs, for she is always on the coast where most of the trouble occurs; she always has steam up, and furthermore the power which she possesses for the handling of whales often in rough water renders her an ideal boat for the purpose. The news of this contract, being entered into with Capt. Balcom, is given in a telegraphic dispatch to the Times, which was received last evening too late for publication, and which is given above.

tion of \$256,000, which is made up as follows: Schools, \$50,000; water works, \$58,000; sewers, \$50,000; sidewalks, \$40,000, and bridge, \$28,000.

GRAIN TRADE.
International Movement to Compel American Sellers to Alter Standard Contract.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—In consequence of the international movement among buyers of American grain to compel American sellers to change the terms of the standard grain contract, representatives of the German, Belgium, Danish, Dutch and Swedish chambers of commerce met on the Bourse here yesterday to consider taking common action. The conference voted to reject the American corn certificates altogether, and demanded the introduction of a new grain contract, the form of which was discussed and agreed upon.

A CHURCH SEXTON'S STORY.
How Bileans Restored Him After Long Suffering From Biliousness, Headache and Liver Trouble.

Mr. John J. Wilson, sexton of the Church of Messiah, Toronto, and living at 53 Wickson avenue, has recently told a wonderful story of how Bileans cured him of chronic biliousness, dizziness and liver troubles.

Mr. Wilson says: "Practically from boyhood I have suffered from biliousness and liver and stomach troubles, and only recently I was cured by Bileans. After food I should have acute pain until I vomited. Headache troubled me very much, sometimes so bad that I could hardly see. At other times I would seem to be a rush of something in my head. I should turn dizzy and I have even fallen down in the street. The biliousness was so bad that for long periods at a time I have been unable to take food. Bileans was recommended to me, and I gave them a fair trial. To my delight they were equal to my case, and after a short course they cured me completely. I now enjoy the best of health, and am free entirely from the ailments which caused me such acute suffering for so long. Bileans are worth their weight in gold."

Bileans are altogether different to ordinary medicine. They are compounded from vegetable essences and are free from alcohol, bismuth, mercury, or any of the harmful mineral ingredients and poisons found in so many liver and stomach remedies. They have the support of many eminent physicians and are frequently prescribed as a cure for constipation, piles and stomach, liver and intestinal diseases generally. They also cure female ailments and irregularities, headache, debility, dizzy spells, heartburn, palpitation, heat flushes, etc. As a general tonic they are unequalled and as a family remedy. All druggists sell them, at 50 cents a box, or post free from the Bilean Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price, 6 boxes for \$2.50.

COMMITTEES OF HOUSE.
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The chairmen of the select committees of the House of Commons were elected to-day as follows:

Railways, A. Campbell.
Private bills, G. A. Clark.
Banking and commerce, H. H. Muller.
Public accounts, V. Croftman.
Standing, G. D. Grant.
Agricultural, J. H. Mackenzie.
Debates, H. Gervais.
Privileges and elections, H. J. Logan.

THE LATE COL. PINAULT.

Funeral of Deputy Minister of Militia Was Largely Attended.
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late Col. Pinault, deputy minister of militia, took place this forenoon from his late residence to the Sacred Heart church. It was an impressive military funeral. There were a very large attendance. Among those present were: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. R. Lemieux, Col. Hanbury-Williams, representing the Government; Hon. Mr. Turgeon, representing the Quebec government, and many others. The headquarters staff was represented by Lord Aylmer, Gen. Lane and others. All the deputy ministers were in attendance, as well as a number of the leading citizens of Ottawa, by whom deceased was highly esteemed. Sir Henry Pellatt, Col. Roberts and Col. Buchanan were also present.

ANOTHER SPILL IN BICYCLE RACE

TWO OF THE RIDERS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Ten Racers in Mix-Up on the Track — Teams Set a Faster Pace

New York, Dec. 13.—With the beginning of the fourth day of the bicycle race at Madison Square gardens the riders began setting a faster pace with the evident intention of relegating to the rear the weaker ones of the contestants. By 7 o'clock the average had been raised to more than 19 miles against 16 yesterday.

The attempts of Walthour and Bedell to regain the lead they are behind the other 12 teams remains the chief point of interest. The garden was crowded again last night and at daybreak from six to eight thousand spectators were still cheering the riders.

One of the worst spills of the race occurred at 7.25 a. m. to-day, ten of the thirteen riders going down in a smash-up. Vanoni, of the French-Italian team, was thrown over the protecting fence into one of the boxes. He sustained painful injuries, and Hollister was said to be suffering from a possible fracture of the skull. The race was suspended for a while and the injured were carried to their quarters.

At 8 o'clock the score was: Walthour and Bedell, 1,424 miles 7 laps; Walthour and Bedell, 1,424 miles 6 laps. The record is 1,567 miles 9 laps.

All of the riders with the exception of Hollister and Vanoni were able to continue with the race which was resumed after a delay of an hour and a half. The partners of the injured men continued the grind and it was believed at the time that both Hollister and Vanoni would be able to resume after two or three hours' rest.

Later Report.
New York, Dec. 13.—The worst accident since the beginning of the present six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden occurred to-day when ten of the thirteen riders in the race went down in a pile-up on the 26th street side of the square. Hollister, of the Samuelson-Hollister combination, of Salt Lake City, and Vanoni, one of the foreign riders, were severely injured, and several other riders were slightly injured, shaken up. The board track was torn up for a distance of nearly 25 yards, and the race was suspended for an hour and a half while the repairs were made.

It was thought at first that Hollister might have been fatally injured or at least so badly that he would be compelled to withdraw from the race. His injuries, however, were confined to a severe shaking up, and the loss of several teeth, and it was announced that probably he would relieve his partner Samuelson after a rest. Vanoni has a fractured nose and minor hurts, but he, too, is expected to continue later in the day. All the others who fell were able to take their places on the track when the race was resumed at 9 o'clock.

In order to maintain the positions with the leaders which their teams held, the other riders were held back. Vanoni will remain on the track constantly till the injured men rest themselves.

While the men were still lying in a heap, Price, of the Clark-Price team, who had escaped with slight injuries, leaped out of the bunch and running wildly along the track began to shout, "I win the race. I win the race. They are all dead but me. I win." He was arrested and later resumed the race with the others.

TUBERCULOSIS.
Professor Von Behring Reads a Paper—Did Not Tell Secret of His Remedy.

Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 12.—Professor Von Behring read a paper last night before the "Society for the Care of Sick in the Colonies" on his remedy for tuberculosis.

According to Von Behring's view, consumption is the "Last verse of the song, of which the first verse was sung in the infant's cradle." In other words, he believes that the bacilli of tuberculosis find their way into the human system through the lymphatics and blood vessels. He contrasts Dr. Koch's theory that the matter of tuberculosis in milk, which Dr. Robert Koch's doctrine that tuberculosis in milk is not dangerous, and consumption in most cases is contracted as a result of breathing in the air. Professor Von Behring holds that the germs reach the lungs through the lymphatics and blood vessels. He contrasts Dr. Koch's theory in the matter of tuberculosis in milk, which Dr. Koch considers to be most harmless. Prof. Von Behring, on the other hand, says that germs from a tuberculous cow are no more dangerous than the germs originating from a human being. He professes to intend to recommend his remedy called "Tuberkulin" as a preventative of tuberculosis in infants.

It was expected that during his talk Prof. Von Behring would comment on the secret of his remedy preparation, but he failed to do so.

CHINESE REBELS CAUSE UNEASINESS

TROOPS DISPATCHED TO SCENE OF DISORDERS

Situation in Hunan Province Becoming Serious—Insurgents Reported to Be Well Armed.

New York, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Hankow says official telegrams from Chang Shai indicate that the disturbances in Hunan province are becoming increasingly serious. The rebels, whose object is anti-dynastic, are reported to be several thousand strong and well armed. They have attacked the town of Liu Yang, and the officers fear that unless checked they will move on Chang Shai, where the government's military force is small.

