

Sittings Are Suspended

Tax Commission Complete Work for the Present and Adjourns

A Deputation From Vancouver Present Their Views on Taxation.

Witness Takes Umbrage at Remark of Minister and Withdraws.

THE commission to enquire into the operation of the assessment act concluded its sessions yesterday. At least there were no other witnesses in sight at the time of adjournment last evening, and no further open meetings will be held unless intimation reaches the chairman of the commission's desire to be heard. It was agreed that the commission should adjourn upon call of the chairman in order to prevent any possible doubt as to their desire to give everybody desiring to do so, to state their views. Should there be no further evidence offered, the commission will meet in about a fortnight, when the typewritten report of the evidence is expected to be ready, preparatory to framing their report.

The sessions yesterday were taken up by a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade in the forenoon, and by Col. Falk-Warren, Mr. Beaumont, representing certain small land owners, in the afternoon. The Vancouver deputation consisted of Alexander, John Hendry, Wm. McCraney, W. J. McMillan, H. C. Store and A. B. Erskine.

MORNING SESSION. The chairman explained the regret felt by the commission at being unable to meet in Vancouver, but pointed out that if they had made a number of meetings from place to place, other centers would have desired visits also. Another reason for not leaving Victoria was that all the documents were there.

R. Alexander, speaking for the delegates, read a resolution adopted by the Board of Trade, which set forth that taxation bore unequally. The resolutions held that the plants of manufacturers should be assessed at only half that of stores. Mr. Alexander also explained a difficulty in regard to the assessment of machinery. Under present circumstances machines which were really movable and portable were assessed as real estate, whereas they were actually personal property. It was suggested that they be subject to dual taxation by the city and by the province. He did not think the personal property tax could be equitably levied. Another objection to the act in this relation was that it taxed not only the manufactured article but the machinery used in its production.

He thought there should be some exemption in the case of machinery. He did not think that large manufacturing concerns, employing hundreds of men, should be placed on a par as regards the principle to taxing their means of production with a small business. He thought the only way to collect fairly was to assess the value of the machinery at not more than an extent the lumber industry contributed to the revenue. In the last fiscal year they were \$4,000, including royalty. In royalty they paid \$22,305.20. The rents of the lands from which this timber was produced amounted to \$22,000. Their personal property tax was \$28,026. The total amount collected amounted to nearly 1 1/2 per cent. In some cases also the government had to make out of the profit of that lumber \$155 per diem for the government before they were anything to pay anybody else. This amounted to about 65 cents per thousand feet, board measure, which the government was getting out of every thousand feet of timber produced. Taking the average price of the lumber and taking off the cost of production left a difference of about \$2 per thousand as the margin of gross profit. Deducting the 65 cents which went to the government their net amount was about \$135. The government was getting about 3 1/2 per cent. of the whole of their profit.

Mr. Cotton: Of course you are considering everything, the tax on your property, and the royalty on your timber limits. It is not all taxation. The government gets a royalty on your timber estate in consideration of a small charge on the quantity cut.

Mr. Alexander admitted this to be true. He said he was not aware of the amount of the royalties other industries had shown what they contributed as a ground for consideration at the hands of the commission. He thought the lumber industry might do so with equal consistency.

Mr. Alexander thought that took debts should be considered. At the present time they were taxing the whole of a man's stock exclusive of the debts owed upon it.

Mr. Cotton said he did not see the difference between a man having a book debt or cash or a note. He had certain tangible property.

Mr. Alexander argued that in a case where A had sold to B and B had sold to C and each owed the other for the property, the book debt would be cleared three times over for the same thing.

Mr. Cotton: How would it be if the cash had passed between the parties? Mr. Alexander said there was a feeling with some that the assessment itself was wrong. It had been suggested that some parties made proper returns while others did not, therefore, that some had to bear a heavier share of the burden of taxation than others.

He suggested a system as in vogue in Washington, where they had a board of equalization which revised the assessment rolls after the assessor had done his work. It was not until the assessment rolls were open to public inspection, and not until the assessor had done his work, that the board of equalization would see whether his neighbor was taxed as fairly as himself.

