

TELLS OF LOSS OF MATTERHORN

LONG BATTLE WITH WAVES OFF FLATTERY

Captain and Surviving Members of Crew Land at Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 6.—Capt. Salter and the surviving members of the crew of the Matterhorn, which foundered 75 miles southwest of Cape Flattery on Tuesday morning, left for Seattle this morning having been landed here yesterday by the revenue cutter Tahoma. The men had not yet fully recovered from the exhaustion following their fight for life when the Tahoma landed them here and an overnight stop was made before proceeding. At Seattle the members of the crew will be given over in charge of British Consul Pelly.

Two of the survivors, George Jones and H. Akesson, remained on the lightsip Umatilla to fill vacancies in the crew. K. Lundgren, Ed. Laque and Gerald G. Porth were left on Tatoosh island, and will be brought here to-night by the life-saving tug Snoholmish.

The Tahoma proceeded from the cape to the lightsip on Saturday morning and finding the men had been taken to Neah bay by the life-saving boat Adacious, returned to that place.

"We were bound from Portland toward Ipswich, England," said Captain Salter in telling of his experiences. "We left Astoria, Ore., barley-laden, November 26 in tow of the tug Tatoosh and in charge of the pilot. We released the pilot and tug at noon, and made sail on the port tack in a moderate southwest wind.

"The breeze freshened at midnight to a severe blow, and at 8 o'clock on the morning of November 27th the wind was from the south and the ship under three lower topsails and foresail. At noon she made a heavy lurch to leeward, shifting the cargo three feet in from the bowsprit and from the shifting boards starboard.

"We worked all night and shifted the cargo from the leeward and filled the gaps, but were unable to get into the lower hold. We threw the cargo from the starboard overboard, but this did not right the vessel to any extent. We let go the starboard anchor and 15 fathoms of chain, with the fore and main topsail sheets, in an effort to right her, but she remained fast, the sea making clean breaks over the hatches and gutting the deck-house and forecastle. I did not dare cut away the masts as they would have come aboard ship and crushed out our lives.

"All day Sunday and Monday we tried to keep the hatches secure but the tarpaulin was continually washed adrift, great columns of water flooding the hold, while the ship took on more list.

"On Monday the main rail was a foot under water, the starboard lifeboat gone and the ship a wreck about the decks.

"Early Tuesday morning, realizing that the ship was fast settling over and doomed to go down, we got to work to get the vessel out. At first we tried to get the fighting to keep our feet wet but over the starboard side and under clear. The crew, who had donned life belts as they worked, leaped into the sea and were picked up after the ship went down. The four men who launched the lifeboat. All the crew were saved except First Officer W. Wilberforce, Steward Hansen and Seaman Johnson, who were probably sucked down and tangled in the ship's rigging.

"We cruised about for an hour in the darkness of early morning, all hands shouting and calling their names, but we never saw the missing men again and so bore away toward the land.

"At 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, 27 hours after the ship went down, we made Umatilla lightsip and were taken aboard. Capt. Castle, the officers and crew treated us with the greatest consideration, supplying us at once with food and clothing. None of us shall ever forget the kindness of this good man and his fellows. We were thinly clad, stiffened from the cold and exposure, and starving."

FORMER "ICE KING" MUST SERVE TERM

U. S. Supreme Court Refuses to Review the Case of C.

W. Morse.

BISHOP GOODSPELL DEAD.

New York, Dec. 6.—Bishop Daniel Ayers Goodsell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, is dead here today, following an operation for a carbuncle. Dr. Goodsell was born at Newburg, N. Y., in 1840, and entered the ministry in 1859. From 1880 to 1888 he was literary editor for the Christian Advocate. In 1888 he was elected bishop.

MAKING ACTION OF LORDS' ISSUE

ONLY CONSERVATIVES DEAL WITH TARIFF REFORM

Religious Bodies Are Supporting the Government in Its Fight.