Viceroy Chang Chi Tung has dispatched 2,000 foreign drilled troops with six horses and guns. This force is expected to reach Lo Chau to-day.

JUVENILE ENTERTAINERS.

Clever Young Performers Will Appear in Towns on E. & N. Railway.

In no branch of theatrical entertainment has there been such rapid advance recently in quality, keeping pace with growing popularity, as in vaudeville—the "variety show" of other days—so much so that scarcely a city in western America to-day has not its continuous vaudeville houses. Novelty in refined and first quality vaudeville is therefore in great demand, and the management of the International Juvenile Vaudeville Company is to be congratulated upon having hit upon a brand new idea in their special sphere. Encouraged by the success of the Pollock Edgworths and the Junior Bostonians in comic opera, they have sent on the road a talented company of juvenile vaudevillists, presenting high class parlor acrobatics, musical specialties, a fine orchestral program, singing, dancing, etc., all as fresh and dainty in execution as its original in conception. Appearing with the juveniles are also "Mephistopheles" Harry, a popular London ventriloquist; "La Belle Carmencita," Spanish ballad singer, and petite Ethel Gladys Watson, the world's youngest professional violinist. Other features of the specialty entertainment which will be offered at Chemainus on the 15th, Nanaimo, 19th; Cumberland, 20th; Ladysmith, 21st, and Duncan, 22nd, are the wonderful Edison Marimbaphone and silver organ chimes, and the musical puppets from New York's latest craze, "Mazette Stapsion," introducing a popular song hit, "Pretty Molly Shannon," with the animated doll chorus. The entire entertainment is novel, clever, clean and diverting. It appears at the Victoria Hotel, 1015, of fun, of music, or of mystery.

PROVINCIAL SAVAGES.

J. H. Turner Thinks That Bishop Ridley Must Have Made Mistake.

A Canadian Associated Press dispatch from London of a recent date says: J. H. Turner, agent-general of British Cable at the Victoria, in a Telegraph, with reference to the statement alleged to have been made by Bishop Ridley, that when he arrived in British Columbia in 1878, "He did not find a single Christian." Mr. Turner says it seems impossible that Bishop Ridley could have made such a statement, as there was, in white population, 60,000, including the bishop, priests and clergy of all denominations. Bishop Ridley's residence in Yorkville, London, is a fine residence for a clergyman in British Columbia. Mr. Turner leaves it to the Yorkshireman to reply.

MEDAL WINNERS.

Prizes Which Went to Exhibitors of Fruit From This Province.

According to a dispatch from London, England, the individual awards made at the Royal Horticultural Association show to fruit exhibits from the province of British Columbia in addition to the gold medal taken by the province, were as follows: Baskanel medals, silver, sterling and Biscain, J. R. Moore; silver gilt, Mrs. John Smith and T. G. Earl; bronze, James Ritchie, Kelowna Farmers' Exchange, and Nelson Fruit Growers' Association; Knightian medals, silver, Goldstream estate, James Gartrell and James Johnston, Nelson.

DINNERS FOR THE POOR.

Victoria Sends Good Subscription to Provide Christmas Fare For London's Needy Children.

The Victoria list of subscriptions towards the London ragged children's dinner fund has reached a total of \$22.05. The secretary of the Y. M. C. A. begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions in addition to those already mentioned in the Times:

- Centennial Methodist Sunday School, \$25.45
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School, \$10.00
- Willing Workers \$10.00
- Metropolitan Methodist Sunday School, \$10.00
- Reformed Episcopal Sunday School, \$10.00
- Cathedral Sunday School, \$10.00
- St. Saviour's, Victoria West, Sunday School, \$9.00
- Harmony Hall Mission, \$8.00
- James Bay Methodist Sunday School, \$6.70
- Calvary Baptist Sunday School, \$5.70
- St. John's Sunday School, \$5.25
- Victoria West Methodist Sunday School, \$4.25
- St. Barnabas Sunday School, \$3.20
- St. James' Sunday School, \$3.00
- Spring Ridge, \$2.40
- St. Peter's Sunday School, \$2.00
- St. Andrew's Sunday School, \$1.25
- A. W. Vowell, \$1.00
- Manchee, \$1.00
- Mrs. Gillespie's children, \$1.00
- Mac, \$1.00
- Chas. and J. Shaw, \$1.00
- Mrs. Tubbs, \$1.00
- Mrs. O. C. Bass, \$1.00
- L. A. L. Duncan, \$1.00
- A. Friend, \$1.00
- Mrs. P. Bennett, \$1.00
- Mrs. Trainer, \$1.00
- Victoria, \$1.00
- Mrs. G. P. Bennett, \$1.00
- A. Friend, \$1.00
- B. Boggs, \$1.00
- Herbert Dodgson, \$1.00
- Ed. Hill, \$1.00
- L. Dodgson, \$1.00
- A. Anderson, \$1.00
- Stamps, \$1.00
- Katie and Willie Jackson, \$1.00
- Friend, Mount Tomlin, \$1.00
- Friend, \$1.00
- A. B. G., \$1.00
- G. T. B., \$1.00
- E. T. B., \$1.00
- D. B., \$1.00
- X. Y. Z., \$1.00

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JOHN GRIFFITH COMING.

Famous Tragedian Will Present "Richard the Third" at the Victoria Next Monday.

There are three very eminent actors on tour this season in Shakespeare's great tragedy "Richard the Third." They are John Griffith, Richard Mansfield and Robert Mantell. They vary somewhat in their individual interpretations, but the version that Mr. Griffith uses is that of Colley Cibber, which is by all odds the most satisfying modern representation. It added greatly to the glory of the greatest tragedian of the past, and serves Mr. Griffith's purposes most admirably. It fairly revels in this character, playing it with the greatest animation and effect. Mr. Griffith's support this season is unusually good, and his equipment covers all the requirements that are needed for a thoroughly first class attraction. His engagement in this city has been arranged for Monday night, December 17th.

HOW PRISONERS ARE TORTURED

MAN DRIVEN INSANE BY PHONOGRAPH

Machine Played the Russian National Anthem Night and Day For Six Months.

New York, Dec. 13.—A London correspondent at Odessa describing instances of police repression there, writes of one man who has just finished six months' sentence in jail for a political offence who throughout his imprisonment night and day had a phonograph fixed in his cell which unremittently ground out the Russian national anthem, "To teach him patriotism." He is now a hopeless idiot.

Other prisoners have been confined in cells illuminated by a blinding blue light, with the result that they were made imbeciles within a few months.

URGES UNITED ACTION.

London Post on the Newfoundland Modus Vivendi.

London, Dec. 12.—Strongly denouncing the "abject surrender" of the government to the United States in the matter of the Newfoundland modus vivendi in the fisheries question, the Post in an editorial article this morning urges the parliament of other colonies sympathizing with Newfoundland to adopt identical resolutions setting forth that no settlement which is not satisfactory to Newfoundland ought to be effected by the imperial authorities until the rights conferred by the treaty of 1818 are defined by impartial arbitrators. Fortified by such resolutions, the Post declares the colonial premiers might press this matter at the colonial conference to be held next April.

FORMER PUBLISHER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 13.—Wm. L. Brown, formerly publisher of the New York Daily News, died at his country home in Great Barrington, Mass., early to-day. He was 64 years of age and had been ill nearly two years. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

CHRISTMAS PURSE FOR MRS. PATERSON

Movement to Reward Courageous Woman — Subscription List Opened at Times and Colonist Offices.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
From all reports it appears that Mrs. Paterson, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale and heroine of the Coloma rescue, is to be substantially rewarded for her bravery. The sterling qualities and great courage which Mrs. Paterson displayed on this and previous occasions has now attracted wide-spread attention, and from the Sound comes news of subscriptions being collected in order to present Mrs. Paterson with a suitable testimonial, and resolutions of praise and thanks being accorded her. The matter has been brought to the notice of both the Dominion and the United States governments, and the Mayor has presented the Coloma rescue fund and the Royal Humane Society. The Local Council of Women has opened subscription lists at both the Times and Colonist offices, where contributions to the Christmas purse, which the council intends to present to Mrs. Paterson, can be made.

