

Mr. Lubbe Interviewed

Secretary of Esquimaux Water Works Co. Discusses Action of City Council.

Thinks the Intention to Record Rights at Goldstream a Very Wise Move.

Quotes Figures to Show What It Will Cost to Perfect Proposed Plan.

The city council having decided to take the necessary legal steps to record the claim of the corporation to the water at Goldstream, a Colonel reporter yesterday called on Thos. Lubbe, secretary of the Esquimaux Water Works Company, with a view to ascertaining his opinion of this action. He said:

"The council have taken the best step possible. We will now have the matter of legal rights decided on by the courts, and we will, of course, test the application in the courts, but I think it will be very easily settled and it is our position in the least, and is the best step the city could take."

Ald. Douglas deserves credit for the way he kept at the question of taking water from below the power house. It is not the first time he has spoken about it, and even on Tuesday evening he had to ask a number of times before anyone took notice of his remarks.

"How long will it be before the question will be brought on an issue?" asked the reporter.

"Well, I don't know," replied Mr. Lubbe, "as I am not aware how they intend to proceed."

Mr. Lubbe next asked if the company intended their offer to read that they would give the city water for \$5,000,000, free of charge.

"That is our proposition, and we will stand by it," he replied. "I notice some of the aldermen appeared sceptical about the offer, but they have no need to fear; we will live up to everything that is in the offer."

"What will be the position of the British Columbia Electric Company?"

"Well," replied Mr. Lubbe, "they will be out of it entirely if the city gets the water it is after. The lighting department of the tramway company will be knocked clean out, as the city will be able to supply light much cheaper. It is the best scheme the city can have."

It is the same identical plan I recommend to the directors of the directors of the waterworks company met the council recently.

"If the city erects a power house at Millstream this will give a minimum effective height of 410 feet above sea level. With this height it will be possible to generate 25,000,000 gallons per day out of 25,000,000 gallons of water used for power purposes, which would give 750 horse-power for a 24-hour day on a single switch of 1,800 horse-power for a 10-hour day."

"If the city secure a decision in its favor, it will be necessary, in order to secure a supply of water for the people, without meters or pumping, to lay a 60-inch main from Goldstream for a distance of ten miles to the foot of Arm street, Victoria West, at a cost of \$250,000. On the other side of the foot of Arm street, there will have to be a 42-inch main from Goldstream to the foot of Arm street, a distance of 10 miles, at a cost of \$150,000. The capacity of this main will be 25,000,000 gallons per day, with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons per day for domestic purposes, at a cost, for the 42-inch and 30-inch mains, of \$381,600."

"Besides this, there would be a 42-inch main to the foot of Arm street, at a cost of \$150,000; power house at Millstream, hydraulic and electric machinery, transmission line, and other street electric current from Millstream to the foot of Arm street, at a cost of \$50,000. The present power house at Goldstream, a saving of 7 per cent on this one item alone. These figures show what a great water supply it is. The water it is now making application for."

ALFRED WATERHOUSE DEAD.

Well-Known English Architect Passes Away.

London, Aug. 23.—Alfred Waterhouse, a well-known English architect and prominent member of the Royal Academy, died here today. He was born at Liverpool in 1830. Mr. Waterhouse designed many of the great buildings.

FORCE OF BAD EXAMPLE.

Hotel Employees Accused of Holding Up Their Employer.

New York, Aug. 23.—Claiming that through a conspiracy between waiters and checkers at the Hotel Astor he was being defrauded of about \$200 per day, W. C. Muschenheim, the lessee of the hotel, tonight had four employees arrested on charges of holding up their employer.

SCOURGE GAINS GROUND.

Yellow Fever Shows Renewed Energy Outside New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 23.—The yellow fever situation apparently improved today, but the scourge is reported to be gaining with each day outside the city. Today the number of cases fell to five from nine yesterday, but only ten diesel engines were reported today, as against 21 yesterday. There were four fewer new cases today than on Tuesday.

VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS.

Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 23.—Ex-Judge W. J. Calhoun, whom President Roosevelt appointed special commissioner to look into the relations between Venezuela and the United States, is actively pursuing his investigations in the conduct of which the government is furnishing him every facility. Judge Calhoun will probably remain here for two months.

ROJESTVENSKY RECOVERING.

Russian Commander to Start for Home Next Month.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, in a letter to his family, says he expects to have fully recovered from the wounds received in the battle in the Sea of Japan, when he will start for Russia with permission of the Japanese government.

VISIT OF CRUISER SQUADRON.

Prince Louis and Fleet Will Be Entertained at Newport.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—It was announced at the navy department today that the British squadron under the command of Prince Louis of Battenberg would be entertained at Newport instead of at New York. The visit of the squadron will be delayed until the last week in October or early in November.

