





### DISPOSITION OF SONGHEES LAND

PREMIER MAKES A  
STATEMENT IN HOUSE

Government Expects Treasury  
to Be Recouped by Sale  
of the Reserve

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 17.  
A statement was made by the premier to-day on the matter of the Songhees reserve, in the course of the discussion of the estimates.

H. C. Brewster, on the item of \$750,000 for "Songhees Indian reserve and purchase of new reserve, including necessary expenses," asked if it was the expectation of the government that this sum would be returned through the final disposition and sale of the present reserve.

"The government hopes to have a final settlement of this long-standing affair reached at a very early date," said Premier McBride. "As soon as this has been done the minister of lands proposes to take the advice of competent men as to subdivide the lands in question as may permit of an early and profitable sale of them, and the government for what it may be out of pocket."

"Considering the very central position which this reserve occupies, right here in the heart of the capital of the province of British Columbia, there should be no question of a very ready market for the lands. Details of course, cannot be expected until the process has been finally adopted until the arrangements under way have been fully consummated, but I can promise my friend that the government will be very anxious to consult all interests that may be involved before making any final determination of the matter."

"Honorable gentlemen will know that different railway companies, the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern in particular—have been looking over the ground with a view to seeing what, if anything, may be done in the way of providing more efficient terminals. The years past have been looking over the ground with a view to seeing what, if anything, may be done in the way of providing more efficient terminals. The years past have been looking over the ground with a view to seeing what, if anything, may be done in the way of providing more efficient terminals."

"There is also, according to current rumor, a new report a project for the construction of Johnson street to the water's edge, which would permit of a bridge being constructed across so contact with the city would be directly with the reservation. Considering the great importance not only to the city but to the province as well that must attach to the opening up and development of this available piece of land, I am quite satisfied that within the next few weeks we shall receive from many quarters different inquiries with regard to the ultimate disposal of this property. Since we have asked parliament to vote such a large sum of money as the estimates call for in this connection I can assure the House that we shall be most anxious in our expenditure of it, and do all we can to fully recoup the treasury of the province for what it may expend."

Mr. Brewster said he could not expect details, but he would like to know whether, as some of the papers had claimed, this was a gift to Victoria of \$800,000 or so or whether the government expected to be recouped by the sale of the land. He asked from the premier's reply that this expenditure was practically money advanced which was to be refunded to the treasury.

"Yes, there is no doubt that is the expectation of the government," replied Mr. McBride. "It has never been the intention of the government to provide by way of gift for the granting of \$750,000 to the city of Victoria, and I doubt very much if the city would ever look for such a generous gift. The requirements of the city generally, so far as they may be fair and generous, the government of the day will not hesitate to see provided for, but to go further than that I am not prepared to do. If my friend from Alberni understood from the badge speech, or preliminary to that, that this was a gift to Victoria he is laboring under a mistake."

"Some few years ago, before real estate dealers reached their present figures, the government promised to the city of Victoria quite a large acreage over in the Songhees reserve for a park. We find now, however, that on account of the very rapid and substantial rise in real estate values it will be impossible to live up to this arrangement. The mayor of Victoria and his colleagues of the council have been notified of that. This does not mean that we are not very cognizant of the fact that the municipal authorities here, having the local government of this district as their principal work, should be consulted, as far as the government may reasonably consult them with a view to the final disposition of this matter."

### "ANNEXATION" BENNETT TALKS

NEW YORK CONGRESSMAN  
OUTLINES HIS VIEWS

Says Reciprocity Will Give  
Canada Great Advan-  
tages Over States

(Times Leased Wire.)  
London, Feb. 18.—Asserting that the ultimate result of reciprocity between Canada and the United States will surely be the annexation of the former, the Daily Express to-day prints a long cable interview with Congressman Bennett of New York, whose annexation resolution was yesterday killed by the House committee on foreign affairs of the American congress, Bennett said:

"The sentiment for the annexation of Canada is practically unanimous in this country. This feeling has been crystallized by the reciprocity proposition which gives Canada great material advantages with little corresponding advantages to the United States, unless there is ultimate compensation in annexation. The proposition will be pressed vigorously and may be a feature in the next presidential campaign."

"Canada is in a backward state of agricultural development because it lacks a home market, and is dependent on the distant English market. The advantages of an American market will develop Canada's agriculture at the expense of retarding American agriculture. The logic of these truths, driven home, as it will be, by the actions of Canadian competition with our farmers, by the exclusion of our manufacturers from Canada and by Canada's preferential tariff in favor of English manufactures, will add to the intensity of the present widespread sentiment in favor of expansion toward the north."

"This situation may well cause a fear in the hearts of moderate men lest it may be pushed beyond the restraints of peaceful diplomacy. We are a nation of 90,000,000 and the cyclonic force of such a democracy is not within the formulas of ordinary historic measurements."

"Supporting its attitude that there is a real danger of American aggression, the Express points out the fact that the majority of the members of the foreign affairs committee does not mean that the other members were opposed, but merely that they yielded to the importunities of President Taft, who demanded that the committee be killed. It says that the committee has merely stifled the outcry that would follow such a measure until the ratification of the reciprocity treaty."

Most of the morning papers in London seem to have lost interest in the Bennett proposal and mention it in a perfunctory manner.

### TELEGRAPH OPERATORS MAY GO ON STRIKE

More Trouble Between Great  
Northwestern Company  
and Its Employees

(Special to the Times.)  
Toronto, Feb. 18.—For the third time in seven years in the Great Northwestwestern Telegraph Company threatened with a strike of its operators. A new schedule of wages, asking for minimum salary of \$30 per month, was presented to the management on February 2 by a committee holding authority from the great majority of the employees, and the committee asked for a conference. The company replied by first discharging the committee and then dismissing eight of those who refused to sign a paper which stated that they were satisfied with present conditions and that the committee were not authorized to act. Approximately twenty-five employees have been dismissed so far, and it is reported that others will follow as rapidly as men can be obtained from the United States to fill their places.

The minimum salary of operators in the Great Northwestwestern is \$25 per month, with a maximum of \$70; they want the same scale as the C. P. R., which is 15 to 20 per cent. higher.

**NOT ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW.**  
Armour Company Must Not Leave Missouri Until Case Is Heard.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 18.—Plans of the Armour Packing Company to withdraw from Missouri and thus leave the state "up in the air" with no object for prosecution in the anti-trust cases, were balked here to-day. Attorney-General Major instructed the secretary of state not to allow the Armour company to surrender their license to do business in Missouri and that they must remain to face the music.

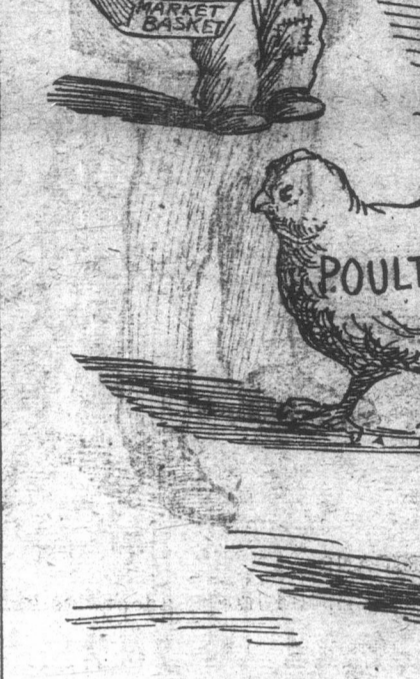
**QUEBEC MURDER TRIAL.**  
Montreal, Feb. 18.—All documents in connection with the charge of murder against the Houle brothers of Beauharnois were brought to Montreal yesterday by the clerk of the crown in Valleyfield. There have already been two show-ups in this case in Beauharnois district, so it has been decided to try it in Montreal, when the court of King's bench opens next month. Disagreements in the case have resulted in the brothers being kept in jail two years already.

### "COME IN!" WHEAT

POULTRY

CHEESE

BUTTER



U. S. VIEW OF RECIPROcity.

### TRAVELERS TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

Effort May Be Made to Secure  
His Evidence in Farmers'  
Bank Case

(Special to the Times.)  
Toronto, Feb. 18.—W. R. Travers, former general manager of the Farmers' Bank, has been hurried off by Kingston just when his evidence began to get "hot."

Early this morning Arthur Severn, an officer of the county sheriff's department, and John Brown, a constable, appeared at the jail with the necessary papers. Governor Chambers had nothing else to do but hand the prisoner over to them. In reality Travers has been held at the jail as a necessary witness in the various cases against those connected with the Farmers' Bank. Technically, however, he was merely at the jail awaiting removal at the service of the department of justice for the serving of his six-year sentence at Kingston penitentiary. The local police and crown attorney are furious at his sudden removal. They promise to get him back in short order on a subpoena.

Travers testified yesterday afternoon and was billed to reappear in the witness box again this morning in the resumption of the case against J. B. Stratton and others. Travers was taken away on the 9:10 train for Kingston.

"Never in the history of the police court has anything like this occurred," said Inspector Walter Duncan this morning. "If he had been down at the bottom of all the crookedness, every obstacle has been thrown in our way. We have been successful in some measure and the fact that too many prominent people have been implicated is at the bottom of this attempt to throw the ends of justice. Travers has told me that threats have been carried to the jail that if he did not stop testifying against certain people that he would likely get twenty years added to his sentence."

The provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank, John Watson, John Ferguson, Alex. Fraser, A. E. Lown, appeared in court yesterday to answer the charge that they did conspire, confederate and agree to obtain by false representation the certificate required to enable the Farmers' Bank to open business. The names of J. J. Warren, J. R. Stratton and W. J. Lindsay were also added. They all pleaded not guilty.

**BONUSES TO INDUSTRIES.**  
Toronto, Feb. 18.—Colonel J. J. Craig, Conservative M. P. for East Wellington, will introduce in the legislature a bill prohibiting municipalities from granting bonuses to industries, particularly to manufacturing industries, iron smelting or refining works, beet sugar factories, rolling mills or grain elevators.

### BOWSER ACT IS CONDEMNED

COMPLAINTS MADE  
BY BRITISH MERCHANTS

Object to Travelers Being Ex-  
cluded From British  
Columbia

(Special to the Times.)  
London, Feb. 18.—The Associated Chambers of Commerce has resolved to make representations to the Colonial Office regarding the new law of taxation of commercial travelers in British Columbia as a consequence of which large numbers ceased to send representatives to the extreme west.

The Colonial Office points out that as there have been several occasions when the Dominion government has complained of the legislative acts of British Columbia, it is possible that the offending act may come before the Privy Council for review.

### RECIPROcity MEASURE IN U. S. SENATE

Finance Committee Arranges  
for Hearings Early  
Next Week

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—It was stated after a meeting of the senate finance committee to-day that the reciprocity measure will come up in the senate next week.

Senator Hale's absence caused a postponement of action to-day, but hearings will be held on Monday and Tuesday. The majority of the committee is opposed to the bill but it is believed that the measure will be smothered.

### HALF MILLION REPORTED DEAD

VICTIMS OF PLAGUE  
AND FAMINE IN CHINA

Practically Every Village in  
Province of Shantung  
Is Stricken

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Peking, Feb. 18.—With official reports of 65,000 dead from the pneumonic plague in Manchuria and the Chinese foreign board had, pressed by the Russian government for a reply to the czar's note concerning Russian representations with regard to the ill provision in Chinese Turkestan, a feeling of deep alarm and unrest prevailed here to-day. Despite the figures just received of plague fatalities, the belief is general to-day that the deaths are double those of official estimates.

The financial drain on the Chinese government caused by the spread of the plague is heavy, and an announcement is expected that the empire will be forced to negotiate extra heavy loans.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Consulting General Wilder yesterday reported to the Navy and War Department that 250 Chinese died at Ningbo in the province of Chekiang. He says the Chinese and as burials are impossible coffin burials are necessary for a while until the epidemic has subsided. The violent opposition of the people to the burial of the dead is increasing.

Nanking, China, Feb. 18.—The provincial authorities to-day ordered the cremation of all unburied famine victims in the villages of Anhui and Kiangsu provinces. Every house contains a corpse, and conditions in the towns are most revolting.

In anticipation that the peasants will violently oppose the work of cremation, soldiers ride on the death carts. It is estimated that 500,000 persons already have died. Two millions are near death from starvation.

### JAPAN MAY GO TO RUSSIA'S AID

BELIEVED TO BE  
PREPARING FOR ACTION

Russian Declares Chinese Have  
Spread Plague to Check  
Foreign Encroachment

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Manila, Feb. 18.—Indication that Japan may mix in the trouble on China's border is seen here to-day in the announcement that the Japanese government has purchased 1,000,000 tons of rice from the fields of Bangkok, Burma and Saigon.

With Russia pressing China hard, the size and suddenness of the purchase, coming at such a critical period in Oriental affairs, has spread a feeling of deep concern throughout the Far East, and it is generally believed here that Japan intends to put an army in the field in co-operation with Russia against China.

Russian's Charge.  
Berlin, Feb. 18.—That China deliberately spread the pneumonic plague in Manchuria to check the encroachment of Russia is the charge made here to-day by the Lokai Anzeiger, Professor Skortchenko's Russian statesman.

He declares China deported plague patients from Southern China, where the plague was incessantly epidemic, to Manchuria, and that clothing sent to the Manchurians from China was first infected with plague germs. The precedent for this, he says, was established in Early Chinese wars against the Tartars, hundreds of years ago, when the Chinese threw the bodies of plague victims into the camps of the enemy, starting disastrous epidemics.

London, Feb. 18.—Every indication that China will resist the threatened occupation of three of her provinces by Russia by force of arms is contained in notes received here to-day by the foreign office from the consular offices of Europe. All of them believe that the czar must have the bayonets or his bayonets will prove useless.

Britain, it is said unofficially will second the attitude of the United States that the czar's action is entirely unwarranted. Along this line the Morning News says editorially to-day:

"Clearly we are not witnessing a demand for justice, but an act of vulgar aggression. It is hoped that England will not support Russia in her design because American is likely to unfavorably regard such a wanton outrage. England has no interest in increasing China and provoking the United States at the behest of Russia."

### RUSSIAN MUST STAY IN QUARANTINE

Authorities Are Unable to Im-  
prove Condition of the  
"Cholera Carrier"

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Although isolation in quarantine is driving a man violently insane, the government has decided that nothing can be done to improve his condition. The man is a Russian named Godlieb. He was detained at Grosse Ile quarantine station in the St. Lawrence last November as a cholera suspect. He developed the disease and apparently recovered, but became violent and was taken to the St. Lawrence hospital. The facts were submitted to the government, but it was decided that Godlieb must stay isolated despite his mental condition.

**PORTLAND JEWEL ROBBERY.**  
Two Men Arrested Charged With Stealing Money and Gems.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18.—Charged with the daylight robbery of the Diamond Palace jewelry store, when \$4,000 in cash and jewels were stolen after Jas. Gilbert, a clerk, was knocked senseless, William Johnson and H. S. Dupleisse, formerly a bartender, are under arrest here.

Part of the stolen jewelry was found on the prisoners, and Andrew McDonald, a hotel porter, who was arrested while trying to dispose of some of the gems, has confessed his part in the matter and told the police that the other prisoners are the ones who did the work. Both of them have repeatedly declined to talk of the matter and the police have not ascertained whether it was Dupleisse or Johnson who slugged Gilbert.

When detectives took Johnson and McDonald in custody at Second and Morrison streets after shadowing them for two days, Johnson pulled a short nickel-plated revolver from his pocket. Detective Coleman, however, pressed his own weapon against the man's back and prevented any overt moves by Johnson.

### WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST DITCH

LATEST TURN IN OAK BAY  
AND WATER PROBLEM

City Council Decides to Appeal  
to Executive Against  
the Agreement

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
A hint by Mayor Morley that it may be necessary to call a public meeting of the citizens in order that action might be taken to lay before the legislature a protest against the proposed private bills committee relative to the Oak Bay bill for a water supply, and the unanimous decision of the board to attend in a body at a meeting of the executive on Monday, were developments at last evening's session of the city council, when F. A. Diarmid, city solicitor, reported the result of the attempts made on behalf of the council holding the bill.

In presenting the agreement to the committee at yesterday's session, the solicitor remarked that he did not know if it met the views of any of the members of the committee. Mr. Ald. Langley directed attention to the matter, and thought was a most serious phase of the situation. Under the provisions of the Municipal Classes Act, any by-law providing for the raising of a loan must receive the sanction of the ratepayers of Oak Bay, and there was a possibility that the by-law would not pass, as there were many people in Oak Bay opposed to the expenditure.

The Mayor—I should not think it would pass.

Ald. Langley—I think this matter should be safeguarded from the point of view.

Mr. Taylor had, he understood, stated that there was a certain loophole in the agreement by which it might not be necessary to have the people of Oak Bay vote on the by-law to raise a loan.

The Mayor—Well, you won't be long to discuss it. I agree with Ald. Langley, that this is a very delicate feature of the situation. The people of Oak Bay would, of course, pass the bill, but the by-law for the raising of the city's expense, it will be, because Oak Bay at the city's expense, the matter should be thoroughly discussed by the people of Victoria, calling a public meeting for the evening next. We don't want any headlines drawn across the street—a clear-cut exposition of the situation. Then the people could be asked to vote on the matter, and against the actions of the private bills committee. I am sure the people of Victoria lightly. But we must be clear-headed.

This bill will go through in the end, but the bill has been very carefully drafted. All it specifies on the part of the city is that the people of Oak Bay with the people of Victoria should be sanctioned for the city's expense, but the by-law for the raising of the pipe need not go to the people. The private bills committee can make it compulsory to have a public hearing measure submitted, but it can be settled on the morning.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton felt sure that Victoria ought to have been relieved from taking over the pipe. This would settle the matter with the people of Oak Bay.

The City Solicitor—For all practical purposes this gives to Oak Bay a liability of \$40,000 and to Victoria a liability of \$100,000. We are opposed to a public meeting, but it ought not to be satisfied, though, of course, some people want it in order to boom property in Oak Bay.

The Mayor—It is an unfair sort of penalizing the city for holding on to its own. I do not believe that if the people of Oak Bay want to buy the pipe they should be made to pay for it. Ald. Moresby expressed himself as opposed to a public meeting, but the council should approach the executive in a body.

The Mayor—And our four members should be asked to accompany me, as many good citizens as care to do so. The motion to meet the executive on Monday was then passed unanimously.

**WELCOME RAINFALL.**  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 18.—Farmers throughout Oklahoma are smiling because of a down-pour of rain. For the first time since the ground is wet enough to be ploughed.

