

## NEW POLICE STATION IN MARKET BUILDING

### COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE SCHEME TO-NIGHT

Present Quarters Have Been  
Condemned as Inadequate  
and Insanitary

The bulletin board at the city hall today bears a notice that is proving a source of pure delight to the police department of the city. It is the notice inviting the signature of the mayor in favor of the purpose of rearranging the market building for police and jail quarters.

It is now no definite scheme of arrangement has been devised, but it is understood that the idea behind the project is to utilize that portion of the building west of the main entrance, the eastern portion is, of course, the headquarters of the fire brigade. It is estimated that the cost of fitting up the west end of the market building with a modern police station, with court and jail accommodation, will not exceed \$250,000.

It is a notorious and painfully obvious fact that the present police headquarters in the city hall have long since passed the line of utility. They represent the highest point of inadequacy, and their evacuation for better and more spacious quarters should be hailed with unqualified satisfaction by the members of the department affected. There has been a continual agitation going on for a long time in connection with the present headquarters.

It was not only claimed that the accommodation was far too limited for the purposes of a city of the size of Victoria, but it was also claimed that the results of its dimensions were aggravated by the insanitary condition of the prison accommodation which also became ridiculously small with the increasing population and the ever-growing margin of undesirable elements who are peculiar to every growing community. During the years through which the department has struggled with its difficulties it has been no very uncommon occurrence for a prisoner to hold the original cell in all the monotonous routine of prison life to take a silent farewell to the depressing surroundings and escape into the light leaving behind him a chain of circumstances much more humorous than mysterious.

With the advent of a new police station situated in the market building the "lockages" will no longer be there, and while their absence may abstract something from the common stock of public entertainment it will add proportionately to the security and the peace of things in general. In all probability the matter will be brought before the attention of the council to-night.

## FRENCH TROOPS WILL NOT ENTER FEZ

Germany Warns French That  
Trouble May Follow Occupation of Capital

Berlin, May 8.—Germany has warned France of the dangerous consequences likely to follow the occupation of Fez by French troops. Further on this the government has taken a step, though watching developments in Morocco very closely.

There is no truth in the rumor published today that Germany had decided to send three cruisers to Morocco in order to display the flag at Casa Blanca, Rabat, Mogador and El Marash.

In view of the hint from Berlin, it is believed there that the French flying machine from the southwest that has been hurrying to the relief of Fez will be halted outside the capital.

Reports From Consuls.  
Tangier, Morocco, May 8.—The French, British and Austrian consuls received advices from Fez to-day. The messages are of a pessimistic character. Dispatches state that Col. Druard's relief expedition is still close to the Elkhitra, the French advance being barely thirty miles beyond Rabat. The column was expected to reach Akhitra on May 1 and to make the attempt on one hundred miles to Fez by forced marches not later than last Saturday.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH.  
Died to Death in Fire Which Destroys Their Home.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ville Marie, Que., May 8.—The home of Richard Laroux, three miles from this place, was destroyed by fire this morning and three small children, all under five years of age, were burned to death. The parents of the children were absent when the fire broke out.

## PRESIDENT DIAZ INTENDS TO RESIGN

### WILL LEAVE OFFICE WHEN PEACE IS RESTORED

Issues Manifesto Declaring Intention But Does Not Set Date for Retirement

Mexico City, May 8.—General Porfirio Diaz last night issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico, declaring his intention of resigning the presidency as soon as peace is restored.

In this manner the president has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention.

As to when peace is actually restored, General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto, it will be "when his conscience tells him that he will not leave the country in anarchy."

The president said his determination not to relinquish the presidency at this time was not due to vanity or love of power, because, as he pointed out, power at this time had no attraction, accompanied as it is by tremendous responsibilities and worry. He said he was prompted solely by a desire to conserve the best interests of his country.

The president makes it clear he did not propose to abandon the presidency while his country is at war, and that he would not do so at any time under compulsion.

President Diaz made public the manifesto this morning. The promise of the president is made to the people of Mexico and its receipt by the revolutionist leaders will be inconceivable.

## CHIEF ENGINEER ON QUEBEC BRIDGE

G. B. Monsarratt, Head of C. P. R. Staff, is Appointed Chairman of Commission

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, May 8.—An order-in-council was passed on Saturday appointing G. B. Monsarratt, at present chief bridge engineer of the Canadian Pacific, chairman of the board of engineers in charge of the construction of the Quebec bridge. Mr. Monsarratt succeeds H. E. Vautelet who retired on account of ill-health.

The new chairman of the board is one of the best known bridge experts on the continent and is Canadian by birth. The retiring chairman was also chief bridge engineer for the Canadian Pacific railway and was appointed by the government to the Quebec bridge board. Mr. Monsarratt is chief engineer on the largest bridge undertaking in the world. The salary attached to the position is \$10,000 a month.

Montreal, May 8.—G. B. Monsarratt, bridge engineer of the C. P. R., has received a telegram from Ottawa announcing that an order-in-council has been put through appointing him as successor to H. E. Vautelet, the chairman of the Quebec bridge commission.

Mr. Monsarratt was born at Montreal in 1871. He entered the railway service in 1889 as structural draughtsman in the office of the chief engineer of the C. P. R.

FOUND DEAD NEAR CALGARY.  
(Special to the Times.)  
Calgary, Alb., May 8.—F. G. Moir, a clerk in the Imperial Bank, while strolling through the small bush in the east end of the city yesterday with a big mastiff discovered the body of Hugh McAlpine, formerly a cattle buyer here, lately retired. McAlpine had been missing from his residence for a fortnight. The body shows no signs of violence, and the police ascribe death to heart failure. A postmortem will be held. McAlpine was a single man, about 45 years old and came here from St. Augustine, Scotland, about six years ago. He was secretary of the Calgary Bowling Club and well-known to lovers of that sport.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.  
Winnipeg, May 8.—The Masonic Temple company has acquired an extensive site on the east side of Ferry off Portage avenue, and a half million dollars combination store, office and Temple block will be erected as soon as plans are completed.



A KNIGHT OF THE QUILL  
"Impressionist" picture of Victoria newspaper reporter sallying forth on his daily round at the City Hall.

## WILL DISCUSS QUESTION OF BAIL

COUNSEL TO CONFER WITH  
JUDGES AT LOS ANGELES

Mrs. McManigal is Expected to Prove Valuable Witness for Prosecution

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—There will be no further court proceedings in the cases of John McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Iron Workers, and his brother James B. McNamara, who are accused of murder, until to-morrow, at that time there will be a conference of John D. Friedrichs, district attorney, and Job Harriman, Los Angeles, attorney for the defence, with Judge Walter Bordwell to determine the amount of bail John McNamara would have to provide if he were to be released, on the charge of dynamiting. Considering that dynamiting is the less serious of the charges against the men, there has been a great deal of speculation as to why the defence desires to know what bail would be required on the occasion. Officials declare that the defence can gain only a possible theoretical advantage by having bonds fixed on that charge.

Attorneys for the defence offer no affidavits except that the men will be arranged separately, on a charge of dynamiting and that the accusation is entirely separate from that of murder of nineteen employees of the Times plant, where the explosion occurred October 1, 1910. They added that so far as murder is concerned it is by no means an unbalable offence, but that the matter of freeing on bonds where such a charge is made, is left to the discretion of the judge.

An investigation regarding the eighty sticks of dynamite found near the beach on the Malibout ranch in this county yesterday, was scheduled for to-day. The theory is advanced that this dynamite may have been brought down and landed from a boat on which it is alleged the dynamite was loaded which was used to destroy the Times plant.

An attempt will be made to learn if it could have been cached there by the men who are charged with having blown up the Times building.