The Day at the Federal Capital

Prince Louis of Battenberg to Be Loyally Entertained at Capital.

Three Hundred Men of the Cruiser Squadron to Accompany Him.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—Prince Louis of Battenberg, who is expected to arrive at 11:40 tomorrow and be the guest of the Canadian Club at luncheon at 1 o'clock, will be accompanied by three hundred men of the cruiser squadron which will reach the capital when for three days they will be entertained at the expense of the Dominion government.

At a meeting today called by Col. Hanbury Williams, the committee of entertainment was formed, and every effort will be made to give the very right worthy Canadian welcomes.

Telegram was received from Prince Louis in which he expressed his enthusiasm for the splendid reception given the men of the squadron in Montreal. All the cabinet ministers in town, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will attend the luncheon in the city.

Mr. Adams in his report stated that the revenue of the city is \$1,000,000, and that the city erects a power house at Millstream this will give a minimum effective height of 410 feet above sea level. With this height it will be possible to generate 25,000,000 gallons per day out of 25,000,000 gallons of water used for power purposes, which would give 750 horse-power for a 24-hour day on a single switch of 1,800 horse-power for a 10-hour day.

HONOR TO THE BRAVE.

New York Town Erects Monument to Memory of Fallen Soldiers.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 23.—In the presence of a large assembly of veterans of northern New York united with Raincoat Post G. A. R. at Ogdensburg today and unveiled a monument to the memory of the fallen soldiers of the town of Ogdensburg. The monument is a large granite structure, and is the largest of its kind in the state.

RUSSIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

Thanksgiving Service Held by the St. Petersburg City Council.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Thanksgiving services were held in the municipal hall today by Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, who has been working in the Northfield, Mass. When on the point of sailing for Europe today in the steamer Baltic, Rev. Morgan said that the American church does not seem to be much more than a social organization now. Its members spend more time developing slow social lines than they do in the pursuit of their duty as men, the influential Christians and those who are in a position to do their duty as men in their own spheres.

CRITICIZES THE CHURCHES.

Dwight L. Moody's Successor Speaks of American Protestants.

New York, Aug. 23.—A criticism of the American Protestant churches was voiced today by Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, who has been working in the Northfield, Mass. When on the point of sailing for Europe today in the steamer Baltic, Rev. Morgan said that the American church does not seem to be much more than a social organization now. Its members spend more time developing slow social lines than they do in the pursuit of their duty as men, the influential Christians and those who are in a position to do their duty as men in their own spheres.

BOUNDARY SURVEY.

C. A. Biggar, of Canadian Commission, in City En Route to Ottawa.

C. A. Biggar, of the Alaskan boundary commission, returned from the North on Tuesday and registered at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Biggar came direct from the White Pass, where he was in charge of the field work under Dr. W. H. King, M. A. L. D., engaged upon the work of the Canadian commission in the determination of the boundary line.

"This season," said Mr. Biggar to a Colonel reporter, "the work has been going on in a very satisfactory manner, although the operations have been carried on at a very high altitude, where clouds were very prevalent and observation consequently frequently obscured. The lower strata of clouds in Alaska are rarely more than 2,000 feet above the level of the sea. There was, however, a scarcity of snow, which was a disadvantage in facilitating the work. The portions of the boundary now being surveyed are all well exposed and no special equipment is required for appropriation."

The American and Canadian parties are widely separated, prospecting the survey from different points. The boundary line runs through country which is very mountainous. It will probably be two years before the survey is completed; meanwhile it is of interest in any way affecting individual interests in the Yukon territory.

A long cablegram was sent to Ambassador Meyer by the President late on Monday. It contained instructions for representations, on behalf of President Roosevelt, to be made directly to the Emperor of Russia. There is a reasonable belief that these representations will be made in the near future.

Mr. Biggar produced a photograph taken a week ago which gave a true representation of the White Pass and Yukon route. The photograph shows the camp in the foreground on the shore of the lake and the beautiful line and depot on the railway in the distance. At the immediate summit on either side of the mountain, the point of delimitation, two flagpoles, with the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, stand side by side in their respective places.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

"The White Elephant" is a very clever, attractively printed brochure, of 32 pages, published by the Canadian Publishing Company, Montreal.

The author, though dealing with so large a subject, has written in a humorous, light, and readable style. It is a very interesting and suggestive of the topic, the government railways of Canada. In his preface he is guilty of a slight exaggeration, some of which are good enough to be repeated. Here are a few:

"Private railways kill a whole nation. Push on a private line, may put you in a private car. On a government road, you are a passenger."

"In America, a man may ride three days without changing cars. Between Dresden and Leipzig, a man may travel three times in four hours."

The private railway is a great evil for the nation. It is a source of national pride and a source of national shame. It is a source of national pride and a source of national shame.