Seattle shipping men met on Tuesday afternoon in the office of W. T. Isted, secretary of the Merchants' Exchange, and took steps towards recognizing the heroism of Mrs. Thomas Paterson during the Coloma and the Valencia wrecks. Representatives of the various steamship companies decided to appoint a committee to investigate her action in connection with the Coloma incident, and also with a view to securing an accurate record.

In recognition of the bravery of Mrs. Paterson, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific has drawn up the following resolution, signed by P. C. Gill, agent, and C. Nelson, chairman:

"Whereas, Mrs. Thomas Paterson, of Cape Beale, Vancouver Island, has repeatedly, at the risk of her health and life, proved herself a true heroine in saving the lives of unfortunate castaways on the rocky shores of her chosen home; and in view of the fact that she therefore be it by the Seattle branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, in meeting assembled, resolved:

"That we, the Sailors of America, fully recognize her sterling worth as the highest type of womanhood, deeply appreciating her unselfish sacrifices in behalf of those who go down to the sea in ships; and assure her and hers of our undying gratitude."

The Port Townsend Call says: "Headed by Captain Oscar Klockner, British vice-consul, a movement has been started among the shipping fraternity to secure a fund with which to purchase a testimonial to be presented to Mrs. Paterson."

DOMINION WILL BUILD THE TRAIL

APPROPRIATION TO BE ASKED FOR AT ONCE

Appealing in Vain to Federal Government, Will Now Undertake Work.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
A letter from Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, was shown to a Times representative this morning in which the statement is made that he would press upon the council of the Dominion government for an appropriation for the building of a trail on the West Coast for the benefit of shipwrecked mariners. As soon as the money is voted for the purpose Hon. Mr. Brodeur says that the work will be undertaken.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur said that the matter of building this trail was taken up with the provincial government and co-operation sought on the grounds that the trail could be used for colonial purposes as well as for the benefit of the Dominion. Hon. Mr. Brodeur's government declined to give assistance. Failing in this Hon. Mr. Brodeur indicates that he will now press for the construction of the trail as a Dominion government work.

The position which Hon. Mr. McBride has taken in this matter has already been mentioned. In answer to a question asked by Ralph Smith, member for the Nanaimo district, in the House of Commons a few days ago, Hon. Mr. Brodeur said that the premier of British Columbia stated "That were it possible to build such a road it would be of no utility locally, but its uses would be confined entirely to the life-saving service, and it is very questionable whether, on account of the exceedingly rough and broken nature of the coast line, a road or even a trail could be constructed near enough to the shore to be of any benefit in case of shipwreck."

RENEWED INTEREST IN YACHT CIRCLES

VICTORIA WILL TAKE PART IN NEXT REGATTA

The Lieut.-Governor Has Been Elected Honorary Commodore of the Local Club.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
It is probable that at the international yacht regatta to be held in July next, the Victoria Yacht Club will be represented by a boat capable of beating her own against the strongest competition. For a time yachting in this city has been eclipsed by pastimes recently introduced, such as motor racing on land and water, but it is believed that there will be a revival of the sport, and that Victoria will again be in the forefront in yachting circles. The club which she held for many years, and with the new awakening something can be done in again establishing this proud distinction among the cities on the coast.

A meeting of the Victoria Yacht Club was held on Monday evening, when the spirit of optimism prevailing bespoke a change in the order of things, and a good future for the sport as carried on in this port. The club elected Hon. James Dunsmuir, Lieut.-Governor, honorary commodore, and in addition to the transaction of some business, discussed plans for the coming year.

Correspondence was read which passed between the local club and the Terminus City Yacht Club relative to representation at the international conference to be held at Seattle. The commodore of the local club writing to C. O. Julian, of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, very aptly sets forth the position of the Victoria club. He says: "I regret that just at present the Victoria Yacht Club, which is at present the oldest club on this northern coast, should not be able to take a more active and lively interest in this matter, but, as you are aware, things have been quiet here for two years and, although the club is decidedly in existence and upon a sound footing, the interest in yachting has for the time being, given way to other sports, more particularly motor racing, both on land and water. We have, however, a number of keen sportsmen in the club, who form a strong nucleus for the advancement of the sport just as soon as it regains its interest with the citizens of Victoria, and in the meantime, that that will happen before long."

With reference to the regatta the writer says: "There should be nothing for the evasion of the racing rules, for in no sport which can thrive unless it is run in a clean manner and according to the rules governing it, and this can be said more strongly of yachting, perhaps, than of any other sport. If when we should fix upon a certain class of boat for an international race for the championship of the North Pacific, something along the lines of the championship of the Green Sea, and, I am sure, that as soon as the type of boat is decided upon, we will start in building one here."

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ALLEGED SHIPPIER.
J. Mather, of Halifax, of Imperial Co.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—John Mather, of Halifax, has been appointed Imperial commission to investigate alleged shipping companies of Montreal, which cannot act. Mr. Mather will be in Victoria.

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ATEST REASON IN REAR

OUTSIDE AGENTS

Interesting Reasons Will Double—P

There are still many stores and deals to be made by the many who cannot see to the beautiful dental neighborhood the business area, benefit of the general city of Victoria.

Chief among most been the sale of the Johnson street. The hands at a sum lit The purchase is a name has not yet. On the eastern Pacific Railway Co. English investor has It is situated on Be a sum of \$15,000 was transaction.

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OUTSIDE AGENTS TO OPEN IN THE CITY

Interesting Reasons Given Why Values Will Double—Parallel Between Winnipeg and Victoria.

There are still many interesting features and deals to record in connection with activity in the real estate market...

Chief among most recent deals has been the sale of the Metropole hotel, Johnson street. This has been a fine business deal...

Belief in the present activity will, it is thought, in a very short time, induce a large number of firms to open up...

Commenting on the statement made in yesterday's Times by the manager of the Dominion Real Estate Exchange...

As time goes on he expected that Victoria would develop a tendency towards commercialism...

He contends that the values of the outside acreage of Victoria are as much superior to those of a place like Winnipeg...

Continuing his parallel between the two cities, Mr. Featherstone pointed out the fact that whereas Winnipeg is surrounded by prairie land...

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Accident to "The Owl" Train—Fighting the V., W. & Y. Railway Company.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 11.—The "Owl" train, running from Vancouver towards Seattle, ran into a tree early this morning near Cloverdale...

ANOTHER REVOLUTION. Venezuelan Insurgents Under Montilla Capture Town—Haredes Defeats Government Troops.

Port De France, Martinique, Dec. 10.—Venezuelan insurrectionists have captured a town in the north of the island...

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES QUESTION CORRESPONDENCE IS NOW MADE PUBLIC

London Standard Complains of the Dictatorial Tone of the United States.

London, Dec. 10.—The correspondence between the state department at Washington and the foreign office here...

Secretary Gray replying August 14th, said he observed, "with much regret that the wide difference in the views of the two governments disclosed by the correspondence makes it hopeless to expect an immediate settlement..."

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STRUCK ROCKS IN A SNOWSTORM

The Monarch Met Disaster When on Last Trip of Season—The Passengers Saved.

(Special to the Times.) Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 10.—Steamer Monarch, of the Northern Railway Company, which left Port Arthur in a blinding snowstorm on Sunday night...

The Monarch was built twenty years ago for the old Beatty line. She carried forty thousand bushels of wheat for Sarnia and four hundred tons of flour...