London, Dec. 6.—If, as has been freely stated, the plan of the Conservative leaders was to force tariff reform to the front in the election campaign and so far as possible thrust the question of the Lords' veto in the background, their plan has already miscarried. The campaign, both in the press and from the platform, is being waged with a bitterness not seen in British politics in many years, but it is exclusively upon the question of the action of the Lords.

All election manifestos thus far issued by the Liberal, Radical, Labor and Socialist parties have put the attack upon the Lords to the fore as have all the speeches of the government side. More significant still is the fact that the whole religious body of the country, Anglican, Nonconformist and Catholic, appears to be against the Lords' pretensions.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's abstention from voting in the division in the House of Lords, and the Archbishop of York's frank denunciation of Lord Lansdowne's resolution undoubtedly had a great effect.

Following the manifesto issued by the National Council of Free Churches, which declared that the action of the House of Lords "makes reforms supported by Nonconformists impossible," the Church Times, the most influential and widely circulated church paper, together with the Christian World and the organs of the Methodist, Baptist and Catholic societies, declare for the Commons in the struggle against the Lords.

Meantime, neither Mr. Balfour nor any other Conservative leader has advanced any well defined scheme for tariff reform or has given the slightest indication of how the Conservatives propose to find the money to replace the non-revenue proposals.

The Conservative Morning Post, in an editorial this morning, warns the party that the coming contest will be critical and severe, and that, if the Unionist cause is to triumph its adherents must display tactical ability as well as courage and vigor.

"It was the height of folly," says the paper, "to fight on ground selected by the Liberals and the Unionists must remember that tariff reform is the only possible alternative to the rejected budget."

The Post's warning is deemed timely, for Unionist speakers and newspapers are mainly occupied in showering abuse upon their opponents.

TRAINMEN TO PRESENT DEMANDS

OFFICIALS OF BROTHERHOOD CONFER AT CHICAGO

Members Will Ballot on Strike if Increased Pay is Refused.

New York, Dec. 6.—At a conference of the Brotherhood of Trainmen yesterday, Grand Master Lee and First Vice-President Murdoch were named as a committee to decide whether the men shall go out or remain at work in case the demand that they soon will present to fifty-two Eastern railroads for a 10 per cent. increase in pay is refused. It is expected that the final schedule of grievance will be in the hands of the railroad manager Thursday or Friday.

The following statement was issued at the close of the conference: "Before a general strike can be ordered it must have the official sanction of the grand master. In the event of a refusal of the demands a poll will be taken to reinforce the demand that the general strike, when called, may be unanimous and effective. The demand has only been endorsed once by more than the two-thirds vote of the membership.