W. J. Burns, the detective, Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney who will be leading counsel for the defence, and Mrs. McManigal, wife of Orrie McManigal, the alleged confessed dynamiter, may possibly arrive this week. Mrs. McManigal is declared to be nearly as valuable a witness for the prosecution as her husband.

## SETTLERS BRING MUCH WEALTH

MEN AND MONEY POUR  
INTO CANADIAN WEST

Over Thirty Thousand Immigrants Arrived During the Month of April

(Special to the Times.)  
Montreal, May 8.—C. P. R. officials state that to date immigration to the Canadian west through Montreal and St. John has exceeded that of all previous years.

During April over 30,000 new settlers were carried west and since the opening of navigation at Montreal the rush to the west has increased in volume. One thousand five hundred and fifty new settlers arrived on the Allan liners Sardinian and Virginian alone last week.

C. P. R. officials also estimate that the average per capita wealth of settlers during the last two months has been in the neighborhood of \$400, and that altogether some \$16,000,000 has been brought into the country by immigrants.

Settlers From Scotland.  
Glasgow, May 8.—The "Aurora" sailed on here on Saturday with 1200 Canadian emigrants and the Scotia with 1400.

BORDEN WILL NOT  
VISIT THIS PROVINCE

The Conservative Leader Will Speak in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta

## CONSIDERING THE RECIPROcity BILL

MEASURE BEFORE  
U. S. SENATE COMMITTEE

Views of Many Interests Will Be Heard at Washington This Week

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Consideration of Canadian reciprocity began in earnest to-day on the senate side of the capitol when the committee took up the bill. The senate also had a session to-day, the meeting however being under the new rule. Reservations of time before the finance committee have been made by many interests. Among the first to apply for a hearing on reciprocity were paper manufacturers of Detroit and vicinity, who will be heard to-morrow. On Wednesday the American Pulp and Paper Association is expected to be before the committee. A delegation of farmers from Michigan and Minnesota will appear Thursday.

The farmers' free list bill will be presented by the House late to-day. Protestors of book paper manufacturers against Canadian reciprocity were made to the committee. George Sullivan, representing a Philadelphia company, asserted that because of vast wood supply and cheap water power in Canada, coupled with advantages in the cost of raw material, Canadian notebook manufacturers would make their product 25 per cent less than Americans. He declared the agreement would put the American book paper manufacturers out of business. Mr. Sullivan said there were 48 book paper mills in the United States with 30,000 employees. The only book paper now they export is bible paper.

BURGLARS AT VANCOUVER.  
Vancouver, May 8.—Burglars early on Sunday morning broke into the South Granville branch of the Vancouver Post Office at the southwest corner of Granville and Davis streets. The office is in the drug store of H. W. Ferguson, but no attempt was made to interfere with his cash box or stock.

One hundred and fifty one dollars in cash was taken from the postal cash box, the thief leaving untouched a package of stamps. Entrance was effected by the rear, where the end of the store and another building are being remodelled.

GOES TO TORONTO.  
Winnipeg, May 8.—R. L. Fairbairn, at present at Saskatoon, has been appointed Canadian Northern assistant passenger agent with headquarters at Toronto.

## CAMPAIGN FOR TRADE AGREEMENT

### LIBERALS WILL BE BUSY DURING RECESS

It is Believed Public Opinion Will Force Conservatives to Abandon Obstruction

Ottawa, May 8.—The adjournment of parliament for two months, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Canadian parliamentary delegation are in England attending the coronation, will mark the beginning of an educational campaign for reciprocity throughout Canada under the direction of the Liberal members of the House. The opponents have planned a similar campaign against the ratification.

The government is confident the result will be the creation of so strong a demand for ratification that the Conservatives will not be able to continue their filibuster when parliament resumes, provided the United States in the meantime takes favorable action.

It is understood Sir Wilfrid was induced to propose adjournment chiefly to put himself in a position to insist that Hon. W. S. Fielding should take a rest. Mr. Fielding had been under a great strain during the last two years, having negotiated five international agreements, besides doing an immense amount of work on Canadian domestic problems.

In addition to this, the government was informed that the United States senate probably would not vote on the agreement until July, and as it is certain the Canadian opposition will continue its filibuster until Washington has taken final action. London influence was a great factor in the situation. When dispatches reached England saying Sir Wilfrid probably would be compelled to remain away from the conference and the coronation, the British authorities became exercised. It is understood personal messages were sent to Sir Wilfrid by King George, Premier Asquith and other British leaders urging him to reconsider his intention to remain at Ottawa. No date has been fixed for adjournment. It may come any day between May 20 and June 1.

Godfrey Baring Elected for Barnstable, but Majority is Reduced

## LIBERAL RETURNED IN BY-ELECTION

SEEK HIGHER WAGES.  
Representatives of the C. P. R. Telegraphers Will Interview Officials.

Toronto, May 8.—At a meeting of representatives in the Palmer House of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, eight delegates were appointed to go before the C. P. R. officials at Montreal to make a demand for a general increase of salary, a raise of the minimum wage, now about \$47 per month, and general improvements for all operators with changes in the working rules. The eight telegraphers represent 1,700 men working on the Canadian Pacific railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. At the present time the lowest salary paid to the operators on the road is in the neighborhood of \$67 per month, but it must be remembered that the telegraphers have long hours and work Sundays. Just what increase will be asked is not as yet known, but will be decided later by the chairman of the different districts along the C. P. R. Some of the wages, however, run as high as \$150 per month. The move is made independently of the telegraphers' convention which is being held in the city to-day.

PASTOR ATTACKS TRUSTEES.  
Causes Sensation By Statements in His Farewell Address.

Calgary, Alb., May 8.—Rev. I. H. Wood, pastor of Westbury Baptist church, created a sensation last night in his farewell address by making an attack upon the trustees of the church, practically charging them with graft for selling church property for \$25,000, when he maintained that it was worth \$10,000 more. He mentioned no names, but referred to the fact that a brother of one of the trustees had bought the property.

## FLAMES SWEEP BUSH AND PRAIRIE

### FIRES THREATEN SASKATCHEWAN

Many Persons Are Leaving  
Danger Zone—Relief Train for Kenwood

Winnipeg, May 8.—Prairie fires burning on Canadian Northern railway line from Dauphin north to Prince Albert, a distance of 100 miles, which have been fanned for two days by furious winds, continue serious this morning. C. N. R. wires are down throughout the district. Another relief train on the C. N. R. left Dauphin this morning for Kenwood, where new fire developed.

The chief danger is to lumber camps and small towns. At Big River the C. N. R. has a million dollar sawmill. Hundreds of citizens and lumberjacks are fighting the flames.

Forest fires are threatening settlements along Big River, north of Prince Albert, Sask. A special train brought all persons living in the danger zone to safety late yesterday. At Clearwater Bay, fifteen miles from Kenora, Ont., on the Lake of the Woods district, bush fires have been raging for the last two days. There is no settlement there. Fire rangers report the country is safe, and small fires along the railway right of way at many points may spread from the danger portions.

Many Fires Raging.  
Williams, Minn., May 8.—Bush fires are raging to the north of here and settlers fear a repetition of the disastrous conflagration of last fall. The bush was never so dry as it is at present time, for no rain has fallen this year. The Rainy river is lower now than it was when the snow fell and conditions generally are ideal for the biggest fire in the history of New Ontario and northern Minnesota.

This morning fires are within five miles of this town, and coming this way. They are raging between here and Beaudette, and also between here and Warroad. Few of the settlers slept last night fearing that at any moment the wind might rise, sweeping the flames down on their holdings.

In New England.  
Boston, May 8.—Forest fires caused great damage at many points in New England yesterday, sweeping over thousands of acres of valuable woodlands. At Blodford, Maine, the militia was called out so serious was the situation. Three square miles of timber land was burned over before the fire was controlled.