Isle Royale, where the Monarch was wrecked, is a rocky island on Lake Superior and just on the line dividing the United States from Canada...

BURNED TO DEATH. Woman and Her Child Lost Their Lives in Fire.

Seattle, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Ella J. Goodman was burned to death in the ruins of her home at Hillman City early yesterday morning...

The fire started in the cottage occupied by the Goodman family at about 2 o'clock yesterday morning from an exploded kerosene lamp.

According to the story told by Goodman, the family retired about 10 o'clock. He was sleeping soundly just before his wife awakened him...

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BRITISH NAVY PROGRAMME

Civil Lord of the Admiralty Declines to Answer Question in House of Commons.

London, Dec. 10.—The proposal of the United States secretary of the navy that congress authorize the increase of the original programme for battleships so as to provide for the building of four instead of two large warships...

FATAL ACCIDENT. Laborer at Coal Creek Knocked Down and Killed.

Ido Fiarese, an Italian laborer working at the Coal Creek mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Company, met with a fatal accident at that place on Wednesday morning...

EDMONTON MEN WILL CO-OPERATE WITH VICTORIANS IN SECURING A FERRY

Interesting Interview With A. W. Taylor, Who Gives Views of People of Alberta.

A. Williamson Taylor, who some four years ago left Victoria and went to Edmonton, Alta., has been in the city for a day or so.

The question of reaching a point on the west coast of Vancouver Island is one which is uppermost in the minds of many Edmontonians...

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LIVELY DISCUSSION AT CITY COUNCIL

Wordy Warfare Between the Mayor and Aldermen—Routine Transacted Last Night.

(From Monday's Daily.) Mayor Morley's scheme for the amendment of the liquor license regulations has gone by the board.

At this point Ald. Fell interposed, and said that clause number one was an act of confiscation.

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As the result of a fire at Calgary on Friday morning nine business places were cleaned out, the post office being among the buildings destroyed.

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PROVINCIAL NOMENCLATURE.

The sixth report of the Geographic Board of Canada has been issued from the government printing office at Ottawa. The reason for the existence of this board is explained by the mandate His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to issue, that "all questions concerning geographic names in the Dominion which arise in the departments of the public service shall be referred to the board, and that all departments shall accept and use in their publications the names and orthography adopted by the board."

PELAGIC SEALING.

In pursuance of the annual custom of presidents of the United States of recent times, Mr. Roosevelt in his message to Congress dealt at length with the sealing question, giving the American view of the causes of the alleged threatened extinction of the seal herds. The president dwelt with emphasis on the necessity of some drastic measures being taken to preserve for all time these valuable fur-bearing animals.

On this feature of the president's message the Toronto Globe of December 6th had a strong and vigorous leading article. We believe our eastern contemporary gives faithful expression to Canadian opinion in this article, which we reproduce.

Lovers of Good Tea

BECAUSE OF THE DELICIOUS FLAVOR. LEAD PACKETS. ONLY NEVER SOLD IN BULK. AT ALL GROCERS.

The value of a world monopoly in such a business is quite apparent, and explains the extraordinary efforts of the company in that direction. It has secured the extension of the limit of territorial water around these islands from three miles to sixty miles, a concession allowed to no other nation, for the United States is the spoiled child among the nations of the earth.

The habits of the fur seal resemble those of the mackerel in the Atlantic. These fish after spending the year in the open sea return to breed in Canadian territorial waters around the Magdalen Islands. When they appear in the open sea the shoals are pursued by American fishermen with purse seines, the most destructive methods of fishing yet invented. They catch the fish to the three-mile limit, catching great quantities. When within Canadian territorial waters they are protected by regulations, but on their return to the open water they run the gamut again. It would be no more absurd and no more preposterous for the Canadian government to claim ownership of these fish than for the Americans to claim ownership of the seals.

THE CASE OF MRS. PATERSON.

It is proposed to present a testimonial to Mrs. Paterson, the heroine of the West Coast, through whose courage, energy and determination beyond question the crew of the barque Coloma were saved from death. The movement is a commendable one, and we trust that the mark of appreciation will be worthy of the part this truly heroic woman has played in more than one of the lamentable occurrences upon the dangerous coast which has been described as the graveyard of the Pacific.

POSITIVE EVIDENCE.

On one memorable occasion Mr. Geo. E. Foster, hard put to it for a reasonable excuse for criticism of a budget speech of the present Finance Minister, advanced the rather extraordinary proposition that the prosperity of Canada was not a real, substantial thing. He held it was only apparent, being due in a very large measure to an inflation of values. The time would assuredly come when prices would drop to their normal level, such as existed during the days of the National Policy, and then the bubble would be pricked and the whole fabric created under the administration of the Laurier government would collapse and disappear.

rono News, a paper that is not by any means friendly to the Dominion government, has lately furnished him with another feature of the business situation that ought to convince him that his fantastic theory is as absurd as his plea that because the revenue of the country has increased tremendously therefore the rate of taxation must have been increased also, and according to the measure of such increase must be oppressive upon business.

LIFE-SAVING ON THE COAST.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the Dominion government and the representatives of the province supporting the government are just as anxious as the persons who sit in their offices and criticize their efforts to make every possible provision for saving the lives of mariners wrecked on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. It may be assumed that after all the authorities who advise the ministers on such matters are qualified in some respects to fill their positions or their services would speedily be dispensed with. This much may be admitted without questioning in the slightest degree the sincerity or questioning the technical or the expert knowledge of the critics who are thundering against the government, the members of the servants of the public.

- 1. Has the government taken any steps to provide and operate life-saving stations on the Pacific coast since last session? If so, what has been done?
2. How many new lighthouses, or improvements to old ones, or aids to navigation of any kind, have been established on the Pacific coast in the year 1906?
Hon. L. P. Brodeur (Minister of Marine and Fisheries):
1. Yes. A self-lighting and self-balling life-boat was built in Vancouver last summer, and is now manned by a crew in Victoria who have been under training and is held in readiness for emergencies.

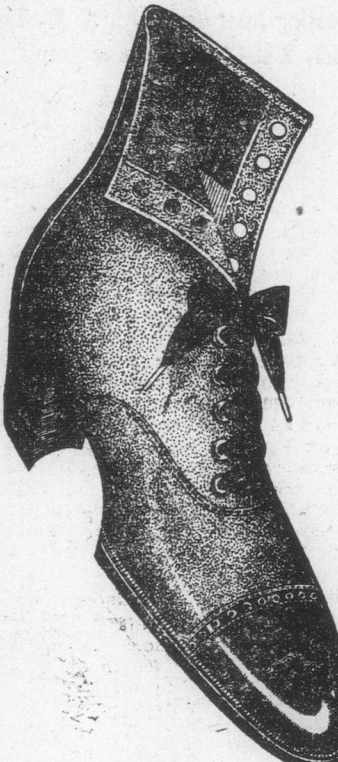
- 2. Tenders are being invited for the construction of three light surf-boats, two of which it is proposed to establish at Clo-oose and Ucluelet, to be manned by local crews under trained coxswains, the third to be carried on the Salvor, part of the crew to be trained to man her.
Investigations are being made into the best type of motor life-boat, with a view of procuring one for Bamfield Creek, where it is proposed to establish and maintain a fully equipped life-saving station.
2. The following work has been done on improvements to aids to navigation on the Pacific coast in 1906:
1. Pachena Pt.—A first-class lighthouse and Ucluelet, to be manned by local crews under trained coxswains, and a temporary light maintained.
2. Lookout Is.—Kyququot—Thirty day light established.
3. Entrances Is.—Quatsino—Thirty day light established.
4. Amphitrite Pt.—Ucluelet—Thirty day light established.
5. Swale rock—Barkley Sound—Thirty-day light established.
6. Green Is.—New lighthouse under construction.
7. Lennard Is.—First order fog alarm established.
8. Crofton—Thirty-day light established.
9. Sooke—Fishing light established.
10. Egg Is.—First order fog alarm established.
11. Trial Is.—Light and fog alarm established.
12. Gallows Pt.—Nanaimo—Mechanical fog bell established.