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Roosevelt's Appeal to Czar

President Makes Final Effort to Secure Peace in the Far East.

Sent a Personal Solicitation to Emperor to Aid in Ending the War.

Postponement of Conference to Saturday Viewed as Good Omen.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt's final effort to induce a cessation of hostilities in the far east is in progress. He has sent a personal solicitation to Emperor Nicholas of Russia, asking him to aid in ending the war.

The postponement of the conference to Saturday is viewed as a good omen. It is believed that the Emperor will accept the President's offer.

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BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Depositors of Defunct Denver Savings Bank Take Action.

Denver, Col., Aug. 23.—Warrants were issued by district attorney George Sturge today on complaint of depositors of the Denver Savings Bank for the arrest of President U. A. Hill, Vice-President F. P. Jones and some minor officials of the bank, which was placed in the hands of a receiver last Saturday.

The nature of the charges was not made public. President Hill is said to be in Oklahoma and Vice-President Jones is in Colorado Springs.

RUSSIAN MILITARY TRAINS.

Officer Detailed to Investigate Numerous Recent Accidents.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—It was stated today that the sudden departure from St. Petersburg Monday night of Prince Hilkoft, minister of railroads, for the purpose of investigating the cause of serious accidents which occurred recently in Southern Russia, is in connection with the Far East. In one of the accidents which took place in the vicinity of Krasnaya Gora, 20 Russian and 2 officers and 40 soldiers injured.

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Pacific Coast Happenings

Party of C. P. R. Officials Reach Bellingham on Annual Tour.

Air Ship's Successful Flight at Portland—Young Girl's Sad End.

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 23.—A party of C. P. R. officials arrived here today and spent several hours with the local agent of the road and the representatives of the B. & N. P. R. C. and said they were ready to take up the matter. In the afternoon the officials left via the Northern Pacific for Seattle. The company included W. R. McInnes, freight traffic manager; Robert Kerr, passenger traffic manager; and J. W. Patterson, assistant freight agent; Winnipeg; T. Greer, advertising agent, Montreal; and W. G. Green, general agent, Vancouver.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—The schooner Salinas was wrecked on the coast of Oregon, Aug. 22.—After being in the air half an hour, covering six miles, the airship City of Portland landed in the water near the town of Astoria. The airship was the highest to have ever been flown in this country.

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 23.—With her wedding dress on and within three days of the time set for her marriage, Viola Moore committed suicide by jumping from the top of the hotel. She was 21 years of age and was the daughter of a well-known family.

Yellow fever report. New Orleans, Aug. 23.—The yellow fever report to 6 p. m. today is: New cases today, 53; total to date, 1,551; deaths to date, 213; recoveries to date, 1,000; under treatment, 312.

FIRE ON THE OCEANIC.

White Star Liner Damaged But Sails on Schedule Time.

Liverpool, Aug. 23.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the stowage of the White Star liner Oceanic. The extent of the damage is not yet known. The Oceanic sailed for New York at 5 o'clock today on her regular schedule.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Holcombe and Ward Successfully Defend Their Title.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 23.—Without serious opposition, the British pair of Holcombe and Ward, of New York, successfully defended their national tennis championship title at Newport today. They defeated the American pair of Casio and S. H. Hackett, 6-2, 6-3. The doubles championship match was the feature of the day, but, in addition, the entire second round of the singles championship event was completed, making with the doubles matches 70 tennis contests decided in two days, a record in this sport.

CRIME IN BALTIMORE.

Situation Not Improving and Several Political Murders Reported.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The situation in the Baltimore province is not improving. Several political murders have been reported. Official advice shows that the disturbances are fostered and directed by a thoroughly organized social revolutionary committee with headquarters at Riga. The emissaries of this party have been active in the province since the beginning of the year.

SITUATION IN POLAND.

Military Measures Prevent the Strike Becoming General.

Warsaw, Aug. 23.—Owing to the strong military measures adopted, the strike will not become general. Many shops are open and only a few banks, insurance companies and commercial houses are closed. Still the situation is serious. Practically all the factories at Warsaw and Lodz are closed. The latter place has been the scene of a serious rioting which occurred at the latter place. The rioting was directed by the Polish Socialists and was directed by a thoroughly organized social revolutionary committee with headquarters at Riga. The emissaries of this party have been active in the province since the beginning of the year.

REPORTED FOUNDERING.

British Bark Bidefin Hill Said to Have Been Lost With 18 of Crew.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 23.—A report has reached here of the foundering of the British bark Bidefin Hill. The bark was on a voyage to Buenos Aires and was reported to have been lost with 18 of her crew. The bark was on a voyage to Buenos Aires and was reported to have been lost with 18 of her crew.

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Not a Cent of Indemnity

St. Petersburg Firm in Refusal of Financial Contribution of Any Kind.