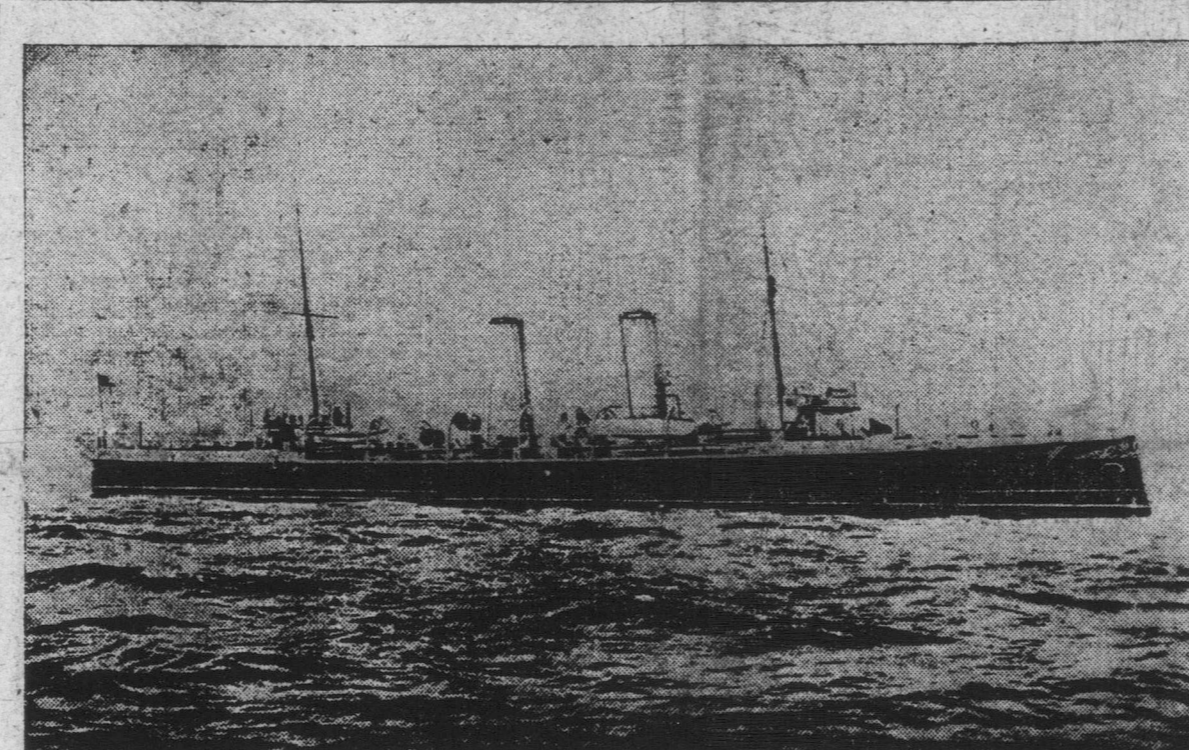
"The movement planned will have nothing to do with the general strike being conducted at present by the Switchmen's Union of North America, which is distinctly a rival and an enemy of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen."

MAYORALTY FIGHT AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—The agitation over segregation reached a climax Saturday when about 100 citizens, with whom all the local ministers were numbered, met and urged E. D. Martin, president of the Board of Trade, to be a candidate for mayor on an anti-segregation platform. He has already refused. It is now said that ex-Mayor Tom Sharpe will be a candidate. Mayor Sanford Evans is a candidate for another term.

EARNINGS INCREASE.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—The earnings of the F. R. for November increased \$51,000 over the same period last year.



H. M. S. APOLLO TYPE OF VESSEL TO BE STATIONED HERE.

Dominion Government will shortly place cruiser at Esquimaux as fishery protection vessel and training ship for the Canadian navy.

Canada's first war ship will be a cruiser of the Apollo class, which will be purchased from the British government, this step having been already authorized by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The vessel will come direct to British Columbia waters, and will be used as a fisheries protection cruiser for the Pacific, and a training ship for her navy. The Esquimaux base is considered an important one, and in the near future the harbor there will be once more the home port of vessels worthy to represent the British Empire on these seas.

The minister of marine and fisheries has been authorized to purchase a cruiser of the Apollo class from Great Britain for use as a training ship and fishery protection cruiser on the Pacific.

The Apollo, which is the type vessel of the class, was built at Chatham in 1881. It is a vessel of 3,400 tons, 200 feet long, 40 feet beam, 15 feet draught, twin propellers, and has a speed of 20 knots. Its normal coal supply is 400 tons.

When launched the Apollo cost \$321,005.

NEGOTIATING WITH RAILWAYS SWITCHMEN'S COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW MANAGERS

Delegates Have Authority to Call General Strike if Necessary.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—It is feared here to-day that the Red Cross liner Rosalind, commanded by Capt. Smith and bound from New York for St. Johns, N. F., was a victim of the furious gale which swept the seas off Southwestern Newfoundland last week. She had a large passenger list.

The steamer, which sailed from here for St. Johns on Tuesday, was last heard from by wireless on Wednesday morning when she reported a terrific gale and a hard passage. Since then the ship's whereabouts is unknown, despite the fact that she should have been in touch with one or more wireless stations.