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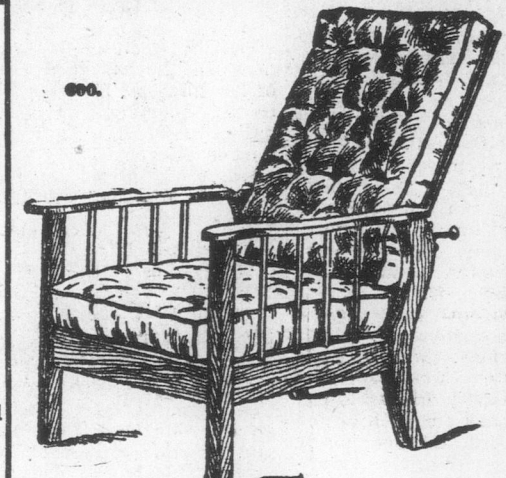


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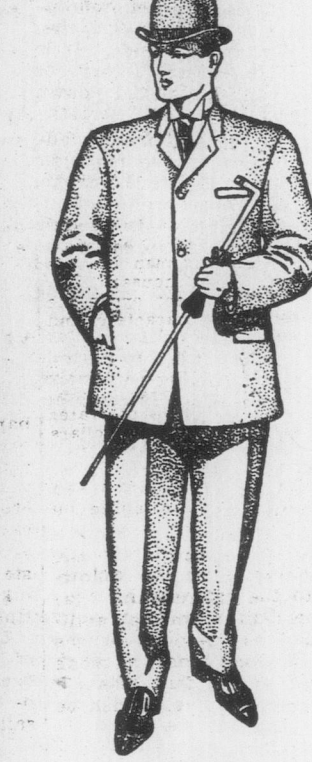


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14. Scarlet Pt.—Hand fog alarm established.
15. Lucy Is.—Lighthouse under construction.
16. Pine Is.—Lighthouse and fog alarm under construction.
17. Race Rocks—Light improved.
18. Discovery Is.—Light improved.
19. Dock Is.—Light improved.
20. Berens Is.—Fog alarm improved.
21. Cape Beale—Lighthouse rebuilt.
22. Horda Rock—Buoy improved.
23. Sparrowhawk Rock—Buoy improved.
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25. Hankin Rock—Clayoquot—Buoy established.
26. Port Simpson—Buoy established.
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28. Sandheads—Buoyage improved.
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Special Allowances.

Table with columns for distance (301 to 600 miles, over 601 miles) and item types (On Orders, Dry Goods, Groceries or Bulky Mds.).

building a coast road are now engaging the attention of the government. Again Mr. Ralph Smith asked:
1. Has the Department of Marine and Fisheries been in correspondence with the Premier of British Columbia on the desirability of joint action in the building of the road along the West Coast short line of Vancouver Island, for the purpose of rescuing distressed mariners?
2. Have they expressed any desire to assist in the building of the road? If so, to what extent?
3. Will the government bring down the papers or correspondence between the Marine Department and the Premier of British Columbia?
Mr. L. P. Brodeur (Minister of Marine and Fisheries):
1. Yes.
2. The Premier of British Columbia stated that "were it possible to build such a road it would be of no utility locally, but its uses would be confined entirely to the life-saving service, and it is very questionable whether, on account of the exceedingly rough and broken nature of the coast line a road, or even a trail, could be constructed near enough to the shore to be of any benefit in case of shipwreck."
3. Yes, if desired. There are only two letters on each side and the gist of the reply of the Premier of British Columbia is contained in the foregoing quotation.

PROPERTY ANNOUNCEMENT

VAS HELD YES! Election of Officers — Many Res. Pas

(From Wedne... A well-attended meeting of the Property was held in the afternoon. The various matters considered during the meeting were...

Whereas the sole object of the election is the obtaining of a well-attended meeting of the Property...

Some discussion took place regarding the Election voters' list. The cost was that all persons who occupy a residence in the city...

Whereas the enlarged lists, as enacted by the Act of 1906, permits the holder of a franchise to be a voter...

It was decided to council the submission of a resolution to the effect that the Mayor shall be appointed as a member of the Board of Management...

1. Whereas the necessary improvement in the supply of water for the city is of the most pressing importance to the citizens...

2. And whereas the supply should be dealt with as a sound commercial transaction, the revenue derived therefrom should be used exclusively for the maintenance and extension of the waterworks...

The question of extension was discussed, and it was felt that the matter should be referred to the ratepayers. The following officers were elected: P. B. Paterson, A. Sayerd, J. A. Kirk, J. K. Rebeck, E. B. Forman and Hon. W. J. Forster.

Case Against Joseph Phillips Be Heard Until 11—Owing to the absence of the Hon. Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan Commission, the case against him will be heard on Monday, December 18th.

Of Chinese edible birds' nest to weigh a pound. The richest zinc mines are in Prussia. The ore contains 21 per cent. of metal.

PROPERTY OWNERS ANNUAL MEETING

WAS HELD YESTERDAY IN THE CITY HALL

Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year—Many Resolutions Were Passed.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) A well-attended meeting of the members of the Property Owners' Association was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

Whereas the sole object of the referendum is the obtaining of the opinion of the electors on questions affecting the general public welfare...

Some discussion took place with regard to the Elections Act and the voters' list. The consensus of opinion was that all persons who sought the advantages of residence in any municipality should be prepared to take their fair share of the cost of the institutions which covered their interests.

Whereas the enlargement of the voters' lists, as enacted by Chapter 25 of the statutes of 1906, permits all women to vote who occupy a room in any house...

Be it resolved, that this association urges the government to limit the female householders' franchise to persons paying municipal taxes (exclusive of water rate or rent) of not less than two dollars for the current year...

The general feeling of the meeting was that these questions should be decided by the vote of the ratepayers themselves, and the hope was expressed that the council would have the requisite courage to adopt this course.

The water question had been before the board of management for some time, but being of such a far-reaching nature they considered it better to submit the matter to the general annual meeting.

Whereas the necessity for the improvement in the supply and distribution of the water for the city of Victoria is of most pressing importance to the welfare of the citizens...

Whereas the question of water supply should be dealt with on the basis of a sound commercial proposition, and the revenue derived therefrom reserved exclusively for the maintenance, up-keep and extension of the system, and the payment of interest and sinking fund on any loan for waterworks purposes...

Whereas it is impossible for the majority of those entitled to vote on by-laws for the contracting of waterworks to be present at the meeting...

Whereas the membership of this association represents nearly one-third the total assessment value of the city of Victoria...

Be it therefore resolved, that this board suggest, for the consideration of the council, the appointment of a commission of three persons, who shall have full power to take evidence on the matter, employ necessary expert assistance, and report their proceedings and recommendations to the Mayor and council in the form of a definite, comprehensive and conclusive scheme...

That any proposed expenditure at the present time should be limited to such work as can be covered by a sum to be raised as a short loan, the interest and sinking fund on which will be met out of revenue derived from the waterworks themselves.

The question of excessive cost of education was discussed, Senator McDonald and others speaking on the matter, and it was felt this should be determined by the ratepayers themselves on the referendum.

The following officers were then duly elected: F. B. Peterson, chairman; J. A. Hayward, J. A. Kirk, E. Musgrave, J. K. Rebbeck, E. B. Marvin, Jas. Forman and Hon. W. J. Macdonald to the board of management, and T. C. Sney, secretary-treasurer.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officer closed the proceedings.