The mayor of Guthrie, as a joke, claimed that no umbrellas should be used, and many citizens after getting a precious drop of rain, were glad to see the sun.

### LIBERALS

Mass Meeting  
Resolutions

"RESOLUTIONS"  
meeting as  
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(From F...)  
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**WILL PROBATED.**  
Vienna, Feb. 18.—The will of Baron Albert S. A. De Rothschild, head of the Austrian branch of the Rothschild house, was filed for probate yesterday. It bequeathes \$500,000 to charity, the distribution to be left to the discretion of the baron's sons. Baron De Rothschild died February 1. The small bequest to charity has caused disappointment here, as it had been rumored that the amount would be \$2,500,000.

**VANCOUVER'S NEW ENGINEER.**  
(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Feb. 18.—F. L. Fellows, of Westmont, Montreal, has been appointed new city engineer for Vancouver at a salary of \$5,000 a year.



LIBERALS OF VICTORIA ENDORSE RECIPROCITY

Mass Meeting Last Evening Unanimously Adopts Resolution in Support of Policy—Several Convincing Speeches.

"RESOLVED: That the Liberals of Victoria, in public meeting assembled, unanimously endorse the proposed tariff agreement between Canada and the United States."

(From Friday's Daily.)

In these words the great mass meeting of Liberal electors, held in Broad street hall last evening, endorsed the reciprocity proposals of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government. There was not a single dissenting voice, and the resolution was passed after a very clear and comprehensive exposition of the whole case had been given by the speakers being Duncan Ross, H. C. Brewster, M.P.P., R. L. Drury and F. A. Pauline.

Mr. Ross went into the question very fully, giving first a most interesting historical review of the attempts made since long before Confederation by both political parties to secure a trade agreement with the United States. He then showed in a concise manner how the arrangement at last reached was going to benefit the Canadian consumer and producer alike.

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Mr. Drury reminded those who raised the familiar cry of "disloyalty" that Great Britain has herself always been the best customer of the United States. He also emphasized the point that consumers in this city, as elsewhere, are now using a great deal of American produce and paying duty on it.

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Mr. Brewster, who spoke first and briefly, as he had to attend to his legislative duties at the night sitting of the House, was warmly cheered on rising. He pointed out that there was only one point in which reciprocity could be intelligently discussed—that the Canadian government made trade arrangements for the whole of Canada. It was not the interests of British Columbia that were to be considered; not the interests of Nova Scotia or New Brunswick but any trade arrangement must be in the whole country from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia and in the interests of every citizen of Canada.

this province, dealing with the effect of the agreement on that industry, went on to say: "British Columbia is asked by its premier to look at this matter from the standpoint simply of British Columbia, although he had to admit in his speech yesterday that the whole of Canada must feel the good effect of that arrangement. In spite of his gloomy forebodings regarding the effect of reciprocity on the industry in which I am interested, I tell you that the fishery industry in British Columbia is going to be one of the fishery industries of the future. (Applause.) The fear expressed by some that our fisheries are on the decline is sheer nonsense. We are kept out of the market because of the American side who fish halibut in American bottoms, bring it to terminal points in Canada and ship it to the United States, chiefly to the east. We are kept out of that market. "In all previous negotiations for reciprocity the Americans used to want the right to come in and fish on the coast of our own people in return for admitting our fish to their States. He also emphasized the point that consumers in this city, as elsewhere, are now using a great deal of American produce and paying duty on it. How, then, was the remedy of this duty going to make less loyal citizens of Victorians?"

The hall was well filled and the several speeches were followed with close attention, the points made being applauded vigorously.

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THE FOOLISHNESS OF SOME AMERICANS. MR. BENNETT, OF NEW YORK—Mr. Bull, if you have no objections I should like to adopt this kid. JOHN BULL—Well, the boy's of age. Ask him.

MEXICAN REBEL LEADER IN FIELD

Madero Commands Insurgents Who Are Moving Toward Chihuahua

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 17.—Francisco I. Madero, Mexican rebel leader, has taken the field, and to-day, personally commanding the insurgent forces at Guadalupe preparing to march into Chihuahua, according to a courier who arrived here to-day.

It was reported that his forces include 42 Americans under an ex-sergeant of Philippine scouts with two machine guns. Generals Orozco, Blanco and Castillas are said to have effected a junction of their commands at Ascension last night and started for Chihuahua, 1,000 strong, prepared to join Madero.

General Navarro, the federal commander who raised the rebel siege of Juarez, is reported to have dispatched 600 men and a machine gun to Guadalupe this morning with orders to retake the city. According to the courier, Madero planned to leave Guadalupe early to-day for Chihuahua.

General Jos. Duncan is to-day in command of the American border forces.

NO SYMPATHY WITH BENNETT

RESOLUTIONS DEFEATED AT TAFT'S REQUEST

President Shows He Will Not Tolerate Annexation Vapors

Washington, D.C., Feb. 17.—The House committee on foreign affairs, on President Taft's request, to-day voted down 9 to 1, Congressman Bennett's two resolutions referring to Canadian annexation.

President Taft urged that the resolutions be killed in the hope of allaying the excitement in Canada and England caused by Champ Clark's annexation speech, and by Bennett's resolutions. The president believes that the smothering of Bennett's resolution will have the effect of smoothing a way to the Canadian parliament for ratification of the reciprocity agreement.

There was little comment when the committee reported unfavorably on the Bennett resolutions.

ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHT FOR FARMERS

Scheme Will Revolutionize Agriculture in Province of Ontario

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Hon. Adnan Beck, chairman of the hydro-electric commission, will introduce in the legislature a bill empowering municipalities to contract with the hydro-electric commission for power for rural use.

The bill providing for this scheme which will revolutionize Ontario agriculture, is understood to be ready and its presentation by Hon. Mr. Beck will be one of the events of the session.

THE POPE IMPROVES. Rome, Feb. 17.—Pope Plus' health is greatly improved to-day, and for an hour this morning he was permitted to leave his bed. The congestion in his throat has been relieved, and should no further untoward symptoms develop his recovery is expected soon.

Cardinals Rampolla and Rinaldi are suffering from influenza, the former being in a serious condition.

SHIPPING SUFFERS IN STORM

Cuxhaven, Germany, Feb. 17.—A hurricane has raged on the German coast since last night. A number of vessels in a damaged condition have taken refuge here. Several craft grounded in the Baltic sea.

KAISER'S BROTHER ANGRERS SOCIALISTS

Declares It Is Duty of All to Crush "The Enemies of Our Country"

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The Socialist and the progressive press are showing the keenest resentment to-day over Prince Henry of Prussia's characterization of Socialists as "the enemies of our country."

Addressing the military veterans, the Kaiser's brother discussed indirectly the Socialist gains in the last election. "It is the duty of all to rally round our supreme war lord, the Kaiser, and to crush the enemy in our own country," he said. "Of course, we respect political convictions, but as soon as the orderly basis of such convictions is abandoned in favor of revolutionary methods, we must uphold the law and authority by all means."

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ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR MINES

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 17.—A resident representative of large English capitalists residing here has been negotiating for the purchase of the Granite-Poorman mining property near Nelson, B. C. This property is now owned and operated by Kootenay Gold Mines Ltd., a company composed chiefly of Nelson and Vancouver people.

The Granite-Poorman mines have been a steady producer for about five years, and good profits have been earned, while the mine has been extensively developed. The equipment of the property is of the best character, including a 20-stamp mill which operates 24 hours per day. Lord Aylmer is president of the company, and the directors consist of well-known Nelson and Vancouver men. The company's authorized capital is \$200,000.

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OAK BAY AND CITY AGREED

DECISION RENDERED AT TO-DAY'S SESSION

Victoria Must Pay Entire Cost of Pipe Line When Sooke is Ready

(From Friday's Daily.)

The private bills committee at a session held this morning came to a decision on the terms of an agreement between the corporation of the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay relative to a settlement of the water problem confronting the neighboring municipality, and the committee will now report to the legislature recommending that this agreement be incorporated in the bill.

At adjournment two days ago there were three points in the draft agreement then under consideration still in dispute, and this morning, after a long session in private deliberation, during which the water commissioner, James L. Raymer, and J. Herwick MacGregor, acting reeve of Oak Bay, were frequently summoned for consultation, the committee rendered decision, the points of the settlement being as follows:

1. The pressure to be sufficient to supply the whole of the Oak Bay municipality except Gonzales Hill. 2. The price of Sooke Lake water to be agreed upon by both municipalities. 3. When the city supplies Sooke Lake water it is to pay the whole of the initial cost of the Oak Bay pipe and the cost of construction.

Two other clauses were inserted—one suggested by Mr. Bodwell that there should be no derogation from the existing inter-municipal agreement, and the other that neither of the municipalities during the term of this agreement shall apply to the provincial House over any matter in connection with water without the consent of the other.

The connection with clause one, dealing with the question of pressure, may be explained that it has been tentatively agreed between the two municipalities that in order to reach the levels requiring a service at Gonzales Hill, the two parties to the agreement shall defray equal shares of the cost of installing an electric pump.

It is also stipulated in the agreement that the present arrangement whereby Oak Bay gets a supply of Elk Lake water from the city shall continue until Sooke Lake water has been supplied. The effect of this is said to leave it optional with Oak Bay to take or reject Esquimalt water.