Proposed Payment Under Disputed Terms is Not Acceptable.

All Remaining Points Could Be Adjusted to Russia's Satisfaction.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 24.—The reasons and authority for the refusal of the Russian firm to contribute a cent of indemnity to the Japanese government, is not a matter of indifference to the Japanese government, but a matter of principle. The Russian firm is in a position to make a contribution of any amount, but it is not willing to do so.

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City Goes to Goldstream

Will Claim Water After It Leaves Esquimalt Company's Control.

This Action Decided on at Meeting of the Council Last Evening.

Commissioner Raymur Submits Special Reports on Pressing Civic Problem.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

SITTING in special session last evening, the council determined upon pursuing a very important course of action in respect to the question of securing a more adequate supply of water for the city of Victoria.

After the water commissioner to proceed at once with the necessary legal formalities to secure to the city of Victoria the water from Goldstream, Niagara and Arbutus canyons for the purposes of the corporation.

This implies the exercising of authority by the corporation over the Esquimalt Water Works Company, and in taking such a stand the council is acting in accordance with an opinion expressed by the city barrister as to the status of the corporation in the matter.

At last evening's meeting also Water Commissioner Raymur submitted special reports dealing with separate phases of the problem of a better water supply for the city, such being intended to supply the council with information to enable them to take intelligent action. He estimated annual cost of improving the present system was given at \$225,000.

Fullerton was of the opinion that it was not necessary to spend that amount on Elk lake.

Mr. Raymur stated that the figures were all based on the report of Expert Adams.

Mayor Barnard: If we decide on Elk lake, how about meters?

Mr. Raymur: About \$350,000 of expenditure is common to both schemes. The difference is in the amount of the Elk Lake system would cover all expense, including the old liability.

Mr. Raymur: "Everything except the old liability."

A Question of Meters Mayor Barnard: If we go to Elk lake we will have to meter every service in town, which is in itself a big expense.

Mr. Raymur: The trouble is that the present pipes are no good. The pumping station is not worth the cost of the fuel it burns. It is also useless for the purpose of the city.

Mr. Raymur: We should by any combination of circumstances be able to get water for nothing, how about the electric plant?

Mr. Raymur: About \$20,588 annually.

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GERMAN COLONY WILL ENTERTAIN

A Banquet to Officers of the Cruiser Falke This Evening.

The cruiser Falke, of the Imperial German navy, is expected from Alaska today, and the German colony of Victoria will entertain the officers of the vessel.

The banquet will be given at the hall at 7:30.

A lengthy programme of music has been arranged and a good dance programme prepared. Admittance will be by invitation and the programme will remain at this port until Monday next.

Lighting Company Fall. Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 22.—The Caracas Gas & Electric Co. was today declared bankrupt.

What frayed your linen? Not Sunlight Soap—No, indeed!

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES LAUNDRY EXPENSE

Ask for the Outrage Soap

Mysterious Messenger

Confidential Agent of President Carries Written Message to Russians.

Prolonged Conference of Czars' Envoys Upon Receipt of Document.

Note Supposed to Be Result of Kaneko's Visit to Oyster Bay.

(PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 22.—The Associated Press is now in a position to reveal substantially the suggestion of President Roosevelt for breaking the deadlock in the peace negotiations and rescuing the conference from failure.

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Peace Trambles In Balance

No Direct Answer Received to Witte's Latest Report to Czars.

Japanese at Portsmouth Are Not Hopful of Peace Today.

(PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 21.—The result of President Roosevelt's efforts to save the peace conference from failure remains in suspense. No direct reply to the president's proposition, communicated by Baron Kaneko, has come from Emperor Nicholas, but other advisers received from St. Petersburg indicate that the Emperor and his councilors are unshaken in their determination to maintain their territory nor pay war tribute.

What the President is doing on the Japanese side is a mystery. It is known that Baron Kaneko is expected to visit the president's apartment on Friday.

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Orion Goes For Whales

An Important New Industry for the Coast Is Now Fully Insured.

Duty Was Paid Yesterday on a Special Steamer Brought From Norway.

Sails for Sechart and Will at Once be Placed in Service.

(The steam whaler Orion, which had built at Christiansa, Norway, for the coast whaling industry in connection with the new industry established at Sechart, in Barkley Sound, was yesterday morning registered as a Canadian vessel and was cleared for the sailing station at Sechart after receiving her coasting license.

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BOOKKEEPER EMBEZZLED.

Theatrical Man Arrested in Canada Stole \$15,000.

(New York, Aug. 22.—W. J. Yeager, arrested today at Hamilton, Ont., charged with embezzling \$15,000 from the theatrical company of which he was employed by Julius Cahn, of the Empire Theatre, this city, for a number of years as bookkeeper. A representative of Mr. Cahn said today that the discrepancies in Yeager's accounts covered the period of three or four years and amount in all to nearly \$15,000.