TRIAL POSTPONED. Case Against Joseph Phillips Will Not Be Heard Until March.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Owing to the absence of material witnesses, the trial of Joseph Phillips, president of the defunct York County Loan Company, is held over until March.

Of Chinese edible birds' nests it takes 10 to weigh a pound.

CANDIDATES NOMINATED.

Harry Shepherd Will Oppose J. H. Hawthornthwaite in Nanaimo.

The Nanaimo Herald says: "A well attended meeting of those opposed to the political actions of Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite and to the acts of the McBrice government met last night in the Labor party rooms, Victoria Crescent, and unanimously nominated Mr. Harry Shepherd to represent them in the coming provincial election.

"At a meeting of the Independent Labor party held at Ladysmith last night, attended by about thirty delegates from that city and the surrounding district, Mr. Hugh Fulton was unanimously nominated as the candidate of the party in the coming provincial elections.

SUICIDE OF CAPTAIN. Is Tired of Life and Swallows the Contents of a Bottle of Laudanum.

F. O. Sodergrin, a retired sea captain, of San Francisco after writing his wife a note telling of his discouragement, swallowed the contents of a bottle of laudanum and ended his existence.

After purchasing a four ounce vial of laudanum Sodergrin went to the Casino and leaving orders not to be called until after that evening, retired.

At about 7 o'clock, according to his instructions, a waiter employed at the place, tried to awaken Sodergrin, and on failing to arouse him entered the room and found the man dead, with the empty bottle on the floor by his bedside.

My Dear Wife Laura—When this reaches you I will be no more. This world has been a cruel and cold one to me. It has tricked me in every place till I could stand it no more.

Little is known of the dead man's past in San Francisco except that for a number of years he was a captain on a coasting vessel.

BARKENTINE LOST SAILS.

Caught in Gale on Thursday—Crew Were on Short Rations.

Port Townsend, Wn., Dec. 12.—The barkentine Amelia, Capt. Kure, was towed in here this morning, minus sails and in a leaking condition. The vessel is out 36 days from San Francisco for Astoria.

The Amelia got the brunt of the gale of last Thursday, during which she lost every tuck of sail. The vessel must be repaired and secure an outfit of new sails before proceeding to Astoria.

THE REICHSTAG.

Will Be Dissolved If Money to Maintain Force in German South Africa Is Refused.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Emperor William has authorized Chancellor von Buelow to dissolve the Reichstag and order new elections if the supplementary appropriations asked for by the government are not granted by the House.

The question of the Reichstag appropriating enough money to maintain the present army in German Southwest Africa, the government holds, is equivalent to the question of whether the colony shall be given up or retained. An appeal to the country, if necessary, will be made on that issue, the government's position being that if the present garrison there is reduced from 12,000 to 2,500 men, the Centre party and Extreme Left contend should be done, the insurgent natives would obtain possession of the colony.

LETHBRIDGE MINES.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 11.—The mines are once again hives of industry. Men are timbering underground, and the work is being rapidly done.

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KINCAID—At Revelstoke, on Dec. 3rd, the wife of A. E. Kincaid, of a son.

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WORKMAN-ROSS—At New Westminster, on Dec. 8th, by Rev. J. S. Henderson, Dr. W. Workman and Miss Lorne Ross.

DIED.

SHANDLEY—At the residence of Mr. Peter Shandley, No. 71 Menzies street, on the 13th instant, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Harold Shandley, a native of Liverpool, England, aged 24 years.

DIER—At her residence, 45 Fernwood road, on December 12th, Ellen, beloved wife of W. A. Dier, and daughter of the late Hiram Condit, St. Thomas, Ontario, aged 55 years.

WILSON—On the 9th inst., at "Englehurst," St. Charles street, Thomas S. Wilson, aged 82 years.

MADAM—At Vancouver, on Dec. 7th, John Y. Madam, aged 61 years.

BRAITHWAITE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 8th, Mrs. J. E. Braithwaite, aged 33 years.

WILL ENFORCE SEPARATION LAW

FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE READY TO ACT

M. Robin Has Filed Application For Permission to Hold Religious Services in Churches.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The day of grace granted to local churches in the execution of the law providing for the separation of church and state postpones until to-morrow the measures for its enforcement.

It has been decided immediately to take over the buildings belonging to the ecclesiastics, stop the pensions of the clergy, compel aspirants to the priesthood to fulfill their military obligations, and, if necessary, treat the clergy as subjects of a foreign power.

That the rank and file of the Liberal Catholics disapprove of the intransigent attitude of the authorities at Rome, is evidenced by the fact that the editor of the Renaissance, Felix Robin, has filed with Prefect of Police Lepine an application under the Public Meetings law of 1881, for permission to hold religious meetings in all the churches.

The Figaro to-day says that Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, at first declined to approve of M. Robin's action, but that later he changed his mind.

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The children of the various city schools will take their Christmas gifts to their respective schools at 10.30 on Saturday next.

A recital was given by the Junior pupils of Miss S. F. Smith, assisted by the seniors on Saturday afternoon, December 9th. About forty took part.

The death of Mrs. W. A. Dier took place Wednesday. She was 55 years of age and was the daughter of Hiram Comfort, of St. Thomas, Ont.

On Tuesday in the Institute hall a benevolent musical concert, the Bestman's Institute, a local mission which is doing good work on the waterfront in charge of J. S. Bailey.

A. P. McKeen, the seaman who was drowned in the Cowitz river on December 3rd while heroically endeavoring to save the life of a fellow-sailor, was the son of W. M. McKeen, Springvale. He had an adventurous career as a sailor, and was among the survivors of the ill-fated steamers Islander and Cliallam, having narrow escapes from death on both occasions.

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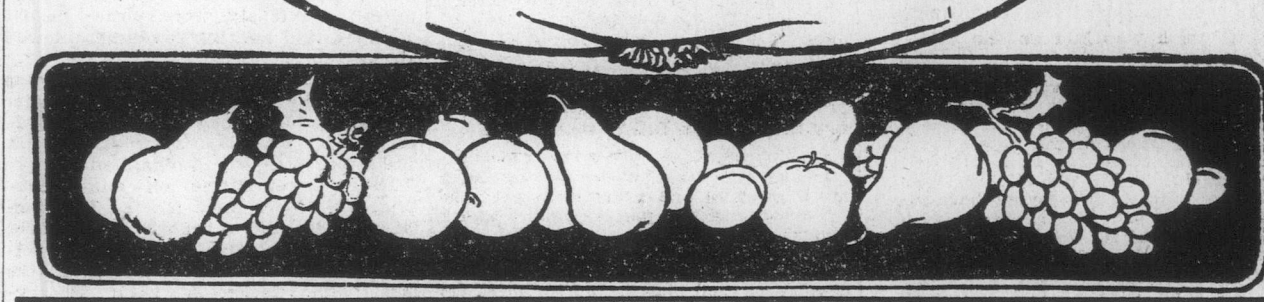
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FALLEN TIMBER. Alberni-Nanaimo Road Blocked by Recent Storm—Damage to the Cable. Arrivals from over the Alberni-Nanaimo road report an unprecedented amount of timber in the way of travel.

FIRE AT WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The premises of the Winnipeg Saddlery Co., Market square were damaged to the extent of \$20,000 by fire at noon to-day.

BANK CLEARINGS. Calgary, Dec. 13.—Calgary bank clearings for the week amounted to \$1,559,341. Edmonton, Dec. 13.—Edmonton bank clearings for the week ending to-day were

CHAPPED HANDS. It is not the annoyance alone which makes chapped hands a source of grave trouble to housewives and outdoor workers; it is the danger of festering and inflammation. Irritation, swelling, cracks or scaling roughness round about the knuckles and the back of the hand are serious, and the greatest promptitude should be exercised in treating with Zam-Buk.