The run from St. Johns to Halifax is usually made in 48 hours.

RED CROSS LINER ROSALIND OVERDUE

WAR BETWEEN CHINESE RENEWED

TWO MORE CELESTIALS SLAIN IN CALIFORNIA

Eight Men Have Been Shot Since Outbreak of Hostilities.

W. C. T. U. BUYS A NEW HOME

PURCHASES BUILDING ON STORE STREET

Two-story Structure Acquired for the Sum of \$16,000.

GIRL IS KILLED IN COASTING ACCIDENT

ADAMS ASKED TO COME TO VICTORIA

Water Expert Invited to Return and Inspect the Reservoir

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 6.—The feud between the Yee family and the On Yick Tong is once more in full swing, following the killing of two more of the warring Celestials yesterday. The total casualties so far in the feud number eight.

At Sacramento, Ah Young, a cook, and a member of the On Yick Tong, was found dead in the basement of a house in the Chinese quarter with his body riddled with bullets fired into his back.

Near San Rafael Yee Gow, of the Yee family, a shrimp fisherman living in a lonely cabin on the coast, was found dead in his hut with nine bullets through his body, the shots having been fired without a chance given for escape or defence. No clue was left by the murderers.

That either man was killed because of personal hatred the police do not believe. They were shot down, it is asserted, to earn the rewards that have been offered by the warring factions for the death of any member of the opposing party.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 6.—Anita Zerra, a 17-year-old girl is dead to-day, Frank Smith, a 17-year-old boy and half a dozen other boys and girls are suffering from serious injuries as a result of a coasting accident on the dangerous Hall-street incline late last night.

The seriously injured are: James Wilson, Magdalene Weber, Jennie Boehmer, Marie Tynan, George Boehmer and the small son of William H. Brandes.

The dead and injured were members of a party of 15 and were coasting down the steep hill on a double bobsled. The sled had gone about two blocks and was travelling at terrific speed when Fred Stewart, who was steering, lost control and the sled began to careen. This caused the run to overturn and it was hurled against a telegraph pole. The half dozen persons on the forward part of the sled escaped with a few scratches, but those on the portion which hit the pole were either killed or badly hurt.

GERMAN TRADE.

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A BIG FALL FAIR DEFICIT

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF SEVEN THOUSAND

Accounts Now in the Hands of Auditor, Who Will Report Shortly.

(From Monday's Daily.)

It will be recalled that a couple of months ago the Times made the announcement that a considerable deficit would be reported in respect to the financial affairs of the late fall fair and the figure mentioned was in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The Times was "shutter over the coals" for making such a statement, it being denied that the deficit would be that large. Now it appears, according to official announcements, that the deficit will be much higher—Mayor Hall putting it at about \$7,000, and J. A. Smart, secretary of the Agricultural Association, at less than \$10,000.

At a meeting of the executive of the association held on Saturday J. L. Grimmon was appointed to audit the accounts, and afterwards it was semi-officially stated that the deficit would amount to about \$10,000.

Secretary Smart was interviewed by the Times this morning and he said that this was incorrect, that the shortage would not amount to that figure, although this calculation did not take into account the amount due on buildings, Mayor Hall, in reply to questions, said that while the showing was not so good as he had been led to believe, there would be a deficit of \$10,000. He put the figure at about \$7,000.

Mayor Hall added that he did not think the statement would be available for publication for a few days. The accounts will have to be carefully audited, and they have only just been placed in the hands of Mr. Grimmon.

The announcement of a deficit of this size will come in the nature of an unpleasant surprise to the general public. It had been anticipated that there would be a considerable shortage, but it was not supposed that it would amount to such a sum as \$7,000, taking the mayor's estimate as an accurate one.

W. C. T. U. BUYS A NEW HOME

PURCHASES BUILDING ON STORE STREET

Two-story Structure Acquired for the Sum of \$16,000.

(From Monday's Daily.)