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Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Antions to Return.—A British Columbia who has just returned from a visit to London reports having met at the metropolitan Athlon Scale for many years of the Weekly Province. He is an expert managing the business in London. Mr. Scate is making money in London, but hopes to return some day to British Columbia.

Valuable Horse Killed.—A valuable horse belonging to Messrs. Cameron and Madwell, the Johnson street firm, was killed on the George street on Sunday afternoon as the result of a runaway accident. The driver having allowed to the buggy in position to allow an automobile to pass, the animal became frightened and ran away, colliding in its mad rush with a telephone pole, with fatal results to itself.

His Trip Cancelled.—S. Bunner, president of the California Volunteer Firemen's Association of California, who is in Victoria on his way to the annual meeting of the association, has cancelled his trip because of the sudden illness of one of his daughters, who has been taken to the hospital. Bunner is expected to return to the city in a few days.

Visitors Entertained.—The visiting members of the Victoria Volunteer Firemen's Association of California were entertained during the afternoon by the Victoria Firemen's Association. The party was given at the Victoria Hotel and was a most enjoyable one.

Interested in British Columbia.—John A. Turner, of Nelson, has just returned from a visit to London. He reports that he has been very interested in British Columbia during his visit. He has met several of the British Columbia officials and has been very friendly to them.

Chimney Injured.—At noon on Saturday, while a gang of men were blowing about the chimney in a factory, the chimney was blown down. The chimney was about 100 feet high and was blown down in a very short time.

The Salmon Pack.—The Vancouver World is authority for the statement that the salmon pack for the year 1905 is expected to be the largest ever. It is estimated that the pack will be worth over \$10,000,000.

Primeval Ox.—Frank Caldwell, of the recent arrival at Seattle, brought down the skull and horns of an extinct species of ox found 40 feet below the surface of the earth. The skull is about 1 foot long and 6 inches wide.

The Shooting Season.—With the opening of the shooting season only a few days distant, Victoria sportsmen are beginning to get out on the hills. The opportunity this presented them, as far as can be gathered, there are numerous, abundant and fine.

Magistrate at Ladysmith.—Notice will be given in the next issue of the Gazette of the proceedings of the Hon. J. G. MacNeill, magistrate at Ladysmith, on the 29th inst.

Yukon Council.—Governor McInnes will tomorrow convene the Yukon council, August 24 being the date set for the opening of the session. Much important work for the Yukon will be undertaken. The session may last a week or two.

Through Hope Mountains.—Advices from Nelson are to the effect that reliable information has been received from the geologists at Van Anka and west of the Hope mountains, which are looking a line to open an old survey through the Hope mountains.

ments, several of which are yielding good returns. On No. 80 below on a corner of the lot, a plant with a long and narrow leaves, resembling a fern, is now being worked successfully.

Laborers Scarce.—L. E. Shields, the well-known Great Northern railway contractor, in an interview said: "There is a great difficulty in getting men for construction work at present. The men who are doing the work are being lured away by the high wages being offered in the West."

McInnes Creek.—W. W. B. McInnes, the two appointed members of the Yukon, is to have his name imperishably engraved on the annals of the Golden North. Peace river has been made from the following paragraph taken from a "Dawson exchange" just to the west of the Yukon.

Writing Up Province.—Messrs. John P. McInnes and J. G. MacNeill, who have just reached the city, have been touring the interior of British Columbia and making lists of the names of the various towns and places. They are expected to return to the city in a few days.

Grand Aerie.—Says the Winnipeg Free Press of Saturday last: "The Grand Aerie of the United States, which is the largest and most magnificent of its kind in the world, is to be erected in the city of Winnipeg."

An Exploring Trip.—Messrs. Daniel W. and Andrew S. Idings, of Dayton, Ohio, two prominent American publicists and scientists, have left for the north to make an exploring trip to the Yukon. They are expected to return in a few weeks.

The Fruit Industry.—Told at Nelson of the rapid development of the fruit-growing industry. W. R. MacInnes, president of the National Geographical Society, has just returned from a visit to the Yukon. He reports that the fruit-growing industry is making rapid progress.

The Pacific Cable.—The Electrician (London) complains of the peculiar nature of the cable board shown in the report of the Pacific cable conference. It says: "It seems to be taken for granted that the cable board should show a special treatment from colonial governments."

Yukon Telegraphs.—The extent of the telegraph system in the Yukon is being rapidly extended. The Yukon Telegraphs are now being laid out in many places. It is expected that the system will be completed in a few months.

Work on Hotel.—Although only a comparatively small force is at work on the big C. P. Hotel, the progress is being made. The hotel is to be one of the finest in the city. It is expected to be completed in a few months.