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BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL OF WOMEN

CIVIC REFORMS ARE URGED BY MEMBERS

The Sale of Intoxicating Liquors at the Fair Grounds—Several Reports Submitted.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

When the Local Council of Women resumed its work in the Carnegie library yesterday afternoon, the hall used for the purpose was almost filled with ladies. There was a lengthy programme of business before them, and it received prompt dispatch. One of the most interesting features of the proceedings was the election of officers, the result of which is as follows: President, Mrs. R. S. Day; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Spofford; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins; treasurer, Mrs. W. Grant; first vice-president, Mrs. J. R. McGreggor; second vice-president, Mrs. Justin Gilbert; third vice-president, Mrs. Lawson; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Willcroft; fifth vice-president, Mrs. T. Burns.

After the reading of the annual report presented by Mrs. Spofford, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Day, gave a resume of the work of the National Council of Women held in Halifax last June. Then followed reports from a number of the standing committees of the National Council. Mrs. Gilbert dealt with objectionable printed matter and advertisements. Mrs. Woods handled the subject of the circulation of council literature, which costs only 25 cents and which printed all reports, addresses and other matters of interest to the ladies. Mrs. McGreggor in treating on the subject of domestic science and manual training reported that progress had been made in the appointment of a supervisor of sewing in the public schools and that the manual training there done was very satisfactory.

A resolution from the Ladies Aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was next considered. It read as follows: "In view of the widely felt and increasing scarcity of domestic servants, resolved that the L. C. W. endeavor to establish in Victoria an immigration bureau and home for the purpose of inducing women to do domestic service from Great Britain and other points to come to British Columbia."

Much discussion followed. There were two alternatives. Hon. Mrs. Joyce's scheme for home help and Mrs. Coombe's plan for emigration domestics. In this connection the hope was expressed that the provincial government would follow the example of the Dominion Government in granting a bonus to assist in the work.

The Woman's Auxiliary and the Daughters of Pity presented gratifying reports, and the treasurer of the latter assembly gave an account of receipts during the past year amounting to \$424. The president asked the individual societies to make this object one of their special community cares, and commended it very especially to the notice of all men and women able to assist.

Miss Powell, representing the Alexandra Club, made a bright and stirring speech, in which she maintained that all combinations for mutual good were not only "social" but "charitable" in their essence.

It was suggested that a plan for a women's building in Victoria should be seriously considered by the council and committee for mutual good, and the committee from each women's society recommended to report at the meeting to be held in January next.

Then came one of the most timely items on the whole programme of business which was the report of the resolution which was as follows: "That the Local Council of Women commend the heroic action of Mrs. Paterson, of Cape Beale in carrying information to the steamship Quadra, leading to the rescue of the shipwrecked crew of the ship 'Otona.'"

The mere mention of this heroic act met with general approbation, and the resolution passed unanimously. Miss Macfarlane then read a paper on the local council in the municipalities which was well received.

When arose one of the most debated subjects of the afternoon, namely, the removal of screens from saloons. A number of the clergy present took up this matter, and the result was the passing of a resolution seeking further legislation to better cope with the saloon question.

Our council was not approached until too late for action in regard to the management of the women's department at the agricultural fair, but we have already taken steps to prevent, if possible, a repetition of this mistake, and we are glad to find that two of our most capable and active members, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. James McGreggor, were elected on the advisory board at the last annual meeting of the agricultural association. Surely this is a step in the right direction, and we may congratulate ourselves that the board by so doing, has recognized the hard and self-denying work done for many years by this council, and that these ladies have kindly consented to represent us.

The corresponding secretary in her report says: "The resolutions from the Mothers' Club, which refers to young boys being permitted to carry firearms; from the Home Nursing, as to compulsory maintenance of illegitimate children by their fathers; and from the St. James' Guild, on the necessity of government inspection for the enforcement of the Shops Act; these all being questions upon which legislation is being introduced, and the hands of a committee, who, however, have not yet reported their progress in the work."

The question of alien divorce and remarriage, which was introduced by the Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church, was deemed by the executive to be too weighty a subject, and too wide-reaching in its relationship, to be dealt with by the council. A request was therefore forwarded to the National Council, that the subject be placed on the agenda of the National Council, to be discussed at its annual meeting, which met in Hamilton in June last, and to be dealt with as a national question. The request, we are glad to say, was complied with, and doubtless action will be taken in the near future.

The great and long-felt need of a maternity ward for the Jubilee hospital was brought before the council by the Ladies' Auxiliary of that institution. The committee into whose hands was placed the work of carrying into effect this resolution, has commenced the task with a good degree of energy. Through the co-operation of the Ministerial Association, the establishment of Hospital Sunday was secured, when, on the 25th of October, work was received in the various churches. One thousand copies of a circular letter were printed and distributed, setting forth this need, and the view of the widely felt and increasing scarcity of domestic servants. Resolved that the L. C. W. endeavor to establish in Victoria an immigration bureau and home for the purpose of inducing women to do domestic service from Great Britain and other points to come to British Columbia."

The work which has only commenced, will doubtless be continued by the council in the coming year. "A resolution presented by the Daughters of Pity, setting forth the desirability of establishing in the city a school of arts and crafts and design was afterwards much to the regret of the executive, withdrawn.

"The question of the better protection in the delivery of bread and meat, and more thorough inspection of milk and dairy premises, suggested by the W. T. U. and the Friendly Help Association, were also taken into consideration. The committee appointed to deal with the matter waited upon the minister of agriculture, who informed them that the inspection of milk and dairy premises, so far as he was aware, the regulations were being complied with, and expressed a willingness, should any infraction be reported, to take action thereon. With regard to the delivery of bread and meat, the committee reports that they see no way to deal with this matter except for housekeepers to refuse absolutely to accept either from dealers, unless properly protected in the handling. Some agitation along this line will, however, be necessary to call attention to the fact that bread, carried in baskets, with the dust of the streets settling on it, and meat handed with dirty gloves on the hands of drivers cannot be clean.

"The monthly meetings of the executive have been continued throughout the year without interruption, except during the vacation months of July and August, with a fairly good attendance."

The report refers to the visit of Mrs. Amos Sheldon-Amos, of London; Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, Miss Saunders and Her Excellency Lady Grey, who inquired very particularly into the work of the society. The report adds: "The Alexandra club, represented by Mrs. Powell, and the Victoria Ladies' Musical Society, represented by Mrs. Hermann Robertson, brings the membership to twenty-nine affiliated societies, three patrons and four life members and thirteen individual members."

"The third session of the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island opened in the Carnegie library this morning. The first business before the council was a resolution proposed by the executive as follows: "Resolved, that the Local Council of Women protest against the unseemly privilege of granting a license to sell intoxicating liquors on the fair grounds."

In moving this resolution, Mrs. Anderson dwelt on the great shame and inconvenience to the public of having a licensed bar, with glaring advertisements of wines and liquors, openly displayed in the fair grounds, and of the temptations offered and made easy thereby to visitors.

Mrs. Cooper seconded the resolution in a few earnest words, deprecating the argument that such a license was financially desirable. The object of the fair was to stimulate industry and healthy competition, and of which objects were most severely impaired and injured by the use of strong drink.

The discussion showed that it was not unwise to have such concessions in Ontario, Nova Scotia and other communities, and a recommendation was passed to investigate the matter, and to ascertain if possible, where the responsibility rests.

Resolution VIII, proposed by the executive, was taken up next, which was a motion for the Local Council of Women to send a delegation to the motion, which follows: "Resolved, that the Local Council of Women views with approval the initiative taken in the teaching of purity in the schools and recommends that the pupils be regularly instructed in the same."