A fine site for a new home for the Women's Christian Temperance Union has been secured on Store street. A building has been purchased and when some alterations have been effected it will be occupied by the charitable organization who have now temporary quarters in a building on Langley street.

The Store street building, which has been purchased, is two stories in height and splendidly situated in view of the purposes for which it will be used. It is just opposite the E. & N. railway depot. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$16,000, and the agents who negotiated the deal were Tracksell & Anderson, real estate dealers. The property was owned jointly by a Victorian and a man residing in Vancouver.

There are three stores on the ground floor of the building, and all are at present occupied, there being a second hand store, a fruit store and a Chinese tailor shop. The tenants have received notification to leave, and it is hoped that the W. C. T. U. will be in their new home by the first of the year. The upstairs is very suitable for rooming purposes and some alterations will be made to that end immediately.

At this evening's meeting of the city council the W. C. T. U. will make application for the sum of \$500. It will be recalled that some months ago when the organization proposed to purchase the St. Francis hotel building on Yates street an application was made to the council for that amount, and that the same was granted, as soon, however, as that project fell through the council was notified and the money was not paid over. Now, however, as their definite need of the money, the application will be renewed.

With the securing of the new site mentioned there passes away one of the knotty problems which has exercised the members of the organization for months past and caused internal friction of an unpleasant character. Some dissatisfaction was caused by actions of the building committee with the result that a number of members, including the former matron, resigned. New officers were elected, and they have succeeded in accomplishing the task they set themselves, and have secured what they think will prove a most desirable site. A canvass of the city is being made for funds, and with such success that it is not anticipated there will be any difficulty in meeting the first payment on the property—\$5,000—in a few days.

NEW JUDGE TAKES HIS SEAT

BAR CONGRATULATES MR. JUSTICE GREGORY

Brings Promptness as Well as Legal Talent to His High Office.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Mr. Justice Gregory brings to the discharge of his judicial functions a promptitude and business-like method of transacting court affairs which, combined with his legal talents, will make him one of the best members of the Supreme court bench.

Sworn in this morning before Mr. Justice Irving, of the Court of Appeal, the new judge took Chambers at half-past ten, entering the court room promptly and at once proceeding to the hearing of a large docket which has been accumulating for the past week. There were many members of the bar present.

H. Dallas Helmeck, K. C., the senior member of the bar present, conveyed their congratulations in felicitous phrases. He said: "Before your lordship takes up the business before you this morning I desire, on behalf of the bar practicing here, to extend to you our hearty congratulations on your appointment. We hope that health and strength will be given you for the discharge of the high duties devolving upon members of the bench.

"It is gratifying to know that while you are on the bench in this province your venerable father has also occupied high judicial office in your native province. It is a signal honor to any family. I do not know whether other such instances have occurred in Canada. It certainly is a matter which adds to our pleasure that your father is still with us and is thus able to hear of his son's attainment of this high honor."

His lordship, rising, said: "Mr. Helmeck and gentlemen of the bar, I thank you sincerely for the kindly way in which you have expressed your congratulations and good wishes. I assure you that I have never since my entrance into the highest traditions of the bench. So far as in me lies I shall be absolutely fair and just in my treatment of litigants and of any life broken at the bar. If I make mistakes, as all are liable to do, I shall be only too happy to have them pointed out to and correct them."

By a happy coincidence the first name on the docket stood in the name of Thornton Fell, clerk of the legislative assembly, whose partner the new Judge has been for some years. Mr. Fell took the opportunity to express his personal good wishes for his former colleague's career as a judge.

As has been mentioned in these columns, Mr. Justice Gregory's father, Hon. George F. Gregory, has only recently retired from the New Brunswick Supreme court bench, after a long and most distinguished career at the bar and on the bench of that province. The family has always been noted as one closely allied to the law, and at the present day one of its members, a cousin of Hon. George F. Gregory, in the person of Lord Loreburn, occupies the highest judicial post in the empire as lord chancellor of England.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

President Taft's Message Will Probably Be Read on Tuesday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—With the gentle tapping of the ivory knocker in the senate and the resounding thump of the speaker's gavel, Vice-President Sherman and Speaker Cannon opened the second session of the sixty-sixth congress, which is expected to continue until May or June.