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Wondering At The Surrender

Latest News Increases Wonder at Abrupt Termination of Siege.

Correspondent Gives Theatrical Account of Commanders' Last Meeting.

Paroled Russian Officers Condemn Government for Entering on War.

London, Jan. 17.—The latest news as to the condition of Port Arthur when it surrendered to the Japanese is causing much discussion as to General Stoessel's reason for capitulating. Criticism, however, is generally lenient, there being a strong feeling that the general's noble's tribute to General Stoessel's courageous defence as much in his favor as the inclination to credit General Stoessel with the knowledge that the morale of his garrison was shattered.

The Daily Telegraph's Kobe correspondent gives a somewhat dramatic account of the final meeting between the general at Port Arthur prior to the surrender, which account was obtained from Russian generals at Nagasaki. According to this account twelve generals assembled at General Stoessel's house. Asked the reason for the meeting, General Stoessel, bursting into tears, explained they formerly being allowed to depart, and, having paid a tribute to the general, General Stoessel abruptly exclaimed: "Well, gentlemen, I presume we will fight till the end and the end will be the same."

The discussion which ensued showed that the only alternatives were prompt surrender or speedy annihilation. The general, who was killed, and the Emperor's health was suffering. Meanwhile the artillery thundered outside, and as several shells burst in the vicinity, General Stoessel ordered the removal of the Emperor's photograph, the sole adornment of the bare walls, remarking: "It is not right that His Majesty should witness such proceedings."

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Alexieff Branded as a Coward and Blamed for Poor Fortifications.

All are Revolutionists Who Return from Port Arthur to Russia.

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Russia Seizes Kashgar

London, Jan. 18.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that the Chinese government complains that Russians have occupied Kashgar, the governor of which has appealed to the Chinese foreign board to open negotiations for the withdrawal of the Russians. Kashgar is the most western city in Eastern Turkestan, and has a population of 50,000.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that Russia has threatened to invade North China and Chinese Turkestan, and has threatened to discriminate against Russian contraband in favor of Japanese.

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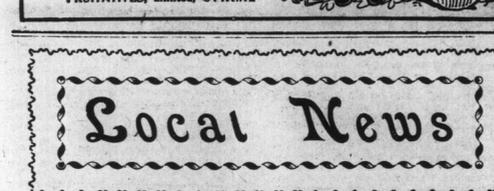
Constipation

Fruit is nature's laxative. Plenty of fruit will prevent Constipation, but won't cure it! Why? Because the laxative principles of fruit are held in peculiar combination and are very mild.

Elit

or Fruit Liver Tablets

are made. He used fruit juices, but by combining them in a peculiar way, their action on the liver, kidneys, stomach and skin is increased many times.



Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Visit Lazaretto Today—The lazaretto at Darcy Island, which has been taken over by the local government, will be inspected by Dr. Fagan, provincial health officer, today.

Record of Voting—The number of votes cast in the recent municipal elections was considerably less than the total last year, as the following comparison will show.

Engineers' Examinations—The quarterly examination for engineers, which was in progress all last week at the government buildings, will close tomorrow.

The Collectorship—A very great amount of discussion occurred yesterday amongst the business community over the announcement that ex-Mayor A. J. McCandless will be the choice for the collectorship in succession to the late A. R. Milne.

B. C. Fruit Excelled—The Oregon Horticultural Society held its most interesting annual sessions at Portland last week and incidentally provided an excellent fruit show.

Installation at Dunsmuir—At Dunsmuir on Saturday, Temple lodge, No. 33, A. F. and A. M., assisted by brethren from Victoria, installed the following officers:

Sanich Arm Mines—William Lorimer returned on Sunday from a visit of inspection to the Sanich Arm quartz mines, where work is proceeding in so satisfactory a fashion that it is written in the company operating the property holding the most optimistic views.

If You Would Be Well You Must Keep Your Kidneys Well.

Doan's Kidney Pills Are for this purpose only.