The clause providing that neither of the municipalities shall during the life of the agreement make any further application to the legislature over water was not assented to by Mr. Bodwell, acting for Oak Bay, he taking the position that such application is unconstitutional in that circumstances may arise which might make it absolutely essential that such applications be made.

After the committee had rendered its decision a verbal statement relative to the position of Saanich in the face of the agreement was made by J. A. Alkman, on behalf of the municipality, and F. A. McDiarmid made verbal objection to the language in which some of the clauses were clothed—both of which statements the committee promised to give serious consideration.

CHINA WILL RESIST DEMANDS

IS NOT LIKELY TO RESORT TO ARMS

Looks to Intervention of Foreign Powers to Prevent Clash With Russia

(Times Leased Wire)

Peking, Feb. 17.—Semi-official opinion expressed here to-day is that the threat of Russian military demonstrations against China in the Mongolia and Manchuria provinces is intended at this time in order to take advantage of the plague and famine conditions which at present are crippling China.

While no official statement has yet been made, it is intimated that China will resist the Russian invasion by every means short of cannon, trusting that the intervention of foreign powers will prevent a clash.

Russia's determination to act just at this time is viewed as a last desperate attempt to force on China a renewal of the treaty of 1881, which expires next month. For nearly a year negotiations on this subject have been in progress and China has shown great unwillingness to submit to Russia's demands.

According to the terms of the expiring treaty Russia has certain trade advantages in all three provinces, and she insists that these shall be continued. China, while declaring that the terms of the 1881 treaty have been observed, is reluctant to renew the convention on the same terms. It is to force compliance with this demand that the Czar has made his threat.

Various considerations, it is pointed out here, may intervene to balk Russia's scheme. One is the attitude of Japan. While no expression has yet come from Tokio on the situation, it is known that Japan is watching the developments closely, and it is not beyond the possibility that she will stand idly by and see too great an extension of Russian influence in Manchuria and Mongolia without a stiff protest.

Another feature of the situation which may have great effect is the danger of an anti-foreign uprising. General dissatisfaction already exists in China over the cessation of certain trade and railway construction rights to foreigners, and it is feared that if Russia forces the renewal or extension of the treaty of 1881 by force of arms, dissemination of this intelligence throughout China will be followed by outbreaks, perhaps more serious than the late Boxer rebellion.

Warnings Sent to Russia. London, Feb. 17.—All the European chancelleries to-day have sent warnings to Russia to proceed cautiously with her military demonstrations against China. British newspapers are particularly apprehensive that Russia's move may result in the gravest consequences.

The Times says: "Under present conditions in China any threat of forcible action by a foreign power may result in far-reaching consequences. It is hoped that Russia will ponder well the possible results before proceeding against China."

British statesmen, although none would be quoted directly, make no secret of their fear that a great anti-foreign outbreak in China might follow a demonstration by Russia.

Views at Washington. Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The state department here to-day is in hourly expectation of an appeal from China for help against the menace of Russian invasion.

Pending Russia's statement of the case, the sympathy of the state department is with China, and it is not improbable that the United States may intervene. It is regarded here as a considerable of the Czar to try to bully China into signing a treaty when half of the country is being depopulated by famine and plague.

Will Send Ultimatum. St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—It is semi-officially announced here to-day that unless China yields to Russia's demands before March 1, an ultimatum will be sent. Minister Korotovitz has been instructed to deliver to China the following note: "Recent negotiations have convinced the Russian government that China does not wish to abide by the provisions of the treaty of 1881. These have been ignored by China or interpreted by China in a way not in accord with their spirit or their letter. The Imperial government is convinced that with such an attitude on China's part a continuance of friendly relations is impossible. While anxious for the maintenance and consolidation of these relations, Russia finds it necessary to make the foregoing declaration and to request China to confirm without delay her agreement to observe the points contained for by the Imperial government."

SPEAKER LOWTHER ATTACKED. London, Feb. 17.—An uproar was caused in the House of Commons to-day when Ian Malcolm (Conservative) read a letter written by Josiah Wedgwood (Abolitionist) to Laurence Ginnell (Nationalist), in which Wedgwood supported Ginnell's charges of "Czarism" against Speaker Lowther. Wedgwood declared that Lowther was an enemy of the proposed land tax, although as Speaker he was supposed to be unbiased. Malcolm demanded an investigation of Wedgwood's charges.

NEW RAILWAY REGULATION. Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The long and short haul provision of the new interstate commerce law became effective to-day by order of the interstate commerce commission.

TRADE COMMISSIONER DEAD. Manchester, Feb. 17.—P. B. Macnamara, trade commissioner, died suddenly here last night.

CANADIAN TROOPS AT CORONATION

Contingent Will Probably Be Accompanied by Winnipeg Highlanders

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17.—Judge Willis yesterday sentenced John D. Knapp to life imprisonment in San Quentin for the murder of Julia Carey in San Francisco last November. Knapp beat the woman to death and dragged the corpse to a vacant lot, where it was found by the police.

KAISER TO VISIT LONDON IN MAY

Will Attend Unveiling of the National Memorial to Queen Victoria

London, Feb. 17.—The recent announcement that Emperor William would attend the ceremony of the unveiling of the national memorial to Queen Victoria on May 16, was confirmed officially to-day. The news is welcomed by Britishers, among whom His Majesty is very popular. He will be accompanied by Emperor Augustus, and they will be the guests of King George and Queen Mary for several days following the unveiling.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 17.—The coronation contingent of 747 men, which will sail on June 2 from Quebec for England, will probably be accompanied by the Winnipeg Highland regiment under the command of Colonel Thompson. He some time ago offered to take over the regiment at his own expense and the militia department is now making arrangements to have the Highlanders to go at the same time as the Coronation contingent. While in England the regiment will be the guests of one of the British regiments.

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OAK BAY WATER PROBLEM

Desires to Appeal Against Agreement

(From Friday's Daily.)

It may be recalled that at a public meeting held in the city hall last evening, the legislature proposed to the relative to the water supply, and on the part of the board of directors of the city of Oak Bay, were de-termining the session when F. A. Mc-Gregor reported on behalf of the committee.

It is the private bills committee's session, that he did not bring in any bills of anybody of the committee, that in view of the matter a special session should be called to consider a special evening.

Under the municipal charter providing for the next election, the years of Oak Bay, the city, that the city, as there was no opposition to the city's mind this matter from the city's

understood, that certain loopholes which it might be possible to raise by-law to raise you won't have agree with Ald. very dangerous. The people of course, pass the bill, but the expense. I think thoroughly un-pleasing to the wisdom of the city, but I don't want any red ink on the subject. The true situation could go to-day and probably the private bills are the govern-ment that the people at we can't wait, Taylor has said very cunningly is that what-tered into by the Esquimaux mentioned by the law for the pur-poses not go to the bills committee try to have this fixed, but this on Tuesday

on felt strongly have been refer to the pipe line matter with the For all practical to Oak Bay and to Victoria. We are not sat-isfied, though, of what it is in order Oak Bay. An unfair system for holding what not believe the it in that form. Bay want a huge to pay for it. I said myself as meeting, but the ch the executive

our four members company, us and as a care to do the executive on passed man-IFN FALL. Feb. 18.—Oklahoma to-day a downpour of time since last wet enough to as a joke, pro-cesses should be us adhering to it, as too scarce to waste.

SATED. The will of Baron child, head of the the Rothschild robate yesterday, to charity. The dis-cree-ment. The small as caused disap-pear could be \$2,500,000.

Wilson's resolution says that the progressive leaders of the country have been crying that tariff necessities of life are too high, so regardless of the pending investigation of a tariff commission, he asks that the president request the new congress at once to act upon certain schedules at least.

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PROGRAMME FOR THE CONFERENCE

Overseas Dominions Submit Number of Subjects for Consideration

London, Feb. 20.—The government has brought down the correspondence with the overseas dominions setting out subjects for discussion at the approaching imperial conference.

New Zealand suggests an imperial council, with representatives in all parts of the Empire, a secretary for imperial affairs instead of a colonial secretary, and with separate departments for the self-governing dominions and the crown colonies. It is also suggested that the high commissioners be raised to the status of ambassadors.

South Africa proposes that matters relating to the self-governing dominions be placed directly under the premier. On January 20 South Africa cabled, suggesting consideration of the placing of trade preferences by continental classes as imperial, national and local. These suggestions, however, were withdrawn by cable of February 10, since when General Botha has cabled that the imperial preference will not be withdrawn.

Australia raises the question of the declaration of London, regretting that the colonies were not consulted, and opposing its provisions affecting the food supply and the restriction of neutral vessels in time of war.

Newfoundland proposes a line of steamers subsidized by Britain, Canada and Newfoundland to link up the three countries.

Another topic will be an imperial court of appeal. New Zealand and Australia suggesting representation of the overseas dominions in it.

The home government raises the following questions: The status of British Indians, labor exchange, a uniform design for stamps and the expulsion of undesirable aliens.

Canada has no special proposals, but would welcome suggestions for a universal naturalization law.

Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, colonial secretary, hopes that the conference will meet fifteen times between the coronation, May 22, and June 22. Its first business will be to decide whether it will sit privately, as last time, or whether the press will be admitted.

The "All-Red" route with a state cable and a line across Canada, will be among the subjects considered.

Commenting on the conference programme, the Daily Mail says: "The British government seems altogether lacking in constructive ideas. There is still too much of the air of rigid stepmother which Mr. Chamberlain strove so earnestly to abolish."