## PROPOSED REFORM OF HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Lansdowne, Unionist Leader in Upper Chamber, Outlines His Scheme

London, May 8.—Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition, in the House of Lords to-day presented a long deferred question for the reform of the upper chamber.

He proposed that the Lords be reduced to three hundred, constituted as follows: One hundred chosen for a term of years from the existing house; representation introduced by a proportional vote; fifty of standing, such as cabinet ministers, governors of dominions and others; and fifty members of the state, fifty peers nominated by the ministry to to-day for a term of years and one hundred elected for a short term by county councils and borough councils.

The bill also will seek to restrict the exercise of the royal prerogative in the creation of new peers.

NEW LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.  
Quebec, May 8.—Sir Francois Langlois, ex-chief justice of the Superior court of this district, was sworn in on Saturday morning as lieutenant-governor of this province in place of the late Lieutenant-Governor Pelletier. The ceremony took place in the legislative council chamber.

SENT TO JAIL.  
Vancouver, May 8.—"I ain't dangerous, I never killed anybody in this town," Jack McArthur shouted this morning in the police court. McArthur had been brought into court on a charge of vagrancy. He is a logger of unusual husky appearance. He refused to answer questions asked by J. K. Kennedy, the prosecutor, and Magistrate Shaw sentenced him to two months at hard labor.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA.  
London, May 8.—It is definitely announced that Queen Alexandra will be absent from London throughout the coronation festivities.



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AWAIT REPLY TO REBEL DEMAND PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SUSPENDED Madero Wants Public Assurance That President Diaz Intends to Resign

El Paso, Texas, May 5.—Peace negotiations between the Mexican insurgents and the Mexican government were suspended to-day to await an answer from Mexico City to the proposals submitted yesterday by Francisco Madero, jr., that President Diaz make public his intention to resign. Federal representatives admitted that they did not expect a favorable answer.

Judge Carabada, the government peace envoy, to whom the three insurgent commissioners yesterday presented General Madero's suggestion that President Diaz make public the printing assurances were given of his intention to resign, remained in his room at a hotel here to receive telegraphic communications as to how to deal with rebel demands.

Don Vasquez Gomez, head of the peace commission, also declared today in El Paso until Judge Carabada had advised him of a reply from Mexico City, the envoy of both sides claiming it useless to go to the neutral ground until a definite answer to yesterday's proposition had been received. Commissioners are confident of arranging the other conditions of peace within forty-eight hours if the Diaz position is once settled.

Interpretation of the Mexican president's reply depends on the fate of the rebel leaders declared to-day, would an unfavorable reply be received they will proceed to break off negotiations and continue the struggle with arms. They have no alternative, they say.

Programs have been pouring into the quarters of General Madero from all over the country, warning him that if he attempts to any arrangement which continues General Diaz in power he will renounce his leadership and cause the rebellion independently. Reports also have been received at Madero camp, of the mobilization of large bodies of rebels prepared for march on the City of Mexico, if necessary. The present armistice will expire at noon to-morrow and should negotiations fail an attack on the insurgents is imminent. Some of the insurgents in discussing such a contingency to-day thought the attack on Mexico might be abandoned in view of the possibility of a general election in the United States and expressed the opinion that it would be a good move to turn the insurgent army southward, where the revolution is steadily being acquiring momentum.

President's Statement. Senator Oscar Braniff, one of the governors, told an Associated Press correspondent it was he who had conveyed Madero's assurance to resign. He declared President Diaz in a conversation with him had said he felt obliged to the majority of Mexican voters who had elected him to resign. Braniff explained that he had directed Madero to do so in assuring Madero of Diaz's intention. He assured furthermore, that he had previously ventured the opinion that President Diaz would resign if peace were restored.

NO WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES. Toronto, May 5.—The court of appeals of the Methodist church yesterday decided that under no circumstances are women to represent Methodist congregations at national conferences. The issue was raised by the British Columbia conference, where women elected by the quarterly board to represent the church were refused admission to the conference.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY. Nelson, B. C., May 5.—Two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, the maximum sentence for attempted suicide, was the penalty inflicted by his Honor Judge Forin on F. H. Taylor, who attempted to take his life here on April 18.

SIR J. CARLING'S ILLNESS. (Special to the Times.) London, Ont., May 5.—The condition of Sir John Carling, who was overcome by a sinking spell yesterday, is improving. The doctors, however, are not sanguine as to his ultimate recovery.

NOT BADLY DAMAGED. Reports Regarding H.M.S. Invinchible Declared to Be Exaggerated. Portsmouth, England, May 5.—The report published in London papers to-day of the damage to the Dreadnought cruiser Invinchible while she was being docked here for an overhauling on Tuesday were greatly exaggerated. When the ship was docked it was found that some of the wooden blocks on which the great weight rested had been improperly placed and it was necessary to float her and replace the blocks. The vessel was but little damaged.

Accused Faces His Accuser. The Invinchible has given continual trouble ever since she was put in commission. Her guns have not been fired for more than a year owing to difficulties with the electrically operated barbets.

INFORMER REPEATS STORY OF MURDER. Brother of One of Prisoners Attempts to Interfere and is Ejected From Court

Vitebro, May 5.—Mariano Degennaro who, it is alleged, was the first to attack Genaro Cuocolo, stabbing him with a dagger, was given the chance to-day to confront his accuser, Genaro Abbatemaggio.

In accordance with the criminal procedure of Italy, the alleged principals in the murder of Cuocolo and his wife, having been subsequently interrogated, are now in turn being given an opportunity to stand face to face with the informer in open court and to verbally defend themselves. As the accused and accused stood before the judges' bench to-day Abbatemaggio recited what he affirms was the part played by Degennaro in the tragedy at Torre Greco, this evening of June 28, 1906. He said in substance: "Degennaro was armed with a dagger and also carried in his pocket a kitchen knife which had been taken from the victim's home. This knife was later placed in the right hand of the dead to give the impression to those who might discover the body that Cuocolo had been slain in a duel."

When Cuocolo ceased to breathe Degennaro placed the knife in his hand, while others took a ring from his finger and from a pocket a latch-key to his apartments.

When Degennaro then went to the Inn of Mini-a-Mari to report the success of their mission to Enrico Alfano, while the others proceeded to the Cuocolo home and murdered Maria Cuocolo. Abbatemaggio's contention had been supported by the carabinieri, who claimed to have found Cuocolo's ring at the home of a woman friend of one of the assassins.

STRIKE RIOT. Pittsburg, Pa., May 5.—The strike of Pennsylvania railroad shompen is said to be spreading to-day. Last night one man was shot through the knee and two others were severely beaten at Westborough by full fare for a drive of fifty cents. Toyne prosecuted for non-payment, and James... appearing in his behalf, argued that the cab by-law under which prosecution was brought was ultra vires of the powers of the city council. He gave the matter consideration, and said Magistrate Shaw, and it is to be seen that the by-law does not comply with the statute. I dismiss the... (Continued on page 7.)

DEATH OF HUNGARIAN MINISTER. Buda Pest, May 5.—Carl Von Hogenonyi, minister of commerce, died yesterday.

DRAFT OF TREATY OF ARBITRATION WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Washington, D. C., May 5.—The draft of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain has advanced so far towards completion that it will be ready for submission to the British government within two weeks.

Peace Congress. Baltimore, Md., May 5.—The chief feature on the programme to-day at the third annual peace congress was the report of the committee on reports. One of the resolutions endorsed the Anglo-American arbitration treaty and calls for its ratification. Another asks that congress pass such acts as will make the government hold each state responsible for an outrage committed on the person or property of foreign subjects within that state.

At the forenoon session Dr. Tylengia, a professor in the University of Chicago, spoke on "Peace in Asia." He said that what vitally concerned Japan is the continuation of peace in Asia and declared that his country to further that end had left no stone unturned.