Have you suspected your kidneys as the cause of your trouble? If you have backache, swelling of the feet and ankles, frequent or suppressed urine, painful generation when urinating, specks floating before the eyes, great thirst, brick-dust deposit in the urine, or anything wrong with the urinary organs, then your kidneys are affected.

case of Mr. Mesher he is thousands higher than the lowest tender made by Smith & Sherburne are also above the figure of the lowest to such an extent as to practically put them out of business, as getting the big job is concerned.

Larry for Lodgings—The most distinguished guest at the Hotel Allen, otherwise known as the Skokholm, last evening, was one Lawrence Moorey, whose dalliance with the long list of madame's names is well known.

Bank Clearances—The clearings of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending yesterday amounted to \$865,033.

Victoria-Angeles Ferry—The project to establish a ferry service between Victoria and Port Angeles, B.C., has advanced beyond its initial stages.

Increased Production—In reference to the increased mineral product of the province during the last year, an error crept in regard to the production of lead.

Stock License Transfer—A number of men who have held hotel and liquor licenses at Esquimalt, now that their business has been practically ruined by the heavy drawback on spirits, are transferring their licenses within the confines of the city.

A Gold Brick Yarn—R. H. Johnston, the well-known local sea merchant, has received a false philatelic certificate of a gold brick artist in far-off Barcelona, Spain.

Glad Snow is Gone—Local tramway officials are particularly pleased that the unwelcome snow has made its departure for the ensuing year.

Gordon Head Concert—On Thursday, the 20th inst., a Burns' concert will be given by the residents of Gordon Head in the new hall.

Shipwrights Name Officers—The local association of shipwrights, at their annual meeting just held, elected officers for the ensuing year.

Domestic Exhibition—General dissatisfaction was felt and expressed yesterday because of the announcement in Colonial despatches from Ottawa that no grant would be made for the Dominion exhibition in British Columbia.

Good Business Scheme—It doesn't take Victorians long to catch on to good schemes for promoting the popularity of their business.

Passed Worthless Cheques—Charles Young, a piano player, who claims to be an anti-social character, has had not been working at it—was in the police court yesterday sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

To Attend Commission—Quite a representative deputation from Vancouver came over on the Princess Victoria last night to attend the commission to enquire into the operation of the Assessment Act.

Port Simpson Property—A gentleman owning 45 acres of Port Simpson town-site property yesterday received a very flattering offer for the same.

Victorians' Treat—A recent issue of a London daily, the Morning Leader, tells as follows of an entertainment to London ragged children to which Victorians contributed.

The Hotel Contract—F. M. Rattenbury, architect for the C. P. R. hotel in this city, returned from Vancouver at the opening of the various tenders for the building on James Bay flats.

Along the Waterfront

Appropriations for Steamship Subsidies, Wireless Stations and Harbor Improvement.

Kanagawa Maru Goes to Japan—W. H. Smith Arrives to Load Lumber.

(From Thursday's Daily.) In the estimates put forward by the Government for the current year, there is interest in marine matters, other than the subsidy of \$50,000 for improved steamship services to the Antipodes.

The schooner Wilbert L. Smith arrived yesterday from Seattle and proceeded to Vancouver to load 12,000 feet of lumber at the Hastings mills for Osaka, Japan.

COMING TO ESQUIMALT. German Ship Neck Will Come to the Local Wharves in a Few Days.

The German ship Neck, which was in collision with the British ship Ancona, will come to Esquimalt shortly to be hauled out on the marine ways to be surveyed.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA'S Kanagawa Maru sailed for Yokohama, Kobe and other Japanese ports yesterday.

OLYMPIA COALING. Passed Out to Omox Yesterday to Load Bunker Coal.

Steamer Olympia, which is to carry a cargo of oats shipped at Portland to the Orient, which will be the last of the kind to be for one of the belligerent nations in the far east, passed up yesterday to load bunker coal at Omox for her voyage.

IN REFERENCE to her voyage as Astoria despatch says: The Olympia, like the Tacoma, which belongs to the same company, and which recently sailed from Seattle with beef for the Orient, is understood to have received \$15 per ton for carrying supplies.

HONORS FOR HARLAN I. SMITH—Harlan I. Smith, who has been elected as having devoted the past eight years to the exploration and research of the archaeology of the Columbia basin, was elected a corresponding member of the Anthropological Society of Washington.