The Morning Chronicle, commenting on the absence of the Canadian proposals from the conference programme, says Canada is well pleased with the Empire as she finds it.

In referring to the absence of the Canadian proposals for the conference, the Times says: "There are good reasons for this cautious attitude. Canada is extremely busy with her own affairs. The country is developing more rapidly than the most sanguine dared to hope a few years ago. These propitious conditions naturally produce a comparative lack of interest in external imperial affairs. Another motive for not making an active part is the desire to avoid any step that might disturb certain political susceptibilities at home. But the principal reason is that imperial preference, in which Canada is keenly interested, is barred out."

ENGLISH LEAGUE MATCHES. London, Feb. 20.—Results of league games played since last week:

First Division. Notts Forest, 1; Sunderland, 3. Everton, 1; Sheffield United, 0. Bristol City, 1; Liverpool, 1. Oldham Athletic, 1; Bradford City, 0. Sheffield Wednesday, 1; Burnley, 0. Newcastle United, 0; Manchester, 1. Blackburn Rovers, 1; Woolwich Arsenal, 0.

Manchester City, 1; Aston Villa, 1. Middlesbrough, 2; Preston North End, 0. Tottenham Hotspur, 3; Notts County, 0. Second Division. Birmingham, 2; Derby County, 0. Blackpool, 0; Chelsea, 2. Bolton Wanderers, 2; Clapton Orient, 0. Reading, 1; Burnley, 1. Fulham, 1; Gainsborough Trinity, 0. Walsley, 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1.

Huddersfield Town, 2; Barnsley, 0. Hill City, 1; Leeds City, 1. Lincoln City, 2; Leicester, 0. West Bromwich Albion, 4; Stockport County, 2.

Southern League. New Brighton, 1; Brighton and Hove Albion, 0. Millwall Athletic, 0; Northampton, 0. Queens Park Rangers, 1; Portsmouth, 0. Southampton, 3; Luton, 0. Coventry City, 1; Exeter City, 2. South End United, 0; Swindon Town, 1. Southampton, 1; Bristol Rovers, 0. Weymouth Argyle, 5; Crystal Palace, 1. Watford, 1; Brentford, 0. Norwich City, 0; Leyton, 0.

U. S. SAILORS DESERT. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 20.—Admiral Thomas, commanding the Pacific cruiser fleet, is conducting an investigation into the desertion of eight of his best sailors. He has heard that they have colluded with the Mexican revolutionists and that the insurgents are running a regular business in San Diego to get the pick of the men in the United States army.

Both arms and men for the Mexican revolutionists have left this city in the last few days. It is believed that the number of men is large.

PRINCE RUPERT CLUB. Prince Rupert, Feb. 18.—At the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert club the following officers were elected for the year: President, J. M. Christie; vice-president, A. J. Morris; secretary, J. M. Clancy. The board of directors consists of the following: Alderman Smith, J. M. McMullin, W. M. Law, F. Mabley, L. J. Conkey, Mr. Broderick and W. S. Benson.

LAUNCH RUNS ASHORE IN STORM

Twenty Passengers Landed Safely and Are Taken to Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert, Feb. 18.—A disaster that might have resulted in the loss of many lives, overtook the launch Knox while coming from Ka Yex river to Prince Rupert with twenty passengers and mail. In the blinding snowstorm she ran on to the rocks between Inverness slough and Porpoise harbor.

The launch was filling rapidly with water, and for a few minutes hysteria seized the passengers. E. C. Stephenson, the sheriff of Hazelton, B. Mulvaney, and Dan Orlowski, and one of two others kept their heads and marshalled the rest of the passengers into the dinghy and in a series of trips landed them safely on shore.

Mulvaney and Orlowski rowed down to Prince Rupert, for assistance in the dinghy, a distance of eleven and a half miles. Coming into Prince Rupert they requisitioned another launch and went back to the scene of the wreck. There they took on all the passengers and brought them safely to Rupert.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Contract Has Been Awarded—Will Be Opened Early in September

New Westminster, Feb. 18.—The contract for the building of the Westminster Y. M. C. A. has been let to Sloan & Harrison, building contractors, of this city. The price is in the neighborhood of \$37,000.

For some time there was a difference of opinion as to whether the building should be brick and stone or cement, it is being finally decided to select the former.

Sloan & Harrison will attend to the building only, the heating and plumbing being let separately. Extra tenders were required for this work. Those submitted have been referred back to a committee for mature consideration.

The heating alone is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

Work on the superstructure of the Y. M. C. A.—the foundations were laid some time ago—will start immediately, and it is the intention to have the contractors complete the task in August, leaving the committee a couple of weeks in which to attend to the furnishing of the building. The formal opening is to be early in September.

As the work advances, progressive estimates will be passed, and in the opinion of the committee in charge, a sum in the neighborhood of \$8,000 a month will be required during the time the building is being erected on Royal avenue and Agnes street.

Of the sum of \$45,000 subscribed about \$13,000 has already been paid in. The remaining \$32,000 remains in the bank to the credit of the association, the remainder having been spent in preliminary work.

POPULATION OF U. S. Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—"Taking the country as a whole it is probable that the population is over-stated by the census bureau," declares the Director of the Census Bureau in his annual report, "but whether the margin of error is a fraction of one per cent, or amounts to as much as 2 per cent, no one can positively know. That it should exceed 2 per cent is certainly extremely improbable."

Declaring his intention to make an investigation of census-taking abroad to discover means for materially improving the work in the United States, the director states: "It may be that the present method of taking the census here is as nearly perfect as possible. It was necessary, after careful investigation, the director says, to correct the population figures for some twenty-three cities of the United States, whose census returns had been inaccurately made or 'padded,' either intentionally or through carelessness or error. He says that in several cities there has been deliberate conspiracy between private individuals and some of the agents or enumerators, or both, to inflate, fraudulently, the census returns. Several cases of padding are now in the hands of the department of justice.

Taking up the cost of census-taking, the director thinks it will exceed the original estimate by \$183,000. The entire cost of field work on population and agriculture was about \$5,855,000, an increase over 1900 of about \$1,587,668, or approximately 37 1/2 per cent.

UNREST IN NICARAGUA. New Orleans, Feb. 20.—A private telegram received here from Managua, Nicaragua, said the country was in a state of unrest and a general uprising against the Estrada government was brewing.

For several weeks members of the Zelayista junta here, many of whom fled to Nicaragua when the Estrada revolutionaries captured the capital, have been planning another war in that country.

Jose Santos Zelaya, formerly president, who is now in Belgium, is believed to be supplying funds for the purpose of harassing the government of Nicaragua and Guatemala. That money is being expended for this purpose by the junta here is an open secret.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO. Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 20.—Two men were killed, and a third fatally injured when an explosion wrecked the Corning department of the Dupont Powder Company at Uniontown, six miles from here.

NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF TRADE

Reports Show Growth of City—Officers for Year Elected

New Westminster, Feb. 18.—The story of the steady growth of the city of New Westminster was fully told at the annual meeting of the board of trade when President Lusby and the chairman of the various committees made their reports.

The fathering president in his address characterized the growth of the past year as marvelous. There had been practically no business failures, new industries had been established, new secured and others were being built this year and almost without exception all the established industries of the city had expanded during the year. A fine mammoth steel works had been secured near the city. Port Mann had come into being, more banks had been started, the Fraser Valley branch of the B. C. Electric Railway Company had been put into operation and other transportation facilities had been opened. It was noted that the city had enlarged its yard capacity, and in fact the only note of regret in the whole address was that the Canadian-Mexican line of steamships had failed to give the service that had been expected.

It was noted that the provincial land registry office returns showed an increase of 34 per cent; the customs office 45 per cent; the local post office receipts 20 per cent. Increase in the money order department, 22 per cent. In stamp sales and 80 per cent. in the quantity of mail handled outward and inward. The vital statistics showed a corresponding increase with the exception that the number of deaths was smaller than the preceding year.

The navigation committee told of the efforts made to improve the Fraser river and as a result of this report a resolution was passed that the Ottawa authorities be asked to place appropriations in the supplementary estimates providing for a new suction dredge on the Fraser and the building of works at the narrows looking toward the reopening of the channel at that point. It was suggested that the board take up this matter with some other company besides the C. P. R. regarding a service to Victoria.

The civic committee made an important report detailing the street and other improvements, and told how the assessment of the city in ten years had grown from \$4,500,000 to \$10,000,000 with a probable large increase for this year.

The commerce committee, which has dealt particularly with the telephone question during the past year, was pleased to state that they had the assistance of the telephone company, that the service was to be greatly improved and enlarged this year.

Secretary Wade, in his report, briefly described the results of the year, chief of which was better transportation facilities secured throughout the Fraser valley, and of closer association with the interests of that section.

Fifteen cars a day leaving New Westminster with "New Westminster goods" was the happy report of the transportation committee.

The postal committee was able to report six new post offices opened in the district, more mail carriers to be employed in New Westminster, the free delivery extended to other parts of the city, and a general growth in the postal business of the city alone of over 50 per cent, all within the year.

One hundred and twenty-five members now in the board said the report of the membership committee.

The election of the new officers for the year resulted as follows: President, A. E. White; vice-president, E. Gould; secretary, C. H. Stuart; Wade, nominating committee for committees, the president, vice-president and Messrs. Lusby and Curtis.

Following adjournment retiring President Lusby entertained the members of the board and the press to a banquet in the Royal Cafe.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY. Vancouver, Feb. 18.—After a long series of appearances and convictions for minor offences, George Bobler, in the police court, was sent to the penitentiary for five years for the robbery of the board and the press to a banquet in the Royal Cafe.