UNIONIST GETS SEAT. London, May 5.—The West Bromwich election contest was decided today, the Unionist giving Viscount Lewisham, Unionist, the seat by two votes. He had a majority of five.

SHOPYARDS TO BE BUILT AT SYDNEY. Two of World's Largest Armor Plate Manufacturers Are Interested

Sheffield, Eng., May 5.—It is understood that the Canadian government has definitely selected Sydney, N.S., as the site for the Canadian naval construction works. John Brown & Company and the Fairfield Company, of this city, two of the largest armor plate and ordnance works in the world, are both said to be interested. Sydney possesses peculiar advantages in the proximity of iron ore, coal and lime.

WILL NOT AFFILIATE WITH TRADE UNION. Members of Vancouver Fire Department Decide to Organize General Society

Vancouver, May 5.—The question of the dissolution of the recently organized union of the members of the city fire department was discussed at the meeting of the civic fire and police committee yesterday afternoon. While final action was not taken on the question, the intention of the firemen to surrender their charter and withdraw from the trades and labor council was shown. Instead of the present union a general society will be organized among the men, without affiliation with other organizations, which will appoint an executive to represent to the chief the views of the men on various questions arising from time to time, an appeal being taken to the fire and police committee and the council if a disagreement should arise.

FIRST LETTER BOXES. Prince Rupert, May 4.—The first letter boxes for the streets of Prince Rupert have now been installed. There are four of these already supplied by the postal authorities, but others are expected to be authorized later in some of the outlying sections. The collections are to be made twice a day except on Sundays, when the afternoon collection only is made.

DEPUTY SHERIFF KILLED. Muskogee, Okla., May 5.—Jim Work, a deputy sheriff, was shot and killed in a running battle by Bob Davis, Leonard McCullough and Almond Davis, near Porum, Okla., yesterday afternoon. Davis was wanted to answer for an indictment for cattle stealing. He was shot while fleeing in high and lynching is threatened. Davis and his companions escaped to the hills and a posse is now after them.

CABINET CONSIDERING HOME RULE BILL. Ministers at Variance—Nationalists Demand Grant of £15,000,000 and Subsidy

London, May 5.—The Times says that difference of opinion exists in the cabinet concerning the Home Rule bill, which has been for some time in preparation. It is intended to establish a separate Irish exchequer. Nationalists demand that England at the outset pay thereto £15,000,000 as the net cost, apart from the annual subsidy.

TRIAL OF REV. J. PLASS. Hearing of Charge of Using Mails to Defraud Will Begin at Boston This Month. Boston, May 5.—The trial of the Rev. J. Plass, former president of the Close Redeemable Investment Company, of this city, will begin in the United States court May 23 on charges of using the mails to defraud. The Redeemable Investment Company was closed by the post office officials on October 1, but the Rev. Mr. Plass was in British Columbia at the time. He returned voluntarily and pleaded not guilty.

MEXICAN CAPITAL STRONGLY GUARDED. OVER 300 TROOPS IN MEXICO CITY. While Rebel Forces Are Increasing Immediate Attack is Not Expected

Mexico City, May 5.—Although to-day, the fifth of May, one of Mexico's great national holidays as the anniversary of the victory of General Diaz's troops over the French, had been fixed upon by scores of rumors, the government has given the date for the concerted insurrection attack on many towns—and upon the capital, many were inclined to smile to-day when one mentioned the probability of immediate attack. Reports of approaching trouble are still most plentiful, however.

The rebels are admittedly stronger to-day than they have ever been before. But there is no good reason, says the war department, for believing they contemplate an immediate attack upon the capital. Should the attack be made, the rebels will meet by a garrison composed as follows, according to information from the war department: Two thousand artillerymen, one thousand infantrymen, five hundred cavalrymen and two thousand policemen.

LIVELY TIME ON ATLANTIC LINER. Passengers Protest Against Being Quarantined for Suspected Case of Smallpox

Montreal, May 5.—The steamer Dominion from Liverpool arrived in port yesterday afternoon after an eventful voyage. She was held up at the quarantine station on account of the suspected case of small-pox. 245 passengers being ordered ashore. The order re-created a riot as many of the passengers protested vigorously at being put ashore and the ship officers had their hands full handling the crowd. In fact for some minutes it was doubtful if the crew could force the passengers on shore, but after heated discussion the order finally was carried out. Beds, clothing and food had to be provided for those under quarantine and eighteen of the crew were also sent ashore to look after the wants of the passengers.

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PARLIAMENT TO TAKE RECESS LIBERAL CAUCUS DECIDES ON ADJOURNMENT

Ottawa, May 5.—The adjournment of parliament was decided upon this morning at the Liberal caucus. The date was not definitely fixed, but it was expected the adjournment will be made on May 23, or a few days before, and will continue until well into July, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. J. P. Ross will have returned from the imperial conference and coronation. As soon as the House resumes the reciprocity discussion will be continued until the agreement is put through.

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STREET PAVEMENTS. The city council has completed the contract agreement with the Toronto Rubber Mineral Paving Company for laying the streets of Victoria with some thirty miles of its patented paving material.

Granting that the city is secure against any damages that would result from the awarding of a contract to pave streets for which no bylaws have as yet been passed and no consent of the property owners secured under the local improvement system, a monopoly of the work for a year, or perhaps years, has been established.

The city has taken no steps to protect skilled or unskilled labor in the matter of wages or the number of hours which shall constitute a day's work. It has left that matter to be fought out by the labor unions entirely at the mercy of a gigantic corporation.

The city has made an agreement which allows one big concern to sublet its work, and there seems to be a sufficient margin in the contract price for both firms to make enough money to be able to reach common ground and work together. The spoils are so great that they can comfortably be divided and opposition to the deal smothered by largesse.

The council might just as well have gone farther and entered into an agreement that all future work of the city is to be done by the firm in question. That is, with the provisions of its agreement that the awards be subject to ratification under the bylaws of the city.

In view of all these circumstances we are not surprised that the council has found it advantageous to resort to secret sessions to transact its business. The transaction of the business of the public behind closed doors, where it has been tried in other places, has always resulted in a course of action which developed serious trouble for the people represented and the taxpayers.

The secret sessions of city councils have been abandoned nearly everywhere, for it is always understood that the council must come to an agreement in caucus as to what it will do publicly and as a whole. Where it is necessary to do this it may be taken for granted that some one is being advantaged by the secret meetings and if the Victoria city council has been able to avoid this condition it has succeeded where every other council has failed.

It is unfortunate that the deal was closed before the protest of the labor organizations of the city could be heard, but that, of course, was merely an accident. The labor men know now, however, in case they are pinched by the conditions of the work that there is no recourse but that of self-defense.

It was not a brilliant piece of administration whichever way the beholder looks upon it.

A STRAIGHT CHALLENGE. The Times said a few days ago that it seems impossible for the morning paper to fairly state any case in which the relations of the federal and provincial authorities are at variance, and for this the Colonist does not scruple to charge this paper with "mischievous making."

The Colonist made an editorial review of the dispute over the claims of certain Indians to unceded territory in the interior of the province which claims had been presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Colonist based its review on "fuller reports" which had come to hand from the Eastern papers, and it concluded with the remark that even Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not think that the Indians had any claim.

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(From Monday's Daily.) With his clothes on fire George Carman rushed to his mother on Saturday evening, vainly trying to beat the flames out with his hands. His parents ran for blankets, and rolling the boy in them, extinguished the flames. Dr. Frank Hall was called in and he ordered the lad to be taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he died on Sunday as a result of the burns.