THE FAST TRIPS. Empress Liners Still Hold the Blue Ribbon of the Pacific.

THE coming of the big steamship Minnesota has awakened a great deal of interest in the Pacific coast.

According to Mr. Calder, the fastest time that was ever made across the Pacific, was made by the Empress of Japan, in 1892.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linsed Turpentine

It can be depended on a cold passing off of its own accord, it would be all very well to let it run its course.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linsed Turpentine is best known on account of its extraordinary control over coughs, colds, whooping cough, asthma and severe chest colds.

As a means of overcoming ordinary coughs and colds, throat irritation and the many diseases of the throat, bronchial tubes and lungs, it has made an enviable reputation for its reliability.

Enforce Sunday Closing Law

Saloon Keepers Notified Yesterday That They Must Strictly Obey the Act.

Next Sabbath All Houses of Refreshment Will Have Their Doors Closed Tight.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The city clerk yesterday notified by one of Chief Langley's staff that the Sunday Closing Law is to be enforced to the strict limit.

Within recent years no attempt has been made to strictly enforce the law and for that reason there have been few convictions.

INDIGESTION AND HEADACHE. Mr. Duncan McPherson, Content, Alta., writes: "I was for many years troubled with indigestion and headache."

A FEW STATISTICS. A few figures, we may say, are rehashed now and then by those who are unacquainted with the facts.

UNDER INDIAN SECRETARY. London, Jan. 18.—The Marquis of Bath has been appointed Under Secretary for India, replacing the late Earl of Hardwicke.

ALASKA S.S. CO. Will Add Another Vessel to Fleet.

The Alaska Steamship Company will add another large steamer to its northern fleet. It was announced at the local offices of the company that a new steamer, the Alaska, was being prepared for a vessel to coast in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS at the Island Coaling Port.

Steamer Queen City went to Ladysmith yesterday to land 60 tons of ore for the Tree smelter from the West Coast, and after coaling she returned to Victoria.

STEAMER SELLER arrived at Ladysmith yesterday, coaled and left during the afternoon.

THE ANNE took on coal yesterday and left for the Capital about noon.

THE STEAMER TITANIA completes her cargo on Tuesday and leaves for San Francisco today.

THE STEAMER SILVER DOLLAR is due at Ladysmith for a cargo of coal for the Tree smelter.

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Improvement On Ontario Machine

Denver Democrats' Compendious Method Beats Ross' Bogus Ballot Boxes.

One Patriot Registered His Preference Forty Times at for \$1. Each.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 18.—The general assembly appointed to hear the contest of James H. Peabody for the seat of Governor Alva Adams, today held its first open session and took testimony from two witnesses.

HARRY C. RIDGLE, minority member of the Denver election commission, testified that registration books were withheld by the county clerk from Republican judges, that the clerk had instructions from the majority of the commission to give the books to the Democratic judges and meetings of the commissioners were held without his knowledge.

WITNESS said that last May the registration list, rechecked and compared, showed the names of 8,000 persons dead, non-resident or ineligible.

JOSEPH TOTTER, a writer, testified that on election day he voted at least forty times. He said he had received five \$4 days' searching only thirteen names were stricken off.

WITNESS said that at some polling places he voted four times, and at others so often that he had no recollection of the number.

THE largest was with Great Britain, which was the considerable sum of \$1,358,850, a decrease of over \$10,000,000 from the previous year.

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Admiral Palliser Sought Cocos Gold

Former Commander of Esquimault Fleet at Head of Fitzwilliam Party.

Third Attempt of Retired Naval Officer to Recover Elusive Millions.

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It is further stated in the same issue of the Esquimault fleet who interested the adventurous British lords in the project of recovering the treasure of Cocos Island. The tale goes back to an expedition dispatched to the island in the South Pacific by a number of Victorian sea-captains, and the search for the treasure was continued by the Esquimault fleet.

On board the Aurora when she landed at Spratt's wharf on an August day, one of the treasure-hunters, a man of Connecticut, who had been found digging for the treasure on the island when the Aurora arrived. He was one Charles Hartford, who had been found digging for the treasure on the island when the Aurora arrived.