Miners Disappointed.—A rumor appears to have got abroad that the Yukon miners are disappointed. The rumor is that the Yukon miners are disappointed because of the low prices for their products. It is expected that the prices will rise in a few months.

Heavy Out Crop.—W. H. Ker of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co. reports that it is probable the out crop of Lulu Island will this year be 50 per cent greater than any previous record. The crop is expected to be a very large one.

Logger Injured.—Suffering from a broken leg, a logger named Stephens was picked up at Alert Bay by the steamer Victoria. Stephens was taken to the hospital and is now recovering. It is expected that he will be able to return to work in a few weeks.

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Painful Accident.—Wm. Haidinger, second mate of the steamer Victoria, was recently the victim of a painful accident. He was struck by a piece of machinery while working on the ship. He is now recovering in the hospital.

Druggists Combine.—T. M. Henderson, of Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, has just returned from a visit to the city. He reports that the druggists are combining to form a joint stock company. It is expected that the company will be formed in a few months.

Re the Lazaretto.—Dr. Pagan, chief of the health department of the provincial government, who left en route for the north, has just returned. He reports that the lazaretto is making good progress. It is expected to be completed in a few months.

A Tidy Mortal.—One of the finest mortals in the world has just arrived in Vancouver. It is a little parcel of land, which is to be used for a public purpose. It is expected to be completed in a few months.

A Lively Town.—It is said a petition is being presented to the government to take cognizance of an extraordinary condition prevailing at the present time in the city. It is expected that the government will take action on the petition.

The Game Laws.—Following are expected to be the game laws for the year 1905. The laws are to be very strict. It is expected that the game laws will be very strict.

First Exhibition.—Sir William Laidlaw, president of the Royal Agricultural Society of Canada, has just returned from a visit to the city. He reports that the first exhibition is making good progress. It is expected to be completed in a few months.

Canners' Problems.—Mainland canners are now debating whether they will support the new tariff on canned goods. The tariff is to be very high. It is expected that the canners will support the tariff.

Inspecting Inlet.—Asked as to the objective points of his party's northern expedition, Mr. S. B. Idings, of the Yukon, has just returned. He reports that the expedition is making good progress. It is expected to be completed in a few months.

Yukon River Falling.—The Yukon river is falling rapidly. The water is very low. It is expected that the river will continue to fall. It is expected that the river will continue to fall.

Invited to Australia.—J. S. Larke, agent at Australia, in a statement made to the press, has just returned. He reports that he has been invited to Australia. It is expected that he will go to Australia in a few months.

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Pacific Coast Happenings

Extensive Fire in Portland Does \$150,000 Worth of Damage.

Federal Irrigation Scheme May Result in Trouble at Yakima.

Portland, Aug. 22.—(Special)—A disastrous fire, having its start in a restaurant on the east side of East Stark street, in East Portland, did about \$150,000 worth of damage early this morning. The blaze destroyed a large number of shops and some of the old-time business blocks of Portland. The burned district comprises about four blocks of that section of the city, built up on a hill, and a number of the city streets were destroyed by the flames. The insurance will cover one half of the loss.

The resolution proposed yesterday by some of the old-time business men of Portland, that the city should be divided into irrigation districts, was today overridden by the sense of the city council. The city council has decided to continue to support the federal irrigation scheme. It is expected that the federal irrigation scheme will be completed in a few months.

The Anacortes Pack. Bellingham, Aug. 22.—(Special)—A Herald reporter in Anacortes today says the official figures on the sockeye fish pack for the year 1905 are \$1,435,967.30. The pack is placed at over \$1,750,000. The pack is the largest ever. It is expected that the pack will be worth over \$10,000,000.

The Canadian Parliamentary Guide, published by A. J. Macgill, Ottawa, now ready. This is the successor of the well-known Parliamentary Companion, but has grown considerably, having now 1,000 pages. It is expected that the guide will be very useful.

The death occurred on Tuesday evening at the family residence, Nainimo, of Lucia D. G. Daly, aged 19 years and 11 months. Deceased was born in Manitoba and was the daughter of Mrs. D. G. Daly, aged 19 years and 11 months. Deceased was in good health and one of the loveliest and most accomplished young women in the city. She was a member of the Victoria Y. W. C. A. and was very popular.

reason that the treaty and the Extradition Act following it declared that the facts must constitute an offence under the laws of the United States. In England the materiality of the false allegation would not be measured by our laws, but by foreign laws. Precisely what the words had declared should not be. The case was remanded until Friday morning, owing to his lordship being required to go to Vancouver today.

A despatch to the Vancouver World from a special correspondent in Victoria says: "A new and sensational element has presented itself in the case, an allegation to the effect that if he would pay in full the expenses and disbursements incurred to date by the prosecution in the case, the defendant would be allowed to return to his home in California. All further proceedings in the case are said to have been rejected these proposals, which came from one of the San Francisco law firms in furtherance of the state's case."