The message of President Taft is expected to be read to-morrow.

NEW MINISTER TO CHINA.

ADAMS ASKED TO COME TO VICTORIA

Water Expert Invited to Return and Inspect the Reservoir

Pursuant to instructions from the city council on Saturday James L. Raymur, water commissioner, wired to Arthur L. Adams, the expert on waterworks matters, who has advised the city regarding improvements for the past five years, acquainting him with the feeling of the board in regard to the condition of the reservoir at Smith Hill, and his responsibility in that connection. Mr. Raymur had not received a reply when seen by a Times reporter this morning, though it is not doubted that Mr. Adams will come to Victoria shortly.

The attitude of the council is that Mr. Adams should be given an opportunity to "make good"—that is, to come here at his own expense and advise the board in respect to the repair work which it may be necessary to do in order to make the reservoir water-tight. A reply from Mr. Adams may be received in time for consideration at this evening's meeting of the council.

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LIEUT. GOVERNOR IS APPOINTED

T. W. PATERSON TO SUCCEED TO POSITION

Hon. James Dunsmuir Retires—New Appointee Will Take Office Shortly.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The resignation of Hon. James Dunsmuir has been accepted to-day, and an order appointing Thomas W. Paterson Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

The appointment of T. W. Paterson to the position of Lieutenant-Governor of this province will give the greatest satisfaction. His thorough business training eminently fits him for the duties which will devolve upon him in that position. He has had experience in parliamentary work and is excellently informed upon public questions of all kinds.

For a long time the present occupant of the Government house, Hon. James Dunsmuir, has wished to be relieved of the duties of office. He is prepared to take up his residence in his palatial home at Hatley Park, which is nearly completed. It is expected that Mr. Paterson will be formally sworn in within a little over a week's time.

T. W. Paterson was born in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1852. As a boy he came to Canada with his parents and for a time lived in Oxford County, Ontario. Later the family moved to Bruce County, near the town of Lucknow, where Mr. Paterson spent the earlier years of his manhood.

He was early attracted to railway construction, commencing work in that line on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce

SHIP FOUNDERED OFF FLATTERY

CARGO SHIFTED ON BARQUE MATTERHORN

Three Men Drowned When Leaving Vessel—Others Reached Lightship.

Neah Bay, Wash., Dec. 4.—The British bark Matterhorn, Capt. Salter, founded 27 miles off Umattilla reef November 27 and the first mate, steward and one seaman were drowned. The remaining 27 members of the crew were saved, reaching the Umattilla lightship in the captain's boat.

The Matterhorn left Portland November 17th for Ipswich, England, with 105,021 bushels of barley. In the sale which was practised during the last days of November the barley was not heavy enough to hold the vessel steady and she began to founder. In leaving the vessel, the first mate's boat was swamped and the mate, steward and one of the sailors drowned. The captain, second mate and 25 of the crew, in boats, set their course for Cape Flattery and arrived at the Umattilla reef lightship. Of these, eight were later taken to Tatoosh life saving station.

Attempts to get in touch by wireless with the life saving tug Snohomish, which left Port Townsend, Thursday, to investigate the source of wreckage which has been picked up along the coast, have been unsuccessful. Until the Snohomish arrives to take the survivors to Seattle they will be cared for at Neah Bay.

The first news was received in this city Friday night about 6 o'clock by the Dominion wireless from Tatoosh. It was reported that 38 men had arrived at the Umattilla lightship and that the mate, the steward and one seaman was lost. This news was confirmed this morning by the United Press dispatches from Neah Bay.