On the return to Esquimault it is understood that the treasure-hunters, who believed he had found the location of the buried millions of the Mary Dea's loot, had been found by the Esquimault expedition to Cocos Island.

Barl Fitzwilliam's party also used a yacht, and when the Panama's officers saw her, they were ordered to follow her. On board the Veronique were fourteen passengers, all members of a syndicate formed in England by Henry M. Lezer, Rear-Admiral Palliser, former commander of the Esquimault fleet, and a rear-admiral in the British navy, and a rear-admiral in the British navy, and a rear-admiral in the British navy.

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Wreckage Found On Island Coast

Bowspire and Part of Mast With Rigging Found Washed Ashore.

Steamer Kootenay Is Said to a Nanaimo Man - Kanagawa Maru Sails.

The trend of tide and current in the North Pacific ocean has made Vancouver Island a veritable graveyard of ships; many a disaster has occurred on all the rocky shores of the island and not all have been known to the world. During the winter months wreckage has often been found, indicating that some ship has met disaster, but the mystery of her fate is never solved. This seems to have again been the case, for with the mast and rigging from the island coast, it is believed that the Kootenay has been wrecked.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The Chamber of Deputies adjourned, subject to the recall of the president, probably until the formation of the new ministry. M. Laurier has written an associate that if he is called upon to form a ministry he will not accept any condition, but will adopt his own policy.

AFTER TWO SCORE YEARS ABSENCE

Hon. C. Wilson Revisits London Chamberlain's Plan Invites Approval.

Hon. Charles Wilson, attorney-general, is back in his department at the government buildings after a visit to London. He is back to his department at the government buildings after a visit to London. He is back to his department at the government buildings after a visit to London.

RUSSIAN LABOR TROUBLES.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—The manager of the Putilloff iron works, the 12,000 employees of which are on strike, posted a notice tonight summoning the men to return to work, and promising that those who return will be paid the wages they were entitled to. The manager consents to an inquiry into the cases of the men who have already been dismissed, which will be held by a committee of representatives of the workers and directors of the works.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AND THE STRIKERS

Germany's Ruler Intervenes in the Coal Miner's Troubles.

Essen, Germany, Jan. 16.—The coal strike will probably be settled by the emperor's intervention. The emperor's intervention is expected to settle the coal strike.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

Washington, Jan. 17.—In the hearing on the Cooper-Quarles bill before the committee on commerce today, a report from the New York board of trade and transportation was presented in opposition. The report was directed against private car lines as the most efficient in the transportation problem and suggested a trial experiment in both the coastwise and express to investigate the whole subject during the recess and report to the next congress.

Firemen Successful

Chicago, Jan. 17.—After 48 hours of continuous fighting, the fire in the storage warehouse at 28th St. and Wabash, owned by the Union stockyards, was under control shortly before midnight. The contents of the big warehouse are believed to have been completely destroyed. The entire loss is estimated at \$400,000.

CAMPAIN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The house committee on the election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress gave a hearing today on bills introduced by representative W. Bourke Cockran (New York), one providing for publicity of contributions to campaign funds in presidential elections and the other for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into and ascertain the amounts of money expended by both political parties at all presidential elections from 1892 to 1904.

THE POLTALOOCH

Has Shipped Crew at Esquimault Port Townsend Notwithstanding.

Many of the British ships which come to British Columbia ports to load cargo contracts made in England with their owners, and the crews of the ships, the sailors' boarding house in Victoria, and the crew cannot be paid in British Columbia ports. The government has taken steps to prevent this, and the crew of the Poltalooch, a British ship, was shipped at Esquimault port.

GOES TO NANAIMO.

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STILL SEARCHING.

Steamer Maude is Seeking Yet for Minneota's Anchor and Chain.

The steamer Maude, of the B. C. Salvage Association, is still searching for the anchor and chain of the Minneota, which was lost in the straits of Juan de Fuca.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Unatilla Reaches Port—Queen Has a Rough Trip South.

Steamer Unatilla reached port yesterday from San Francisco with a light complement of passengers, after a rough but uneventful voyage.

KANAGAWA MARU.

Japanese Liner Will Sail This Afternoon for the Orient.