Dr. Hall said that he had been urged to speak on this subject, and that he had accepted as a duty, rather than as a privilege, the difficulties in dealing with it were very obvious. Dr. Hall said he spoke, not only for himself, but for a society lately formed called "The American Society of Sanitary and Moral Progress," with which are associated many noble names, both lay and clerical. Courageously and deliberately the speaker brought a terrible arraignment against permitted sub-social conditions and the wilful ignorance and indifference displayed concerning them. The medical profession, ever on the look-out from the watch towers of human experience, knows well the true secret of that evil, which accounts for fifty per cent. of the inmates of our asylums, and twenty to fifty per cent. of our hospital cases.

"A clearer understanding," he said, "must and can come only through proper instruction and intelligent action. Concealment and half statements are what hurt. The truth never hurts, and when once understood and expressed with force and reason, nothing good can become possible. But questions of such immense importance can only be handled by what may be suggested as a co-operative system of education and instruction. The words of that sage who has almost said much about human problems as we do today may be taken equally by ourselves as a warning and as a very severe criticism. 'Ye simple ones, how long will ye love simplicity and foote hate knowledge!' It is possible to be too simple—indeed, most of the evil and the crime in the world may be traced to this initial defect—and then when young men, eye, and young women, too, seek a place for repentance it cannot be found, though they seek it bitterly with tears. Nature and judgment have then to be reckoned with, according to those eternal laws which cannot be broken."

Dr. Hall expressed a hope that the whole subject would be some day regulated and placed under the supervision of the board of health. Meanwhile, he urged, with great dignity and feeling, a proper investigation and adoption of such means as would instruct and protect the future generations.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Hall. Rev. G. K. B. Adams also spoke forcefully upon this subject. Miss Crease suggested that more Mothers' Clubs be formed to further the objects of more general instruction among the young.

The reports of the W. C. T. U. by Mrs. Andrews, of the Home for Aged and Infirm Women by Mrs. Gould, and of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Society by Mrs. Hermann Robertson, followed, and were received with much interest and attention.

Resolution VI, was next presented: Proposed by the W. C. T. U.—"Whereas illegal trade is carried on in procuring women for immoral purposes, resolved, that the Local Council of Women interview the provincial authorities with a view to securing a strict enforcement of the laws regarding the same."

An amendment was suggested regarding police inspection of steamships. Resolution VII, proposed by the Friendly Help Association: "In view of the acknowledged social evil in the city, resolved, that the Local Council of Women urge upon the city council the advisability of having the said grass and weeds removed."

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The final business before the meeting included the annual report of the date of the annual meeting to the second Monday in November, a change which was passed with acclamation. The president then proposed: 1. A vote of thanks to the mayor and city council for the committee rooms of the city hall. 2. To the press for so kindly printing reports, etc. 3. To the library commissioners for the use of the upper room in the public library. 4. To the Lord Bishop of Columbia for conducting and arranging for a special service in the cathedral. 5. To the press secretary for her efficient and able assistance. 6. To the room and decorating committee for the trouble they had taken and great help given. 7. To the auditor. 8. And to the fire department for decorations.

A hearty vote of thanks was further accorded the president for the able and sympathetic manner in which she had conducted the entire proceedings. After singing the National Anthem the meeting finally closed.

THE ORPHANS' HOME. Annual Meeting of Subscribers Was Held Tuesday Afternoon. The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the subscribers to the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was held in the city hall Tuesday afternoon with the president, Charles Hayward, in the chair. The opening prayer was read by Bishop Herrin, after which the regular business was taken up.

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In moving this resolution Miss Crease said that, in her mind, education was the most important of all subjects, and that education must be carried through all community, interests and entertainments, that protested against the use of brutality at the agricultural fair. Mrs. Toller invited a large number to be present at the approaching annual meeting of the S. P. C. A., when the matter of suppressing such cruelty will be discussed, and news from that country is eagerly awaited.

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The committee appointed to amend the by-laws presented an entirely new set of by-laws for ratification. There was considerable discussion over the fourth clause, which reads: "Each of the Protestant denominations, viz: Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Reformed Episcopal, shall have the privilege and right of nominating one person for election as a member of the board. Such nomination shall be in writing, signed by a minister authorized to represent the denomination and lodged with the secretary previous to the day of election. All other nominations shall be made openly at the annual meeting."

Some opposition was offered to the adoption of this clause, but it finally passed. Before the amended by-laws can be put into effect they require to be approved by the registrar of benevolent societies, and it was decided to wait until the next meeting for the members can avail themselves of the opportunity presented in the fourth clause of nominating one candidate for each branch of the Protestant church. The provincial government had promised the call of the president so that an election of a board of management might be made as soon as possible after the by-laws had met with approval of the registrar.

After the transaction of other routine business the meeting adjourned. W. G. Adams, of Bamfeld, is at the King Edward.

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The returns were as follows: Jardine, G. (Ald.), 338; Grey, A. W., 337; Henley, J. (Ald.), 236; Smith, W. B., 233; Garrett, A. (Ald.), 208; Johnston, J. J., 201; Adams, G. (Ald.), 201; Shiles, B. W. (Ald.), 274; Halliday, A. P., 273; Gamon, J. G., 192; Cross, G. B., 166; McNab, J., 133; Hardman, A., 135; Hudson, I., 106; Miller, W., 53.

The first seven were declared elected. The Y. M. C. A. vote was 420 in favor and 126 against. The vote therefore endorses the proposal to give the proposed institution exemption from taxation for a term of years.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 11.—Having been isolated for three days and nights on a rock in the middle of Lake Superior, without shelter from the freezing temperature, intensified by the continuous gales, and with nothing to eat but flour and water, 41 persons, passengers and crew of the ill-fated Monarch, wrecked on Isle Royale, arrived in Port Arthur last night on the tug Waverin and Laura Grace.

James Jacques, of Point Edward, a watchman, was drowned, and G. Farouk, a passenger en route to his home in Sault Ste. Marie, may die as a result of hardships experienced. Several of the crew were frozen about the head and are suffering mentally from the terrible ordeal.

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Provides for the Supervision and Inspection of Meat, Fish, Fruit and Vegetables.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Hon. Sydney Fisher in the House to-day introduced a bill for the supervision and inspection of canned and uncanned meat, fish, fruits and vegetables. The inspection of canned and uncanned goods is to be more drastic than that in regard to fish, fruits and vegetables.

Hon. Mr. Fisher preceded his explanation of the bill with a statement as to why legislation is necessary. There were certain revelations in Chicago which affected the markets of the world in regard to the exportation of meat. He sent one of his officers to examine all the packing establishments in Canada. The report showed that these establishments, which were not situated together, the same as in Chicago, were in excellent condition as far as sanitary arrangements were concerned. There might be one or two instances which required a little remedy, but these were corrected when shown to exist. Indeed, the packers were anxious as the government to have a system of inspection, so that their goods might be more easily marketed abroad. The workmen engaged in Canadian packing houses were of a superior class, and came principally from Europe. There was no kind of inspection, however, and this was necessary so that the trade might regain and hold its place upon the British market.

"Since the Chicago revelations the governments of European countries have been investigating more closely than ever the character and sanitary condition of food products imported," said Hon. Mr. Fisher. "Communications have been directed to my department from England and other countries abroad asking what were the laws of Canada in regard to this matter. The British government sent an officer to the United States to report on whether it would be possible in future for them to buy United States canned and other foods for the supplies of the British service. Municipal organizations in England and the London county council and other similar bodies have passed very stringent regulations as to the supervision and sale of these foods to the consuming population. All this indicates that it is necessary for us to do all that is possible to inspire the confidence of the markets of the Old Country in the articles which we export, for if we do not comply with the regulations in force in those markets, we will be at a great disadvantage, especially in comparison with our greatest competitor, the United States.

"The provisions of the act are brief, and I intend to incorporate them in this bill with a more extensive application. Those concerned in the canned goods trade in Canada seem to realize the importance of such a law as I now propose, and although it has been known to them that we purpose introducing such a law, they have had no complaint, and in fact they seem to welcome such law.

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