The Matterhorn was an iron four-masted barque of 1917 tons gross. She was built in 1882 at Greenock by Rus-



OFF TO HATLEY!

The Lieut.-Governor gleefully doffs his duties and his uniform for the more congenial delights of his country seat.

ZELAYA IGNORES NOTE FROM U. S.

WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAVE ULTIMATUM SET ASIDE

President of Nicaragua Sends Two Special Agents to Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—President Zelaya has not only refused to take official cognizance of Secretary Knox's note, which was practically an ultimatum, but he is declared to have dispatched special agents to Washington to endeavor to have the ultimatum set aside, first by appeals to the state department, and secondly, by direct appeals to members of congress.

The state department is aware of the presence and identity of these emissaries. While they are being watched in general way, the United States maintaining over them nothing that could be construed as espionage. In addition to this, it was reported to-day that any attempt that Zelaya might make to escape from Nicaragua would receive the direct and vigorous attention of American warships now there.

Secretary Knox's note intimated that the state department looks upon Zelaya as the man responsible for the torture and death of Groce and Cannon. The plan to deflect the American programme with reference to Nicaragua came to light last night when Senator Fernando Sanchez and Dr. V. Roman registered at a leading hotel. Neither Senator Sanchez nor Dr. Roman would talk. They gave their addresses as New York. Members of the Central American diplomatic corps, however, were in a flutter when they discovered the new arrivals. Senator Sanchez, they declared, was a partner of Zelaya in many business ventures, and he had between four and five million dollars in gold. Dr. Roman, the report continues, had long been Senator Sanchez's business adviser, and he is also a close friend and adviser of Zelaya.

Troops Still Aground. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 4.—The troopship Prairie, with 700 marines and Rear Admiral Kimball, bound for Central American waters, is still fast in the mud of the Delaware river here to-day. Arrangements are being made to attempt to release her late to-morrow.

SMOKES IN BED AND IS BURNED TO DEATH. Man Starts Fire in Which Woman and Child Also Perish.

New York, Dec. 4.—Three lives were lost in a fire that destroyed a tenement building on South street early to-day. Jesse Ames lighted his pipe without getting out of bed and ignited the bed covering. Ames was burned to death and Maria Brun, who lived in an adjoining apartment with her three-year-old child, was cut off by the flames. The woman and her child died in the fire.

WAGES INCREASED. Pittsburgh, Dec. 4.—A voluntary increase of 10 per cent to 10,000 men has been announced by the Dunbar Furnace Company operating coke ovens in the Connellsville, Pa., district.

EARNINGS INCREASE. Montreal, Dec. 4.—Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending November 30th increased \$150,571, compared with last year.

THE WOMAN WITH THE SERPENT'S TONGUE

William Watson, the Poet, Makes Statement Regarding Poem.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Times to-day publishes a statement to which is appended the autograph signature of William Watson, the English poet, who arrived here yesterday, settling a question that has been the food for world-wide gossip, as follows: "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her step-daughter, Violet. The poem is a portrait of the physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith and the mentality of Violet Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice speaking with authority.

The poem, which has caused so much comment as having been attributed to the wife of the Premier of England, refers to the mental qualities of the woman in these words: "Who slights the worthies of the land, Who sneers the just, condemns the brave, And 'blackens goodness in its grave.'"

The physical portrait of the subject of the poem is: "She is not old, she is not young, The woman with the serpent's tongue, The haggard cheek, the hanging eye, The poisoned words that wildly fly, The famished face, the fevered hand."

Watson also makes public a statement which he prepared soon after writing the poem to explain the circumstances which suggested it.

PORTLAND MAN KIDNAPED TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY

Takes Child From Its Mother and is Now Sought by Police.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—The police to-day are searching for Harold Warnock, who last night kidnaped his two-year-old baby from its mother at the home of Mrs. A. H. McMonies, 1182 Williams avenue. As no trace of Warnock was secured, it is believed that he boarded a midnight train with the child for Seattle.