The sentence was the result of a twenty-minute trial. The victim of the robbery is S. Woodruff, a stranger in town. His story was that he had been invited to a room early last Tuesday evening, and becoming chummy, they treated each other at the bar a couple of times. Bobler then invited him to his house for a few drinks, cigars and a quiet chat. Although his prospective host was barely a pre-possessing person, Woodruff willingly assented, and they proceeded through the strange streets to the house to find it a lonely shack on a float, at the darkest part of the water front. Just as they got inside the door, Bobler quickly grasped the club and held it menacingly over Woodruff's head, the while demanding money.

The accused man turned over a watch and \$25 cash. Bobler was apparently disappointed at the value of the booty, for in a grievous way he then threatened to kill his victim. Woodruff decided to save his life, if at all possible, but seeing the aggressive attitude of Woodruff, Bobler backed down, unlocked the door and let him out. Woodruff then started to find an officer. He soon located P. C. Munro, who seeing the impossibility of arresting Bobler without assistance, as the float could not be reached except by a narrow plank over the water, secured help. In a few minutes Bobler was safely landed in the station to appear in court, where he gave a very thin account of the affair.

Magistrate Shaw had no hesitation in finding him guilty and sentenced him to serve five years in the penitentiary. The law laid a heavy hand on George S. Lawrie, a well-known burglar. He was charged with breaking into the house of F. H. Richardson, of Comox street, and stealing \$200 worth of jewelry and other effects. On Wednesday afternoon he was read to him, and he pleaded guilty, but sentence was reserved so that he would have a chance to say what disposition he would make of the case. He was unable to locate. The prisoner had nothing to say, and the magistrate in passing

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RECIPROCITY BILL MAY BE DELAYED

Extra Session of Congress is Now Regarded as Probable

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—An extra session of congress is probable. Ahead of the Canadian agreement for consideration in the senate in addition to ten general appropriation bills, are measures affecting these subjects: Popular election of senators; Senator Lorimer case; permanent tariff board; general age pensions; congressional apportionment; fortification of Panama canal. Not one of these can be sidetracked without a contest. Back of each is a group of determined senators insistent that a vote shall be taken. Some of the measures must be left unpassed, or the Canadian agreement will die.

The foregoing is the opinion of the Republican leaders of the senate. Those who hoped to avoid an extra session by letting a vote on the McCall bill see their chance for success growing less and less as the close of the session draws near. With no little anxiety those senators who fear

they are facing a summer session are seeking light from the White House. So far as can be learned, no senator who has talked with President Taft has been commissioned to announce positively whether there will be an extra session in the event the senate fails to vote on the Canadian agreement. As the House passed the McCall bill by a decisive vote and practically all of the Democrats voted for it, the president believes a Democratic house in special session would again pass the bill without delay. It is also said that the president believes the senate, as it will be constituted after March 4, would pass the bill.

Senator Jones of Washington on Saturday presented an amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill in the form of a substitute which would provide for the levying of such taxation as is demanded by the necessary expenditures of the government. While in general age pensions; congressional apportionment; fortification of Panama canal. Not one of these can be sidetracked without a contest. Back of each is a group of determined senators insistent that a vote shall be taken. Some of the measures must be left unpassed, or the Canadian agreement will die.

Under the plan suggested, the secretary of the treasury at the close of the present fiscal year, would make an estimate of the amount of revenue that should be raised from customs duties for the following fiscal year in order to meet the expenditures for that year, and any deficit of the present year. The secretary also is directed to estimate the probable value of imports of articles on the dutiable list and determine what percentage the estimated revenue to be raised

bears to the estimated value of the dutiable imports. It is further provided that there shall be collected for such years customs duties on all dutiable imports equal to such percentage of the same.

ORIGIN OF ORE DEPOSITS. Nelson, Feb. 17.—No more interesting session of the University club has been held the past than that of Saturday night, when L. B. Reynolds read the monthly paper on "The Origin of Ore Deposits." Equipped with specimens of ore from the Eureka copper-gold mine on Eagle creek of which he is manager, and with blackboard, Mr. Reynolds gave a running lecture on the deposition of ores, making special explanations on points on which he was questioned, as he went on. Mr. Reynolds reviewed the history of early investigations in this field, with the various theories promulgated, coming quickly to the theory of water deposition, which accounted for the vast majority of deposits. He described the process of deposition under different conditions, and with different minerals. Comparatively few ore deposits now being worked were as originally formed, having the benefit of the process known as enrichment. He enumerated some of the laws that governed the character of deposits, as, for instance, when gold deposits at the surface became copper deposits at depth. Mr. Reynolds also gave illustrations of the importance from a mining standpoint of knowing whether to expect pay ore in a certain formation or not.

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ANOTHER OUTLET FOR GRANBY MINES

New Tunnel Driven and New Crusher and Bins to Be Built

Phoenix, Feb. 17.—Plans for another shipping outlet to Granby mines at Phoenix to take the place of No. 2 destroyed by fire last August have been finally decided on and preparations are now being made for the construction work. A new tunnel has been driven to tap the No. 2 workings of the mine and the new crusher and ore bins will be built on the Great Northern track a short distance from where the old bins stood. The right-of-way is now being cleared from the line and will connect the mine with the crusher. Under present conditions the Victoria shaft is being forced to its limit to handle the output from this part of the mine and the fourth outlet is required to relieve the pressure.

Another mine the Phoenix Amalgamated, has been added to the Boundary district's list of steady producers. It is owned by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company and during the latter part of last week shipped 380 tons to the company's smelter at Trail. It will ship 700 tons per week for the present and will eventually increase when the ore is required at the smelter. While not a large mine sufficient ore is in sight to make it a steady shipper for a considerable period.

The same company has installed a new crusher at Boundary Falls to crush ore received over the aerial tramline from the No. 2 mine, which is also shipping to Trail smelter. Only the best ore is being shipped from the No. 7 at present. The company is now making preparations to build a cyanide plant at Boundary Falls and will mill the ore, shipping the concentrates to Trail. Construction work on the new mill will commence as soon as the snow is off, the site having already been secured.

Reports received here from the Hidden creek mine on the Northern coast, which is being actively developed by the Granby company, are of a most encouraging nature. Some particularly good assays running from 10 to 15 per cent copper, are being secured from the cores of the diamond drill. The ore body is also looming up well in side as the development work continues. Another crew of men was secured from Phoenix to augment the forces at the Hidden creek.

CHEMISTS HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting and Election of Directors.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Chemists' General Hospital Association was held at the Grand Hotel and Recreation Club hall on Tuesday evening, February 14.

The secretary-treasurer's report was first read and general satisfaction was expressed at the financial standing of the hospital, consisting of the fact that the cost of maintenance has increased fully 20 per cent as compared with last year's statement. As was pointed out to the meeting, the sinking fund, established in June, 1908, to take care of the mortgage on the property on the association has increased sufficiently during the past year to enable the association to pay off one-half of this indebtedness.

The report of the resident physician showed that the total number of patients treated during 1910 was 160, an increase over the number treated in 1909 of 30 patients, and that the number of hospital days for 1910 was 3,534 an increase of 100 days over 1909. The report was favorably received and it gives evidence of the growing popularity of the institution throughout the immediate district.

The president, in his address, called the attention of the association to the great need of a maternity ward and also living quarters for the nurses, and urged upon the meeting the necessity of these additional being provided at the earliest possible moment.

The retiring directors, Messrs. Erb, Morell, Rosebloom and Bergman, were re-elected.

On motion, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Ernest of Lacombe and Dr. Williams of Merritt, for their kindness and able assistance throughout the year; to the Women's Auxiliary, Arion Club and Lewis G. Hill for much appreciated help; and to R. R. Stokes and A. H. Frazier for auditing the books of the association.

AWARDED DAMAGES. Montreal, Feb. 20.—After three-quarters of an hour deliberation, the jury in the case of Paul Dinowerts against the Canadian Pacific Railway, brought in a verdict for \$5,000 damages against the company, with costs.

Judge Saint Pierre stated when the verdict was read that it accorded with his ideas. In accordance with this judgment was entered against the Canadian Pacific for \$5,000 with costs as taxed.

The action was brought by Mr. Dinowerts to recover \$14,964 from the company as damages for nervous breakdown and incapacity for business as a result of his suffering during the Spanish River railway wreck. Mr. Dinowerts claimed that he had been a passenger on the first-class car, had been pitched into the sea-coast river and remained in the water several hours before being rescued. While he did not suffer any serious physical injury his nervous system was wrecked by the perils he endured and the sights he witnessed to such an extent that he has not since been able to attend to business. It is a merchant at Trois Pistons and claims that in addition to being unable to attend to business his nerves have become so disordered that he suffers greatly.

WIRELESS FROM TRAINS. New York, Feb. 20.—That the Union Pacific Railway plans to equip its entire system with wireless apparatus for sending messages from moving trains to stations along the line is the announcement of Dr. Frederick Mead of Omaha, an electrical expert in the employ of the railway, who is now in New York city. Dr. Mead says the company expects to adopt the wireless telephone.

LICENCE COMMISSIONERS

Vancouver Board Elects Mayor Taylor As Chairman.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The trouble between the mayor and the licence commissioners was settled at a meeting the other day by the chief magistrate being appointed chairman, and the commissioners reserving to themselves the right to call meetings when they like.