It is reported that the little fellow and several other boys were playing "Indians" in the lot adjoining his father's residence, 82 Green street, and he was supposed to be undergoing torture as a prisoner. Paper was wrapped around his waist, it is said, and set fire to. Before the boys understood what had happened the paper had burst into a mass of flames and George had rushed for help.

When asked by the doctor how it had happened, he said the boys had seized him, tied the paper around him, set fire to it and run off. The lad was born in Gainsborough, Sask., whence the family came to Victoria about a year ago. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2.30 p. m. from the residence.

Sergeant Clayards looked into the matter yesterday and is satisfied from his inquiries that the affair was accidental.

BRITISH CAPITAL FOR DOMINION

Trust Company Being Organized in London to Invest Funds in Canada

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, May 8.—G. W. Farrell, financial agent of the shipbuilding firm of William Beardmore and Co., Glasgow, who are tendering in conjunction with Hugh Russell, of Montreal, for the construction of the six cruiser and four destroyers of the Canadian navy, returned on Saturday from London and Paris.

Discussing the respective chances of the several tenderers for the ships which are to cost in the neighborhood of fifteen million dollars, Mr. Farrell said that he understood that there was little difference in the amounts of the several tenderers. The Beardmores, he added, possessed not only an extensive shipyard near Glasgow, but one of the largest steel works in Glasgow.

While in London Mr. Farrell found that the capitalists there were quite well acquainted with the different Canadian securities and values in general and as a matter of fact they appeared to pay more attention to propositions than to the men behind them. He said that a strong trust company had been organized in London with a large capital for the purpose of investment in the Dominion.

Paris Mr. Farrell found the investing public, although extremely conservative and cautious, looking to Canada as the country of the future.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. (From Monday's Daily.) Greig Nelson, an hotel man, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital this morning bleeding from a wound in the throat. The police were called when the man was found in an almost unconscious state, and Dr. George Egan hurried in response to a telephone call to the scene.

Nelson was ordered at once to the hospital, where the physician accompanied him and succeeded in stopping the flow of blood. He is believed to have caused the injury to himself with a razor. No cause is yet assigned by his friends for the act. He is expected to recover.

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Our representative, who is now East, made a remarkable purchase of suits which we will place on sale Wednesday. This purchase enables us to sell suits at \$12.75, \$16.75 and \$23.75 that are worth \$25.00 to \$40.00.

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\$25.00 Suits for \$12.75 Suits in French Basket weaves and serges, in all the latest colors. The coats are semi-fitting style, 26 inches long, well finished and lined with good silk in plain and stripe effects; collars faced in Moire silk and trimmed cuffs. The skirts are in seven gore style, panel back and front, medium width. Some with side pleats. Price... \$12.75

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\$35 and \$40 Suits for \$23.75 Fancy hair stripe, novelty suitings, and worsted suits. Among these are some light grey novelty suitings with coats 26 inches long in semi-box style, patch pockets trimmed with pointed tabs and soft buttons; lined with Skinner satin. The skirts are six gored with wide panel front and back. From the side gorse twelve inches from the bottom is a two-inch tuck under which is a few pleats. Several other styles at this price. \$23.75

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**Should Yield Good Returns When Operated by Dredges**

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**COAL LAND SOLD**

Nearly Million Dollars Involved in Deal in Northern British Columbia.

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**HINDUS OF VICTORIA HAVE ORGANIZED**

Meeting Held Yesterday—Several Local Sympathizers Address the Gathering

(From Monday's Daily.) A mass meeting of Hindus was held yesterday at the Friends' hall, Courtney street, the object being to organize a local Hindustani Association. After prayer by A. Hinder, Mr. Clark addressed the meeting and said that it was to the Hindus' benefit to have a strong and well organized society amongst themselves, which would look after their interests. There were several English speaking people interested in their welfare, but these felt they should do something amongst themselves to better their conditions. Mr. Dillworth stated that in his estimation color was but skin deep, and that all belonged to the one common Father. He considered that preference should be given to Hindus who were British subjects as compared to the Japanese and Chinese, who were foreigners.

**GRIPMEN COMING HERE NEXT WEEK**

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**COWICHAN BAY REGATTA**

Will Be Held as Usual on July 1—Club Elects Officers

Duncan, May 8.—At a general meeting of the Cowichan Bay Regatta Club the secretary-treasurer, Arthur Lane, read the statement of accounts for last year which showed the satisfactory balance of \$117 in hand, and he was accorded the thanks of the meeting for the able manner in which he had conducted the finances of the regatta. The meeting then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year as follows: Hon. president, W. H. Hayward, M. F. P.; president, Mr. Maitland-Douglas; secretary-treasurer, Arthur Lane; committee, Messrs. G. Cheeke, S. M. Dighton, M. Elliott, H. D. Irvine, H. D. Morten, H. W. May, A. Parry, W. R. Robertson, Capt. Fooker, H. N. Harding-Finlayson, T. E. Stillwell, E. A. Price and T. Pitt. The date fixed for the regatta this year was July 1 as usual.

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**SURVEY WORK ON BOUNDARY LINE**

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TRADE AGREEMENT AND ARBITRATION

Views of London Press on U. S. Negotiations With Canada and Britain

(Special to the Times) London, May 6.—The Nation says it is President Taft's cue to present arbitration...

CORONATION DAY FETE IS PLANNED

Government Grant of \$2,000—Official Programme Adopted Last Night

(From Saturday's Daily.) The Daughters of Empire last night finally adopted a set programme for the Coronation Day celebration on June 22...

"Your committee appointed by the Daughters of Empire at the request of a public meeting held a week ago, to formulate plans for the celebration of the coronation of His Majesty, King George V., and to carry the same into effect, beg to report as follows:

"The governor will be accompanied by the members of the cabinet and legislature, and the officers and men of the army, navy and auxiliary forces."

"The Daughters of Empire will be specially requested to prepare a series of tableaux vivants to be presented on this platform after the procession has dispersed."

"The Canadian Pacific Railway may also be asked to allow a stage for similar purposes to be erected in front of the Empress hotel, and the government and that company will be asked to illuminate the buildings and grounds as far as possible."

"At the conclusion of the programme on the two platforms there will be an illumination of the harbor and a procession of illuminated boats, winding up with the lighting of bonfires in various beacon points all around the city."

CHINAMAN'S MONEY STILL MISSING

Merchant Accused of Violating Immigration Act Exonerated at Vancouver

Vancouver, May 8.—A Chinese boy was led into the police court yesterday and faced fifteen grown-up Chinese.

Among the grown up Chinese was Gin Man Sing, who was arrested on April 20 on a charge of violating the Chinese Immigration Act.

The father and the boy appeared in the police court yesterday, having made the trip from Chesley, Ontario, and the boy exonerated Gin Man Sing is the same signed to the oath in the possession of the immigration commissioner...

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Vancouver, May 5.—"Accidental death" was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest over the remains of Simon Youssell.

NEW WESTMINSTER Y. M. C. A. New Westminster, May 5.—Within the next few days an acting secretary for the Westminster Y. M. C. A. will be appointed, his duties to commence immediately.

FORETOP GALLANT MAST LOST IN GALE

Everett G. Griggs Badly Battered by Heavy Weather on Way to Sydney

From Delagoa Bay the British steamship barquentine Everett G. Griggs, the only vessel of her rig now afloat, arrived at Sydney yesterday for docking.

While she was riding out mountainous seas in the Southern Ocean her fore-top-gallant mast and yard snapped off at the cap and went overboard.

MORE TROUBLE FEARED AT CORDOVA

Alaskans Threaten to Prevent Landing of Coal From Steamer Edith

Cordova, Alaska, May 6.—There was no disorder here yesterday, and none is expected until the arrival of the steamer Edith, which has sailed from Nansano with 2,000 tons of Canadian coal for the Alaska Steamship Company, to be landed at Cordova.