Steamer Kanagawa Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is to sail today for the Orient. It is not certain whether the ship will be carrying a large cargo of goods, but it is expected to carry a large cargo of goods.

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP.

It is a pleasant, safe, and effective medicine that may be confidently relied upon.

Stop and consider that neglected coughs and colds, if not cured immediately, are followed by Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Catarrh, and Consumption. Better cure your cold now with a few doses of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Sittings Are Suspended

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Ruin Inside The Russian Lines

Eye Witness Describes Fearful Havoc Wrought by 11 Inch Shells.

Emplacements Converted Into Heaps of Debris and Hill Crests Blown Away.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 9, via Tientsin.—When the Kwangtung peninsula was besieged by the second Japanese force, the entire Russian force in the military district of Port Arthur, which included Port Arthur and Dalny, which included Port Arthur and Dalny, which included Port Arthur and Dalny.

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Cossacks At Communism

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Wanted

Seeds of Douglas Fir and Native Cedar

Directions on how to secure this seed on application, M. J. Henry, Henry's Nursery, Vancouver.

EMPIRE CREAM SEPARATOR

The Separator that always keeps ahead of the procession. It turns out more cream, and is more economical. It is the best separator in the world.

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Agents. 53 Wharf St., Victoria.

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Cossacks and Communications

What Russian Raiders are Doing Along Japanese Line of Supply.

Something About the Transport Service and New Railways of Japanese.

The Cossack has at last made his appearance, and it remains to be seen what effect his coming will have on the conduct of the war by the Japanese in Manchuria.

The coming of the raiding bands will greatly hamper the Japanese operations, which heretofore has been entirely free from any such hindrance.

In the early stages of the war, until after Liaoyang was occupied, all the railroads were in the hands of the Japanese.

By cutting the railway in places, and the associated lines, the Russian cavalry has done great work for Kuropatkin.

While the raids along the line of communications in the valley of the Liao river will have some dramatic effect on the transport and movement in that direction.

General News

John Houston Presented With a Purse of Gold by His Admirers at Nelson.

John Houston, mayor and member of the legislative assembly, was presented last evening with a purse containing \$500 in gold.

East Kootenay practically considered a variety of mineral fields known to exist in North America.

The numerous friends of James Petrie of this city will be pleased to hear of his appointment to the position of master mechanic of the Le Roi mine.

Upon his return to Victoria after completing his review of the coal fields of Columbia in 1904, published on the 1st instant in the Nelson Daily News.

Ymir, Jan. 18.—Patrols bonded the Queen and Kootenay Belle mines at Salmo.

The Cariboo mine at Camp McKinley is said to be likely to resume operations in March.

Outlook for East Kootenay

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When an expert on cloth looks at it he traces it back to a flock of sheep, grazing in some of the high mountain pastures.

And, while each phase of stock raising should interest the public, the most thorough consideration should be given to the selection of the sheep.

And still another new industry has been established on Vancouver Island, which promises to attain large dimensions.

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First Schooner

Casco Sails to Hunt Fur-bearing Seals in North Pacific Ocean.

The first sealing schooner of the Victoria fleet to go to sea passed on Sunday, when the Casco, Captain W. Munro, put to sea with a full crew of whale hunters.

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The British ship Penthesilea, which has been awaiting charter at Esquimalt, has been taken up by R. P. Rihet & Co.

Steamer Amur has returned from Skagway, after an uneventful passage.

British Service Paper Advises Admiralty to Go Slow.

Better Terms

For Provinces

Laurier Government Credited With Intention to Readjust Contributions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Probably one of the most important questions which will come before parliament this session, and to which there is no allusion in the speech from the throne, is that relating to the readjustment of the financial relations between the Dominion and the provinces.

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Japanese Agents

Looking For Ships

Supplies For the Fighting Men Being Bought on Pacific Coast.

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Trades And Labor Council Active

Victoria Unionists Oppose the Suggested Two Close Season for Salmon.

Officers of Council Elected for Current Year - Satisfactory Finances.