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The Canadian Law Test. The Canadian Law Test is a new test for the admission of students to the law. It is expected that the test will be very useful. It is expected that the test will be very useful.

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CLEARING LAND WITH ENGINES

Evidence of Those Who Have Done the Work and of Those Who Paid the Piper. Written Especially for the Colonist by H. F. Pullen.

After spending a day in Bellingham making enquiries about the new system of stumping the land, your representative decided to take the Great Northern south-bound train to the country around Burlington, Skeguit county. Big piles of stumps had been seen from the train in that direction, so even if the actual working was not in view, there seemed some chance of getting much of the required information.

The first farm visited was that of Messrs. Johnson and Oleson at Belleville. Early last spring these men engaged W. A. Dawson's outfit at the rate of \$1.50 a day for the machine and two men. They worked for twelve and a half days, clearing eight acres. This land had been logged off a number of years before and was mostly cedar, but there was a smattering of fir. Some of the logs showed how stubbornly some of the big fellows had resisted. One

side of the pile. The ground covered by the pile measured twenty-four yards across the centre. The land here was a rather heavy sandy clay. Mr. Thurman said there were many fallen logs between the stumps, but the field had been used for pasture for some time. He thought it would cost more if the stumps were green.

J. Littlefield had about twenty acres cleared last winter, and his experience was much the same as his neighbors. He thought it was worse stumping land that had been logged off a long time because the roots were apt to break necessitating for many pulls to get them out. Eight acres of the land was partly cleared before, and this was finished up in a day and a half by one going into the business, he thought it should be done as far as possible from a donkey with a haul-back drum in order to do the best work. The piles should be low to dry all summer, and then in the fall when they were burnt there would be nothing left. Mr. Littlefield had a stumping machine for horse power, but he prefers paying for the engine being used for ordinary work. The advantage of the engine being particularly in the piling.

Working for Mr. Littlefield was a logger, Charles Thorn, who worked for a number of years at Chemainus. He helped get the stumps of Mr. Littlefield's land, and he says the stumps much resembled those on Vancouver Island, except that he thought at the place there was more red fir and less cedar. He was sure the machine would do the work required on Vancouver Island as well as in Washington. The only other land-owner interviewed was William Kahle of Everett, a small town on the Bellingham Bay and B. C. railway, just a few miles from the boundary line. Mr. Kahle had a contract for \$35 an acre to clear David Erb to clear everything from the farm, so he hired Dawson's outfit to stump it, but could not get it done for that price. About half of the land cleared this spring had a fair crop of barley growing on it when seen.

The total quantity of powder used was, as summarized by Mr. Johnson, was: Machine and two men at \$12.00... \$120.00 Stumpy powder at \$2.00 per 100 lbs... 200.00 Two men 12 1/2 days at \$2.00... 250.00 Total... \$570.00 Cost per acre... \$27.75

The land when finished was not quite clear of small loose pieces of roots and logs. Mr. Johnson estimated it was worth nearly \$10 an acre to get it ready for the plow. A near neighbor of Messrs. Johnson and Oleson is a German, A. Yonke, who lives on a rented farm. He was under contract to clear part of the farm, so he hired Dawson's outfit at \$13 a day, including line horse. The stumps were so numerous that it was impossible to drive a team between them, yet they cleared an acre a day apparently by the use of a machine employed five men besides the two that worked with the outfit. They used a small quantity of powder on the big stumps. This land was logged off several years ago and had been burnt over. There was fir, cedar, and spruce with cedar predominating. From Mr. Yonke's account the clearing of this land cost well within \$25 an acre.

William Clarke, a blacksmith at Burlington, said that his son owned a donkey engine and appliances for clearing stumps. His engine was a sixty horse-power Westinghouse, and smaller engines but they needed to use more powder. He thought no one should go into the business unless he was a logger or employed a logger to superintend the work. An inexperienced person would be almost sure to fail. They were not stumping now, as the farmers were busy with their crops. Last winter they cleared twenty acres in twenty-three days and three hours with five men, a donkey engine and a horse.

My Thurman, of Belleville, employed Dawson's outfit at \$12.50 a day to clear ten acres. He paid Dawson about \$150 for the job, and employed four other men at \$2 a day. This was counting wages for himself and son. His engine was plenty strong and was used on this job. Your representative was not sure that any stumping had been burnt. There were very few burnt logs and stumps near the out-

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cleared thirty acres for Tom Kane, for which he was paid \$400. He did not know how much powder was used. The man had been paying \$105 an acre before. This year it was all in grain. There was a lot of big firs on the land, many of the stumps being five to seven feet through.