Threats were made yesterday by hot-headed persons that the Edith would not be permitted to discharge her cargo.

Mayor Austin E. Lathrop of Cordova yesterday received the following dispatch from Governor Walter E. Clark of Alaska, dated Williamsite, Conn.:

ESQUIMALT LIBERALS HOLD A FINE SMOKER

Stirring Speeches Are Listened to in Intervals of Music Programme

In the organization that accomplishes results the members of the Esquimalt Liberal Association have time and again proved that they can give points to any organization.

BOOSTERS ORGANIZE AT LARGE MEETING

Number of Fans Have Already Joined—Officers Elected

The Booster Club is now a reality. The organization meeting took place last evening, officers were elected and a constitution drawn up.

PEACE CONGRESS

Baltimore, May 6.—The final session of the Third National Peace Congress today was devoted to consideration of the topic, "The interest which business men have in the peace movement."

CANNON'S ATTACK ON RECIPROcity

Former Speaker Declares That Taft's Recent Speech Was Fine Piece of Humor

Washington, D. C., May 6.—Former Speaker Cannon again today took the floor in an attack on the reciprocity bill and the free list bill.

Mr. Cannon demanded to know why live cattle, rice and other products of the south had not been put on the free list.

RESIDENCE BURNED

Crabbrook, May 5.—A. C. Pigott's shack was completely destroyed by fire. Including the contents, Mr. Pigott estimates his loss at between \$500 and \$600.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS

Melbourne, May 6.—The traffic on the state-owned railways in Victoria has been expanding so rapidly that the government is taking steps to add largely to the rolling stock.

DALLAS SEA WALL CAUSES TROUBLE

Claimed That Both the Wall and the Government Engineer Are Unsited

Considerable trouble seems to be fermenting in connection with the Dallas Road sea wall construction. The provincial government's plan has been condemned by several experts as being to the purpose, and now the provincial government's engineer is being catalogued as a failure.

INSPECTING CAMPS ON NEW RAILWAYS

Member of Dominion Public Health Service Will Make Detailed Report

Vancouver, May 6.—Acting under instructions from Dr. Macdonald, chief of the Dominion quarantine and public health service, Ottawa, Dr. A. E. Clendennan, a member of the staff with headquarters at Edmonton, has been dispatched to British Columbia to inspect the camps and contractors' hospitals on all railway lines now under construction.

IN MEMORY OF KING EDWARD

Members of Royal Family Attend Memorial Services at Windsor

London, May 6.—The court mourning for King Edward was ended today, the anniversary of the death of the monarch.

ARMISTICE IN MEXICO AT END

No Reply Received From Diaz—Juarez Will Not Be Attacked To-day

El Paso, Texas, May 6.—Judge Carbajal, the federal envoy, at 10.30 o'clock this morning, declared that he had not received a full answer as yet to the proposition submitted by Francisco I. Madero, through his peace commissioners on Thursday.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY LODGES PROTEST

Governor of Alaska Receives Message Regarding Situation at Cordova

Chaplain, Conn., May 6.—Governor Walter E. Clark, of Alaska, who is visiting his old home here, today received a telegram from the mayor of Cordova and Commissioner Tucker, giving an account of the "coal party" at Cordova, as already described in the Associated Press dispatches and fully confirming the latter. Governor Clark said the messages also contained a protest of the steamship company against the throwing overboard of the coal and the riotous demonstration made.

BIG STEEL WORKS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Nearly Two Millions Involved in Purchase of the Rialdon Plant

San Francisco, Cal., May 6.—The reported sale of the property of the Rialdon Iron and Locomotive Works Corporation, to the United States Steel Corporation was confirmed yesterday by the recording of deeds for transfer of Rialdon plant.

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RIVER STEAMER WRECKED

Ashcroft, May 5.—The automobile service on the Cariboo road has commenced in earnest.

CHINESE VOI

Amoy, China, May 6.—Meeting yesterday convened to enroll voters for the election of the country movement.



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CHINESE VOLUNTEER

Mr. David Outb... at Bamfield, is also a man of wide ex... berence, and as an organizer, combined... with a fine ex... ability and in the... acquaintance with every ramification in... theory and practice, he is scarcely equal... and the board and Canadian govern... ment are to be congratulated in the able... representative in charge of the all-British... cable station at Bamfield.

RIVER BOATS HAVE REACHED HAZELTON

Operator is First Steamer to Arrive There From Prince Rupert—Inlander Follows

Vancouver, May 8.—The first boat up the Skeena river from Prince Rupert to Hazelton arrived yesterday morning, according to telegraphic messages received here today. The steamer having the honor of being the pioneer in navigating the Skeena in 1911 was the Foley, owned by Stewart boat operator. She carried a large number of passengers up the river from Prince Rupert and had also a heavy cargo. The boat will be the next to reach Hazelton from the coast, setting there at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is expected that the Fort Hudson Bay Company will arrive tomorrow afternoon.

The Skeena river is reported to be at a very good stage at present and is rising slowly. The first trips were made fairly early in the season, and as a heavy flow on the river does not open until about May 12 or 13.

RUSHING WORK ON DOCK

Expect to Have Marine Depot at Rupert Finished by Winter.

Every effort will be made by the Pacific Coast Construction Company, contractors for the Dominion government marine station at Digby Island, to finish the work before winter sets in. T. Stoddam, the general manager for the contractors, has about thirty men working on the site at Prince Rupert and in a short time he will start about twenty men on the general construction work.

GREATE NEW RECORD FOR HALIBUT CATCH

New England and Canadian Fish Cos. Take Million Pounds in a Week

Vancouver, B. C., May 8.—When the fishing steamer Flamingo, Captain Spelman, docked at the New England Fish Company's wharf with 250,000 pounds of halibut, last evening, a new record for a week's catch was created, about a million pounds of halibut being received by the New England Fish Company and the Canadian Fish Company for the week. The exact total of this was 995,000.

BANK CLEARINGS

Table with columns for Bank Clearings for May 4, 1911, and May 5, 1911. Includes entries for Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and other cities.

STRIKE SPREADING

Pittsburg, Pa., May 8.—The Pennsylvania railroad shopmen's strike is spreading. About 300 men employed in the Chesapeake railroad at Pittsburg, Pa., have joined the movement yesterday. Two hundred men quit work at the Verona station on the Conemaugh branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. The railroad continues to place new men in the shops. No disorder has been reported.

GRAND JURY BRINGS IN NEW INDICTMENTS

Charges in Connection With Explosions at Los Angeles Presented to Court

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—The first public court action in the cases of John J. McNamara of Indianapolis, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and his brother, James B. McNamara, Union Iron Worker and printer, charged with a series of murders by the use of dynamite, was scheduled today.

WORK RESUMED ON TELEGRAPH LINE

Wire Between Kitsumkalum and Stewart Will Soon Be in Operation

Vancouver, May 8.—Construction has been resumed on the new government telegraph line Kitsumkalum to Stewart, a distance of 150 miles and it will be ready for operation early in July, announced J. T. Phelan, superintendent of Dominion Yukon telegraphs, this morning. The Stewart extension from Kitsumkalum is a branch from the Prince Rupert line which in turn is an off-shoot from the direct line between Ashcroft and Dawson.

The construction work which was commenced last year, is now about half way to completion, it is stated, and gangs are now stringing wires from Jay Lake to the Yukon, and from Alice Arm to the same river. When the line is finished, direct communication will be afforded between Victoria and Stewart without relays of any description.

STRIKE AT END

Chicago, May 8.—Peace between the freight handlers of Chicago and the railroads has been restored and the maintenance of way employees are expected to call their strike in a day or two.