In moving the election of the mayor as chairman Commissioner Findlay said: "As members of the licence commissioners for the city of Vancouver it is our privilege and duty at this our first regular and official meeting for the year 1911, to elect a chairman from among our members to act throughout the year, and I would move that His Worship Mayor Taylor be elected to that office. I make this resolution feeling that it is our duty to do so from the fact that the electors of the city of Vancouver have seen fit to elect him to the highest office of mayor, and it would, I feel, be an insult to said electors if we should pass the mayor by, and elect from our number another than he. The position is but an honorary one, and in conferring upon his worship this honor we are but carrying out what I feel would be the wishes of the ratepayers and electors of the city."

Commissioner Pyke seconded the resolution, pointing out, however, that the mayor had sought to overstep his powers.

The statement was made that hotels were not obeying the bylaw prohibiting the sale of liquor after 11 o'clock p. m. except on Sundays. It was decided that the meaning of the word "guests" can only be settled by the courts. The bylaw of the commission defined guest as one who was staying in the hotel. But the city solicitor stated that any person having a meal in an establishment was a guest.

Commissioner Crehan declared that there were citizens who were willing to take up the matter, and if necessary submit the case to the Privy Council. The inspector reported that it was a general practice for the hotels to secure the supply for the dining rooms at 10 hours from the bar. Commissioner Crehan regarded this as directly at variance with their bylaws.

PLANS OF LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE

Policy This Year to Be One of Education and Organization

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Rev. Dr. Spencer submitted his report, which was optimistic and encouraging, at Local Option Convention held here. W. J. Farish submitted the treasurer's report, which was as follows: Receipts, from leagues, \$4,791.33; from city hall and time for services, \$110.50; cash from previous year, \$60.85. Total, \$4,962.18. Expenditures amounted to \$4,881.72, leaving a balance of \$80.46.

Mrs. Spofford, on behalf of the W. C. T. U., spoke of the great influence exercised by the body she represented and the determination to continue the work whatever the result. As women they were one in working for the extinction of the liquor traffic.

Rev. C. M. Tate spoke for the I. O. G. T. The Good Templars was the largest temperance order in the world. It counts by thousands in Canada, tens of thousands in the U. S. A., and by hundreds of thousands in the United Kingdom. In the provincial jail 90 per cent of the prisoners were there through drink. Close the saloons and the jails would have nothing to do. That's a plank from the Good Templar platform. Where there was prohibition the jails were empty.

Newton R. Brown spoke for the Royal Templars of Temperance. He said they were in sympathy, physically, morally and financially.

The future policy committee reported as follows: "That the policy of this league for the coming year shall be one of education and organization, with a view to securing eventually a provincial local option law. That we concentrate our efforts for this purpose, and leave other matters to the organizations to which they more particularly pertain. That we request the incoming executive to devise such plans for the financing of the campaign as will adequately provide for the necessary funds."

Officers were elected as follows: President, R. H. Cairns, Chilliwack; treasurer, P. G. Drost, Vancouver; financial secretary, W. J. Paris, Vancouver; vice-presidents, C. N. Haney, G. O. Buchanan, the presidents and leaders of all Christian and reform bodies and about forty others in different parts of the province.

Rev. A. E. Hancey spoke on "Abolition of the Bar." He felt that keeping for the accommodation of the public was a legitimate business, but there had somehow arisen an unholy marriage between the hotel and the bar. The liquor question was an economic problem, and as such concerned everyone.

Rev. Dr. Spencer said in no province in Canada had such progress been achieved as had been done in British Columbia in one year. Temperance sentiment was never stronger. The opposition met with had been from the fact that the law tried, the Canada Temperance Act, had come from the wrong place. Though the liquor traffic and its allies were entrenched against them the victory was theirs and at no very distant date. They had worked a \$5,000 policy last year, but this year our budget was for \$10,000. Would they accept such a budget? Cries from all over the hall, "Yes."

He thanked all who had helped so nobly in making the convention such a success, and all those who through the year had done such faithful work.

TEXT OF AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY CITY

Terms on Which Council is Willing to Supply Water to Oak Bay

The following is the full text of the agreement as to the supply of water to Oak Bay which the city is willing to now have made part of the Oak Bay bill now before the legislature.

"1. It shall hereafter at all times be recognized that the obligation exists upon the part of the city of Vancouver to furnish the corporation of Oak Bay with a supply of water of the same quality and quantity as that supplied to the inhabitants of the city of Vancouver, and that a corresponding obligation exists on the part of the corporation to receive, accept and pay for such supply of water."

"2. The city withdraws its opposition to the bill introduced 'An Act to amend the Oak Bay Act, 1910,' now being promoted by the corporation, on condition that the said bill contain the rights, powers, and privileges on the part of each corporation herein contained as incorporated with and made a part of the water supply contract by said bill, to be conferred shall be deemed to be subject to the terms of this schedule."

"3. The route of the said pipe line, the size of the pipe to be laid thereon, shall be in so far as possible adapted to the requirements of the city, in connection with its development of Sooke lake, Sooke river or their tributaries, and a source of water supply, and any work in connection with the construction of the said pipe line, shall be decided upon by the water commissioner of the city and the corporation, and in the event of difference between them, the same shall be settled by the chief water commissioner of the province of British Columbia."

"Provided, however, that if the city shall insist upon the pipe being of a larger size than twelve inches in diameter the city shall pay to the corporation at the time of construction the difference in the cost of material and installation between a pipe of twelve inches in diameter and the additional size required by the city."

"4. The corporation shall not in the first instance enter into any contract with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for a supply of water for a longer period than five years from the date of the passing of this act, but provision may be made in such contract for an extension for another period of three years, if the city shall not be ready at the said period of five years to supply water to the corporation from Sooke lake, or their tributaries, or any other source of water."

"5. If at the expiration of the said contract or any extension thereof, as aforesaid, the city shall have acquired a supply of water from Sooke lake, or Sooke river, or their tributaries, and completed the initial work of construction connected therewith, and shall be in a position, and shall give the corporation, these months before the expiration of the contract, its readiness to furnish an adequate supply of water in bulk from such source to the corporation at the boundary of the municipality, at a pressure sufficient for the domestic use of the corporation, excepting Gonzales Hill (and in case a dispute shall arise between the city and the corporation as to whether the water is being furnished at the said pressure, the question shall be referred to be settled by the said chief water commissioner) then the corporation shall forthwith cease to take water from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, and the corporation shall thereafter take water in bulk from the said city, at the boundary line, at a price to be agreed upon, or failing such agreement, the price shall be settled by the said chief water commissioner, and such price shall be reduced in the same manner between the said municipalities every five years thereafter."

"6. Immediately upon the city notifying its readiness to supply the corporation with water, the corporation shall furnish an accurate detailed statement of the total initial cost of the said pipe line, and the construction thereof, as set forth in clause 3 hereof, and the city shall thereupon forthwith pay such sum to the corporation, and thereupon all the said pipe shall be deemed the property of the city. The said city shall be liable for the cost of the expense of the corporation and the ownership thereof shall not at any time be parted with except as above, and the corporation shall take no action that will prevent the corporation selling the said pipe line to the said city at the time herein specified."

"7. Neither municipality shall make any attempt to derogate from the otherwise to derogate from the provisions of this agreement except with the consent of the other municipality."

"8. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to derogate in any manner from the rights of the corporation with reference to the supply of water from Elk lake until such time as the city supplies water from Sooke lake, Sooke river or their tributaries."

INDUSTRIAL PEACE

(From Monday's Daily.) A committee representing the branch of the Canadian Industrial Peace association waited upon His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Paterson this morning to solicit his support and co-operation. They were present: Bishop Perrin, Bishop MacDonald, D. E. Campbell, A. J. Braas and P. H. Scullin.

The aims of the association having been explained His Honor cordially endorsed the movement as an advanced step for the benefit of the people, and became a member of the local committee.

The directors will meet on Premier McBride to-morrow and purpose memorializing the legislature on the matter afterwards.

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BUILDING SNOW SHEEDS

OF ISLAND RAILWAY

Prime Rupert, Feb. 17.—Mr. Mohan, the general superintendent of the G. T. P.; Mr. McVieho, and Mr. Van Ardell, who have been by the line for the past seven days, have returned to the city. Mr. Mohan reported that the weather of the line as far as the 88-mile post was very severe. They encountered a tremendous fall of snow in some places it was as deep as six feet and plenty of wind to keep it up in drifts. Mr. Mohan expressed the opinion that by next year there would be ready for the very worst that the winter season could bring them. The worst place on the line lies between the 41 and 44 mile posts. There the line is banked on either side by precipitate slopes from which the snow slips down on to the cuttings. Just before the very severe weather set in the work of erecting snow sheds was started. It is proposed to build three sheds there and one of them is almost completed now. It is Mr. Mohan's first experience of the winter in these parts and his plans are to continue to erect snow sheds from the snow from banking on the railway.

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Lieut.-Governor Paterson Officially—Large Party Guests of the Canadian Northern

(From Monday's Daily.) The turning of the first sod of the new Island branch of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway on Saturday afternoon, for it meant the beginning of a new transportation system on Vancouver Island which is bound to have a far-reaching effect in opening up the country and in promoting industries and settlements.

The ceremony was a very simple one. It took place on the roadside near the head of Portage Inlet, where something like one hundred and fifty people had gathered. The sun was shining and the mood of the crowd was a rural rural to the occasion. It was a curious scene and one seldom witnessed.