The regular meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council was held in Labor hall last evening, President Caldwell in the chair. The following gentlemen presented credentials as delegates from their respective unions: Painters' Local, No. 5: Richard Ryan, Edward Gilligan, Frank Hennecke, Cl...

German Strike More Serious

Idle Mine Workers Receive Great Accessions to Their Numbers.

Fear That Struggle Will Be a Long and Bitter One.

Essen, Germany, Jan. 18.—The situation in the coal mining district is becoming more serious daily. The number of strikers officially reported is 185,000, and the government necessities can do nothing.

HOUSE WEDDINGS

News notes of The Dominion

Shortorn Breeders Association Protest Against Government's Restrictions.

St. John Board of Trade Favor Preference With a Proviso. Montreal, Jan. 18.—Giacomini, the Italian, who is to be hanged Friday morning, declares to his spiritual advisers that he is quite ready for the end.

RAIDING THE GAMBLERS.

Are Their Own Underwriters Lumbermen and Mill Owners Have Launched An Interesting Scheme.

Sold to Be in Rebellion Against Domination of Insurance Companies.

From a local lumber dealer yesterday a contradictory statement was received respecting the rumors which have been afloat for some time past respecting the movement alleged to be on foot respecting the formation of a combine among millowners to insure their plants and properties in a separate fashion—outside of the regular insurance companies.

TRYING TO INVOLVE FRANCE AND CHINA

Russia Protests Against the Alleged Violation of China's Neutrality.

Ontario Elections

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Nominations for the provincial legislature are taking place throughout the province today. In the four Toronto constituencies, besides regular party nominees, Socialist candidates have been nominated in each.

NERVOUS DEPOSITORS AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

Start Run on a Solid Buffalo Bank But Without Any Result.

STOP BULL FIGHTING.

Buffalo, Jan. 17.—A run was started today on the Citizens Bank, due according to President Joseph Black, to the sending out of anonymous letters stating that depositors would serve their interests by withdrawing their deposits, and possibly to the withdrawal of large sums of money by brewers.

RESTLESS ORIENT

Rev. Ewing Speaks of Inter-esting Phases of Life in Far East at Y. M. C. A.

PREPARATIONS IN HAND.

Central Committee Busy With Preliminaries for Visit of A. I. of M. E. The central committee to arrange for the visit of Arthur Bruce, president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and to co-operate with the secretary of that important organization, R. W. Raymond, Ph. D., New York, and his assistant, Mr. Theodore Dwight, with respect to the proposed meeting in this city, has been busy for some time.

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EARLY DISSOLUTION OF IMPERIAL HOUSE

South African Coolie Question Said to Have Embarrassed Government.

NO CANDIDATES OFFERED.

And Therefore No Qualifying Examination for Rhodes Scholarships Held.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE HOLDING OF A QUALIFYING EXAMINATION FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HERE TUESDAY AND YESTERDAY.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WERE INSTRICTED TO DRAW UP A SET OF RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING THE SCHEME OF HAVING A TWO-YEAR CLOSE SEASON FOR SALMON, AND COPIES OF THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA MEMBERS OF BOTH PARLIAMENTS.

JAPANESE LOVER WAS TOO ARDENT

Conceived a Passion for a Tacoma Lady and Was Shipped to Japan.

AMONG THE PASSENGERS WHO WILL SAIL FOR JAPAN ON THE STEAMER KANGAWA MARU IS UTAKA ISHII, A JAPANESE, WHO HAS BEEN CONFINED IN THE COUNTY JAIL AT TACOMA FOR A MONTH.

THE "ALL-RED ROUTE."

Canadian Wins Race Around World by Using It.

THE EFFICIENCY OF THE CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP LINE AND OF THE CANADIAN RAILWAYS AND THEIR ADVANTAGES OVER RIVAL AMERICAN STEAMSHIP AND RAIL LINES ARE WELL SHOWN BY THE RESULT OF A RACE AROUND THE WORLD.

AMERICAN SHIPPING BILL

LONDON, JAN. 18.—The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce today discussed the American shipping bill and adopted a resolution asking the government to take measures to protect their interests.

PLANT SHUT DOWN.

Trouble Between International Coal Co. and Its Employees at Coleman.

TO HOPE.

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