UPHOLD THEIR PASTOR

Tacoma, Wash., May 8.—Declaring that he made a fake confession of wrongdoing to Rev. Thomas E. Elliott, district superintendent, and D. J. Selzer, president of the Puget Sound University, for the sole purpose of ascertaining whether there was any Christianity in the Methodist church, Rev. A. A. Metcalf, pastor of the Midland church, so impressed the members of his congregation with his sincerity that they are standing by him almost to a man. Metcalf and a young woman, who has since been befriended by his wife, had doubt as to whether there was much true Christianity in the church. According to their statements, they faked a confession, giving it in confidence to Elliott and Selzer and three others, and some one broke the confidence. Elliott asked for Metcalf's resignation. The young woman is on the verge of a nervous collapse. Mrs. Metcalf had to take her into the Metcalf home.

LOCAL OPTION MOVEMENT

Spencer left for Vancouver on Friday having spent several days in the capital in connection with local option work. On Sunday last he preached in a couple of churches and the last few days has done some organization in the wards, last night addressing the united Lodges of Good Templars in the city. He proposes visiting Victoria again early in June for a theatre lecture and rally of temperance forces.

COULSDEN TO LOAD LUMBER ON SOUND

San Francisco, May 8.—The British steamer Coulsden due next week at Vancouver from New York has been chartered by Heatley & Co. to load lumber on the Sound for the British Isles or Australia.

OUR LETTER BOX

NOT A MASTER MARINER. To the Editor:—At the recent inquiry respecting the loss of the S. S. Iroquois H. A. McLean repeatedly addressed me as captain, and in the minds of the hearers the impression that I am a master mariner. My object in writing is to remove that impression by stating that I have never been a master mariner. Why Mr. McLean should so persistently address me as captain is not at all clear to me, for in my statement, taken by the court officer at my dictation, I was careful to make this plain. The police officer asked me the question, "Are you a master mariner?" and I replied, "No." This was nine days before the inquiry. G. W. WOOLLETT.

CONCILIATION BOARD

Meetings Will Be Open to the Press and Public.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION

London, May 8.—Halsey Croves Inley, director of the City Art Museum of St. Louis, was stricken with apoplexy here today and his condition is serious. Mr. Inley is 69 years of age and is widely known in this and other countries, having been many times decorated in recognition of his attainments in art.

TWO OWNERS ABSENT FROM PARADE FINED

Fifth Regiment Takes Police Court Proceedings Against Persistent Absentees

Gunner P. Turner and Gunner H. L. Golder, of No. 5 company, Fifth Regiment, were each fined \$5 in the police court on Friday for having been absent from regimental parade on the night of Wednesday last. Gunner Golder pleaded guilty and paid the fine at once, while Gunner Turner offered a defence and employed R. C. Lowe to defend him.

Mr. Lowe, for the defence, took several legal objections, and maintained that his client not obeyed the order to work at night he might have lost his position. He held that the accused had given a sufficient excuse.

LEAVES TO REPLACE FAULTY BELL BUOY

Leebro Will Establish New Aid to Navigation—West Coast Later

Carrying a new gas and bell buoy for Point Grey, the steamer Leebro, Capt. Hunter, under charter to the marine and fisheries department, left port at noon Friday. The old buoy there has been reported out of commission and the Leebro will place the new one there as well as other buoys on the coast to be repaired. On her return from Point Grey the Leebro will be dispatched by the department to the west coast with stores and supplies for the light-houses.

LOCAL PILOT CHOSEN AS SEALING EXPERT

Capt. Charles Harris Will Attend Conference at Washington This Month

To act as one of the experts at the Sealing Conference which opens at Washington on May 15, Capt. Charles I. Harris, a member of the Victoria Fish Commission, has been selected by the United States capital. He has just received official notification of his appointment to that important post of which brief mention was made in yesterday's issue. Capt. Harris is to act with W. A. Found, acting superintendent of fisheries at Ottawa.

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MANY BUILDINGS ARE CONDEMNED

City Carrying Out Its Plans—Owners Have No Recourse to the Courts

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J. A. Aikman, who appeared for Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, questioned the medical health officer about the sanitary inspector as to the possibility of renovating the buildings so as to make them sanitary.

DEPARTS ON FIRST OUTBOUND PASSAGE

Weir Liner Luceric Passed Out To-day—Strathardle Next to Arrive Here

With every available inch of space in her capacious holds taken up with Puget Sound freight, the new Bank Line liner Luceric passed out today for the Orient. This is the first outward bound passage the steamship has made, having only made her maiden trip to this port last month. Besides having a cargo amounting to 12,000 tons aboard, the vessel's passenger accommodation was just about all taken up. The liner has a well fitted saloon and is bound to be well patronized by those who cross the Pacific.

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ALL SHIP YARDS EXTREMELY BUSY FIRMS PREDICT FINEST SEASON YET ON RECORD

Slips Are All Occupied Now and Will Be Engaged for Considerable Time

(From Saturday's Daily.) Prospects of one of the busiest seasons in the history of the local ship-building yards, is the announcement made by the heads of all the concerns. Most of the yards are at present...

Yesterday morning ship carpenters at the yards of Wm. Turpel commenced laying the keels for three scows ordered by Learning Bros. On Thursday a large scow for the Siedle Tugboat Company was launched, after having been constructed in record time.

Across the inner harbor at the Victoria Machinery Depot is one of the busiest spots. The C. E. Reardon, Joseph is on the ways being overhauled. The Charmer alongside the dock being almost reconstructed, and the dredgers Mastodon and King being having some repair work effected.

At the B. C. Marine Railway at Esquimalt things are in the same condition as at the other yards. The Vasco is on the ways having her hull striking which was damaged through repainting a rock in River's Inlet. It will be a few days before she is ready to start.

NERVOUS DISEASES IN THE SPRING Can Be Removed by Toning Up the Blood, Thus Strengthening the Nerves

Nervous diseases are more common and more serious in the spring than at any other time of the year. This is the opinion of the best medical authorities after long observation. Vital changes after long winter months may cause much more than "spring weakness," and the familiar weariness and aching. Official records prove that in April and May neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, epilepsy and various forms of nerve disturbances are at their worst, especially among those who have not reached middle age.

BEAUFORT VICTORIA WITH PUBLIC PARKS

Mr. Justice Martin Writes the Council With a Scheme of Noble Parks

The parks of Victoria loomed large in the business of the city Council Friday. Among the communications was one from Mr. Justice Martin, who made a series of suggestions for beautifying the city by the extension of the present parks and the acquisition of new ones.

Among other things he urged that the council should take steps to preserve to the people as a park the whole of the block to the east of the Empress hotel, bounded by Humboldt, Douglas, Belleville and Blanchard streets.

By this means there has been drawn in his mind's eye "a noble and diversified and continuous park" from the water's edge at the causeway right away out to Clover Point. By the adoption of this scheme he foresees Victoria as the most attractive of every city on the continent.

Another matter connected with the parks of the city which came up last night was the proposal of A. E. Todd that the city should purchase the lot of 17, Olympia Park subdivision, for \$40,000, to be used as a public park, and known by the title Olympia.

The chief of police has in hand a number of applications from men applying for positions on the police force. Twelve men are to be added, ten patrolmen and two mounted men. A meeting of the police commission will be held immediately to select the new members to the force.

Participants in the recent strike riots at Prince Rupert who have been committed for trial at the next session here will be obliged to stand the expense of their passage to Victoria. This is the ruling of the attorney-general's department. The deportations in the strike cases have just reached Victoria from Crown Prosecutor Fisher.

At the monthly meeting of the Victoria branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Miss Kennedy submitted the report of work done during April, as follows: New cases, 5; night cases, 2; number of visits paid, 67; paying patients, 1; non-paying, 4. In every case the home visiting committee reported warm appreciation of the nurses' care and thankfulness for her services. Some sad experiences were met showing the need of such an organization in the city.