Shortly before three o'clock the crowd began to gather, mostly Victoria people, but with a smattering of country folk, including a few women and children. Automobiles soon lined the roadside and bugles were fired to the accompaniment of the playing of the government and many of the members of the provincial legislature were present. The board of trade, city council and people from all walks of life talked and laughed together, all optimistic and all extremely pleased at the remarks of the speakers. Naturally everyone was in a good humor. Prominent among those who were out was Hon. F. S. Holden, who was as keenly interested as anyone.

A spot was chosen for the ceremony by T. G. Holt, general executive for the railway in B. C., whose guests all were forest rangers. Nearly all the members of the government and many of the members of the provincial legislature were present. The board of trade, city council and people from all walks of life talked and laughed together, all optimistic and all extremely pleased at the remarks of the speakers. Naturally everyone was in a good humor. Prominent among those who were out was Hon. F. S. Holden, who was as keenly interested as anyone.

Mr. Holt, Mr. Premier, ladies and gentlemen. It must be exceedingly gratifying and very pleasant indeed to all who have an interest in the city of Victoria and the province of British Columbia, and more especially the Island of Vancouver, to have the opportunity of being here present to-day and taking part in the ceremony of breaking ground for a railway from which we hope to see such important results in connection with the opening up and the substantial development of this portion of our heritage. It is well known to all of us that the material prosperity of the province of British Columbia is dependent very largely upon the perfection of the systems of transportation serving the province, and we must all be pleased to see that the province of British Columbia has been drawn to our province, knowing, as we do, that with adequate railway facilities the position and prosperity of the province will be realized.

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MAJOR OF ROSSLAND

Salary Has Been Fixed at \$800 a Year. Rossland, Feb. 17.—The city council has passed a bylaw empowering it to borrow the sum of \$10,000 at a rate of interest not exceeding 7 per cent. This money is necessary as many expenses have to be met before the ratepayers. The council has also decided to put the mayor's salary at \$800 per annum and the remuneration of aldermen at \$4 for each council meeting attended. The council meets twice a month.

ATLANTIC LINERS NOT FOR NEW RUN

London Dispatch Says Empresses Will Not Be Used for West Indies Service

London, Feb. 20.—On inquiry at the C. P. R. offices here it is learned that the company is not at all likely to put the Atlantic Empress steamships on the route between Canada and the West Indies, as reported in the Liverpool Courier on Saturday.

In Saturday afternoon's issue the Times published information received from Montreal, stating that the Canadian Pacific Railway contemplated transferring the two Pacific steamships Empress of China and Empress of India, from the Oriental service to the new West Indies run, and replacing them by four speedier and more modern vessels. The Liverpool paper has apparently got mixed.

BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

Duncan, Feb. 17.—The meeting held for the organization of the Boy scouts proved a great success. The boys turned out in force and Mr. Cunningham acted as chairman. After considerable discussion it was decided to organize a local unit of the Boy Scouts at headquarters. Mr. Woodworth was appointed scoutmaster and organizer. Enough material was present to warrant the forming of patrols at Quamichan, Semonon, and possibly two at Duncan.

MARRIED

BATLEY-TALBOT—On the 16th inst. at St. James' church by the Rev. J. Sweet, Arthur Tenynson, sixth son of the late Benj. Talbot and Mrs. Talbot, son of the late J. F. Talbot and Mrs. Talbot, of Los Angeles, California.

DIED

JOHNSTON—At Victoria, on the 16th inst. at the residence of Trotter Johnston, of Maple Glen, Semonon, in his 71st year.

ROBERTSON—At Brechin, Forfarshire, on the 20th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Robertson, aged 78 years, the father of Mrs. James Wallace.

DONALDSON—On the 8th February, at the residence, East Sooke, of Mrs. Shortless, James Douglas Donaldson, a husband of Lewis E. E. Donaldson, and Mrs. Donaldson, aged 25 years, and a native of Victoria, B. C.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT"

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to the 10, Block B, Cloverdale Estate (Map 285), Victoria District.

(Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a fresh Certificate of Title to said land, issued by the Registrar-General of the 14th day of September, 1910, and numbered 7704.)

REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF THE LAND REGISTRY ACT

DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE. Take notice that Samarez Le Grant, of Bella Cools, farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at the northwest corner of the Crown Grant Lot 4, on the south shore of North Bentick Arm, thence south to 20 chains more or less to the shore, thence east 20 chains along shore to the point of commencement, containing 66 acres more or less.

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SUPPER AND CONCERT

Under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Sunshine club of the North Saanich Methodist church, a supper and concert was given in Bergquist hall, at Sidney, on Tuesday, February 14.

Supper was served from 5 p. m. to 6 o'clock, after which the tables were cleared away and one of the most successful programmes of music and songs that has ever been given by local talent in Sidney was rendered. Miss Doris Roberts acted as pianist of the evening, and among the soloists were: F. Bishop, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Inrie, Miss Ben Roberts, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Muriel H. Brethour, Miss McKillochan, Miss M. Gherkin. Instrumental selections were rendered by Miss Byers, Mrs. Critchley, and Mr. Musgrave, and Ernest Wilkinson, and Miss Muriel Brethour gave two excellent recitations. The programme concluded with a sketch, "The Wrong Flat," which kept the audience in laughter from the beginning to the end.

A vote of thanks moved by Miss Murray, president of the club, to Miss Eva Roberts, to whom the success of the evening's programme was attributed, and the singing of "God Save the King," closed the concert.

A SIX-FOOT COMPANY

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—What will be known as Captain Moore's Company of the 72nd Searcher Highlanders is to have a record of its own, the distinction being that the men enlisted in the company will be six feet in height or over. Captain Montague Moore, who is taking the initiative in forming this company, is himself over the six-foot mark, as are all the other officers. The band or honnets which the men will wear are added considerably to the height of the men, for which the whole company will be named. Already some two hundred fifty men have joined the regiment.

The Toronto Evening Telegram writes that the British policy upon the province, members after the fashion of the L. Brown. Give could desire, a loyalty. They were thinking they were being benevolent over all the officers but let their policy be effected, loyalty evaporated, talk of separate country unless time to feed the estimated independence. When sustained a co- strange thing might happen, might oppose a law, you might by which the were entirely and you would loyalty. He seemed to show his intention of his moment the location on an intensive scale.

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The cry of a woman by identity to the empty was laughed at by Mr. Brewster, and treated as an insult to Canadians.

Duncan Ross, ex-vice for Yale-Cariboo, was the chief speaker of the evening, and was warmly welcomed by the audience.

The question of reciprocity is not a new one. Indeed, it is older than the Dominion of Canada itself.

Mr. Brewster left for the legislature he was given a spontaneous tribute of cheers and applause.

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reciprocity agreement, and have both suggested the old Tory cry of leasing the title that binds us to the mother land.

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TO WAGE FOR "OPEN SHOP"

RAISING FUNDS FOR LOS ANGELES CAMPAIGN

American Federation of Labor Appeals to Unions for \$500,000

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17. - Announcement that \$500,000 is being raised by the unions of the country to finance the struggle of the unions of Los Angeles "open shop" conditions, was made here to-day by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Appearing to all union men to contribute to the fund the name of "Justice and Liberty," Gompers to-day is sending out an appeal for funds to various cities and Secretary Frank Morrison of the Federation, announced that already contributions are streaming in.

Union leaders declare that the National Association of Manufacturers is backing the Merchants' & Manufacturers Association of Los Angeles in its fight against unionism and it is the intention to stamp out the union movement in southern California.

Although the labor leaders refused to confirm rumors that this action follows a decision reached at a secret conference in St. Louis when the American Federation held its convention last fall, it is generally accepted here as true that the movement is the culmination of carefully formed plans of the time.

The information was given out here that the struggle in Los Angeles is to be only one of a series. The unions, it is said, have determined to "down" the "open shop" in Washington, and then fight won in Los Angeles, to carry the war up the coast to the Canadian border.

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NELSON CONTINUES PUBLICITY WORK

Committee Reports at Meeting of Board of Trade—Seek Improved Service

Nelson, Feb. 16. - At a meeting of the board of trade E. W. Widdowson, for the publicity committee, reported that the committee estimated that \$2,500 could be raised, and that the first subscriptions were already in hand.

The report of the committee was adopted, and in order to carry on the office, in the meantime, it was agreed that the committee should guarantee \$25 for the next month's clerical office expenses.

The secretary, E. K. Beeston, reported that no acknowledgment had yet been made by the Great Northern officials, of the representations made on the subject of a better platform at the station and of an improved passenger car service out of Nelson.

H. E. Douglas said the local officials of the company were thoroughly in sympathy with the movement to secure these improvements. The general office had promised the local officials that there would be an improved passenger service in the spring, with a better train to Spokane.

On motion of F. A. Starkey and Jas. Johnston, it was decided to apply to the railway commission for both a new station and an improved passenger car. This application to be made at the earliest hearing.

Imperial Conference. Melbourne, Feb. 17. - The need for a secretariat as a channel of communication between the Overseas Dominions is strongly advocated by the prime minister of the Commonwealth, Mr. Fisher.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 17. - While trying on his sixty horse-power hydroplane here yesterday, Aviator Glenn H. Curtiss was caught in a slight gust of wind off North Island while attempting a landing, which damaged his machine, though he escaped injury.

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