In connection with the work done for Yonke, he said that the last three days they cleared six acres. It was mixed fir, cedar and spruce. This was unusually fast clearing, and one could not depend on doing anything like that on an average.

Mr. Dawson considered that he had been more successful than many. He was an old logger and understood what he was doing. It was not any use for an inexperienced person to get an outfit for it could be a continual expense and there would be little work done.

His outfit consists of: 700 feet 1/2 in. cable, worth 1/2 c. \$110.00 4 guy wires 1/2 in. each 1/2 in. 60.00 2 swamp books at \$3.00 each 60.00 2 Chokers worth 1/2 each 20.00 Also engine and return cable, totaling about \$1,800.

He thought it best to put about eight or ten acres in the outfit, although it was quite possible to put twenty or more acres in the outfit, but it is an upright about sixty feet high with four guy ropes. If they got against a very heavy stump, they used a block, but not more than one, as they broke their chokers if they put on too much power. He thought it better to use more power because the stumps burnt easier when they were split. It would not be a great advantage to use more powerful outfit, but the engine might be cleared higher. Anybody wishing to communicate with Mr. Dawson should address: Route 1, F. R. D., Mount Vernon, Wash. In fact all the people in the districts visited felt their mail by the rural delivery from Mount Vernon.

From what I saw and heard during the few days I was in Washington State, and allowing for a natural disposition to exaggerate any new thing, I believe that a large sized tractor could be easily cleared down to a price for \$25 an acre, and allowing for the extra percentage of fir on the land, there should be cleared and give a good profit to the contractor at \$35 an acre. Small lots may cost more, but where there is not much moving in average timber, \$35 should be a fair price.

Many persons in Bellingham, including F. C. Teck, of the Chamber of Commerce, and C. C. Hivat, of the B. & C. Land Department, were very much interested in the question of clearing land, the former stating that it was just the information they needed in connection with their work. They realized that it meant a great deal not only to the farmers, but also to the hauling business. The land cleared and settled with prosperous people, who would have money to spend.

The writer would like to add that he will be very pleased to answer any questions that may be asked of him as to his ability, and if anything has not been made quite clear to anyone who writes to him, he will be pleased to write a personal letter or give an interview to anyone who will call on him.

Oldest Legislator In World Dead. Passing of Senator Wark at Remarkable Age One Hundred and One Years.

Sketch of His Busy Career—Had Relatives in This Province.

The death occurred yesterday, at his home in Fredericton, N. B., of Senator David Wark, aged 101 years. He was the oldest legislator in the world. The immediate cause of death was complications due to a cold caught last fall.

Relatives of deceased figured largely in the development of this province in the early days. The late John Henry Wark, who was a brother of deceased, though he spelled his name differently, was factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, and what is now known as the "Wark estate" was so named because of his interest in that property.

John Wark of Victoria is a nephew of the aged Senator who has just passed away, and Henry Wark, residing on the Fraser River, was similarly related.

Hon. David Wark was born near Londonderry, Ireland, on February 19th, 1804, and educated in the ordinary parish schools. In 1825 he came to New Brunswick to seek his fortune. The whole population of the province was then less than 100,000 souls. Senator Wark, in telling of his life, relates that when he came to this province there was little to be done at clerking, so he readily took up work at shipbuilding. After a time he got employment as a trader's books, then he taught school. This was at what is now Moncton, but which was then known as "Bend" of the Petitcodiac river. An earnest Presbyterian, he found his chief occupation at Moncton, and soon removed

to Richibucto, where there was one. He opened a school and for some time taught the young idea of the place all the English branches and also navigation, mensuration, trigonometry, etc., in request as studies for boys. But this was hard work for one teacher among children of all ages and conditions. Mr. Wark abandoned it and entered upon mercantile life, in which for thirty years he was engaged. He also gave great attention to agricultural work, and in time became one of the most eminent and successful farmers of Kent county, N. B., his colleagues being the late Judge Weldon, of St. John. As a legislator Mr. Wark soon made considerable impression upon the house and the province. He was a prudent, judicious, moderate in expression of opinion, and well informed upon many of the matters which affected the welfare of the people.

After some years in the house he was appointed to the legislative council in 1851 and he occupied a seat in that body until he was called to the senate in 1858 and 1862 he was in the executive council. He was called to the senate in 1858 and 1862 he was in the executive council. He was called to the senate in 1858 and 1862 he was in the executive council.

As early as 1847 he promoted legislation in the provincial legislature favoring reclamation of the St. John estuaries, which had at least a partial influence, which was desired, and he was called to the senate in 1858 and 1862 he was in the executive council. He was called to the senate in 1858 and 1862 he was in the executive council.

The men who were in public life in New Brunswick when Mr. Wark entered the legislature in 1842 were all disappeared from the scene. Of the senators who were called to the senate in 1858 and