CHARLOTTE READY WITHIN TEN DAYS

Work of Equipping Crack Princess With Oil Burners Almost Completed

Within the next ten days the crack C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte will again be operating on the triangular run, after having been laid up for the past three months. Painters have been busy for some time getting the steamer several coats in order to brighten up both its inside and outside appearance.

Ever since the beginning of February the Charlotte has been off the run, her lie-up having been made so lengthy owing to the fact that she has had all burners installed in her. The work of constructing the oil tanks has taken much time, but the experts, who have been supervising it, announce that the task has just about been completed.

When the Princess Charlotte commences on the tri-city run, the Princess Victoria will be replaced by the Adelaide, which is now relieving the Charlotte. It is understood that the Victoria will not be equipped with oil burners this year, owing to the tourist season being so close at hand.

Completing a trip to West Coast lighthouse stations with stores and supplies, the steamer Newington, of the B. C. Coast, the marine went north by the outside passage and camp south following the inside passage. No work was done by the Newington during her southbound trip, only the duties to be performed.

Shortly after the arrival of the steamer in port she was dispatched by the department to search for the missing "booby," which is reported adrift. The two whalers, Sebastian and Germania conducted a futile search for the missing aid in the vicinity of Race Rocks, and the Newington is attempting to locate it.

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PANDORA AVENUE MISSES CHANCE

THOROUGHFARE TO REMAIN UNDEVELOPED

Council Thinks Street Should Be Widened to 100 Feet Owners Say No

The property owners on Pandora avenue in a few years see the error of their ways and regret that they did not have their thoroughfare widened to 100 feet was the prophesy made by Mayor Morley at Friday's meeting of the board of works, when it was decided that the street be widened to 100 feet.

The question has been fully considered by the property owners affected, and they have decided to refuse the proposition that the street should not be made wider than 66 feet. At the same time they discussed the assessment in connection with the improvement and held a meeting in the city hall at which, after considerable wrangling, they agreed to accept the assessment of the committee appointed to carry out that part of the work.

As the regular notices of meeting had not been posted on the bulletin board the matter was merely passed by the board of works, and will have to be ratified by the council in session on Monday night. In the meantime it will require the opportunity of making the street in question to have the plans altered so that the street can be widened to 100 feet.

As already indicated, the property owners have signified their acquiescence in the necessary cost to be borne by the various owners was the subject of a report by the assessment committee. "We, your committee," it was explained, "are examining and state what, in our opinion, would be a fair and equitable way of placing an assessment on the various owners."

First-In our opinion it will cost to purchase the right of way and other things, including the widening of the street from Fernwood road to Harrison street, besides cutting off corners of two lots on the corners of Pandora and Chamber streets, \$39,579.06.

Second-In six places we have extended the street somewhat wider than 66 feet. We have taken the above for the reason that the pieces left are scarcely worth the assessment that would be placed upon them, and because it is desirable to assess the lots north and south of the proposed streets, and it is quite likely that those pieces be sold to the adjoining owners hereafter.

Third-We are of the opinion that the assessment for this undertaking should be confined to this street, as Oak Bay avenue is already paying for the widening of the street, and it is not desirable to have only taken into consideration Pandora avenue, from Government street to Port street, including the corner of Oak Bay and Port street, with the necessary 190 variations, according to the benefit received.

SEALED SCHOONERS HAVE FAIR CATCHES

Lady Mine and Jessie at Northern Ports—Amur Has Dirty Passage

Bringing south word that two of the local sealing schooners had reported at northern ports the Lady Mine, Capt. Delouchery, with 109 skins at Rose Harbor, and the Jessie, Capt. George Heater, with about 80 pelts at Jedway, the C. P. R. steamer Amur, Capt. Locke, arrived in Port Friday afternoon from Queen Charlotte Islands and northern British Columbia points after a dirty passage.

According to reports the Jessie had poor luck after leaving here and if she had not run into a large number of seals during the last two days before reaching Jedway her catch would have been very small. She took 60 pelts within 48 hours, which made her catch mount to a fair figure, despite the fact that she left port late.

Throughout her trip coming south the Amur experienced a dirty weather. Heavy rains fell and strong south-east winds were encountered, which battered the ship badly. She brought south a number of passengers and 200 cases of halibut from Paeod. The Amur will sail north again to-morrow night and she will have a full cargo of freight, having loaded 200 tons of cement at the inlet for the Ocean Falls Pulp mill.

It was expected that the Amur would lie up after completing this trip and be replaced on the run by the Princess Victoria. The Joan, however, is not ready for service yet and the Beatrice cannot be withdrawn from the Nanaimo route, so the Amur will have to make one more trip before her overhauling.

Dawson, Y.T., May 6.—The snows are melting at such a tremendous rate that the Klondike mine railway tracks are inundated at the mouth of Bonanza creek and the government wagon road is covered for a quarter of a mile in the same vicinity. One ice jam broke, allowing the water to recede to some extent, leaving tremendous chunks of ice seven feet thick blocking the road.

Seattle, Wash., May 6.—The coast survey steamer Patterson sailed Thursday night for Sannak Island, Alaska, and will spend the summer in making soundings and maps of the waters surrounding the island, and also in seeking a navigable channel in Unga Strait, between Unga Island and the Alaska peninsula. Capt. Gilbert Rude, of the survey steamer Taku, which wintered at Cordova, sailed yesterday to join his ship, and the crew of the survey steamer Yukon, which wintered at Kodiak, sailed for Seward on the way to Kodiak.

Seattle, Wash., May 6.—Vessels at sea and those entering the straits will soon be able to communicate with the big wireless tower just completed by the Commercial Wireless Telegraph and Telephone company, at West Seattle. The structure consists of eight pillars running parallel to the height of 224 feet, and is situated on a bluff which will make it 820 feet above the sea level.

VICTORIA DISTRICT METHODIST MEETING

Ministers and Laymen Approve of an Aggressive Evangelistic Movement

The annual meeting of the Victoria district of the Methodist church was held in the league room of Metropolitan church last Wednesday and Thursday. In the morning the ministerial session was held and the examination of the probationers of the district was conducted by the chairman, Rev. A. R. Roberts. John G. Gresser was continued on probation for another year, and Thomas Kayworth, having passed successfully the full conference course, was recommended to the conference to be received into full connection and ordained. H. L. Morrison and R. D. Hall were also continued on probation.

A very interesting incident took place when the case of the supernumerary ministers was discussed. The meeting recommended that the Rev. Wm. Sheridan be continued in the supernumerary relation, and as Mr. Sheridan was present he was asked to speak. In very earnest words Mr. Sheridan spoke of the experiences of sixty years in the Methodist church and of his desire for the increased influence for good of all the Methodist ministers.

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The matter of church union was discussed and the resolution passed with only one dissenting voice. The resolution read as follows: "Resolved, that we express our satisfaction with the proposed union with the Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches, and we are convinced that the consummation of the proposed union would be advantageous to the interests of the kingdom of God in the Dominion of Canada."

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NEW RAILWAYS ON THE ISLAND

APPROPRIATIONS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION

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(From Saturday's Daily.) C. P. R. railway extensions beyond Alberni and at Comox, and a line to Quatsino, are being considered at Montreal, according to William Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., who is now at the Empress hotel, and who says that railway extension makes the most welcome, profitable and principal business upon which R. Marpole, the chief executive in the west for the system, is now visiting Montreal, where the railway appropriations for the year are being made by the C. P. R. board of directors.

Symptoms that speedy developments will happen in the west, and on Vancouver Island particularly, have been noticed, says Mr. Whyte, by his journey west through British Columbia. He has been interviewed by representatives of British interests who seek outlets for large capital accumulations, and among these Mr. Whyte has met the representative of a large steel works company desirous of opening operations on Vancouver Island.

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