Warnock and his wife separated 13 months ago. Mrs. Warnock and her child going to live with the McMonies, while the husband secured employment in Seattle.

Under the guise of affecting a reconciliation with his wife, Warnock visited the McMonies' home yesterday and remained for dinner. Shortly after dinner Warnock picked up the baby and dashed from the house.

He hurried up the street and boarded a waiting automobile. The child had no wraps and was exposed to the chilly air.

FRANCO-CANADIAN TRADE TREATY

Receives Formal Assent and Will Probably Go Into Effect January 1.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, deputy of the governor-general in his senate, yesterday afternoon gave the final assent of Canada to Franco-Canadian trade treaty. The formal exchange of ratifications will now be made between London and Paris and the treaty will probably come into effect on January 1st.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE IMMINENT

BOTH SIDES ARE PREPARING FOR FIGHT

First Demand for Increased Wages Will Be Made Next

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The "Tribune" this morning says: "The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation."

"Practically every railroad in the country, east and west, is in imminent danger of being completely tied up by a walk-out on the part of a large number of its operating employees this month."

"Officers of the organization of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of a 10 per cent wage increase, without deviation or compromise."

"That the crisis is approaching rapidly was indicated yesterday by the announcement at New York by officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that they would present their demands December 11th. The wage conference will begin December 15th. Although every effort will be made to avert a general strike it is impossible to predict what the outcome of the conference will be."

"Both the railroads and the leaders of organized labor among the railroad employees are preparing for the struggle, which, when it once begins, without doubt, will develop into one of the greatest industrial battles that has ever been fought in this or any other land."

"The attitude of the leaders on both sides of the dispute which menaces the industrial peace of the country is that of iron stubbornness. Over a million men will engage directly in a battle with the railroads unless some fortunate circumstance arises to avert the trouble. More than 150,000 miles of railroad track will be idle."

BLIZZARD RAGING IN SOUTHERN COLORADO

Railroad Traffic is Delayed—Range Cattle and Sheep Will Suffer.

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—The snowstorm which has been general throughout Colorado for 36 hours has become a severe blizzard in the southern part of the state, and it is feared range cattle and sheep will suffer heavily. Railroad traffic is delayed in the mountains.

Florence reports 23 inches of snow this week. Cripple Creek reports 15 inches, with from four to seven feet in the mountains.

WILL OPEN FACTORY

Calgary, Dec. 4.—A Spokane wagon manufacturing company has created such a demand for its goods in the Canadian west that it has decided to establish a Canadian factory at Calgary. An industrial site has been secured in East Calgary, and work on a commodious factory will be started in spring.

MORE WRECKS ON BRITISH COAST

OVER TWO HUNDRED PERSONS MISSING

Storm Has Slightly Abated, But Wind Still Menaces Shipping.

London, Dec. 4.—Shipping circles are alarmed to-day at the growing list of wrecks from the storm which has been whipping up the British coast for the last three days.

The storm has slightly abated this morning, but the wind is still strong enough to menace shipping.

More than 200 persons are missing. Fifty-two of these were aboard the steamers Thistlemere and Eilanvannin, both of which sank.

An investigation is being made regarding the Eilanvannin disaster.

U. S. NAVY YARDS. Secretary Recommends Retention—Two Big Battleships Proposed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Warning the government that it might be compelled to buy them back at an increased cost, Secretary Meyer, of the United States navy department, in his annual report to the president, recommended the retention for the present of all navy yards owned by the government. He would have the government wait until the completion of the Panama canal before closing any of the yards on the southern coast. Two big battleships of the all-big-gun class are recommended by the secretary, as well as a repair ship.

He makes it plain in his report that he is opposed, except occasionally as a check on cost, to the construction of battleships at government navy yards, and to the limitation of the construction of only one battleship by any shipbuilding concern.

Estimates for the coming fiscal year were included in the report. They are more than ten million dollars less than the total amount appropriated for the present fiscal year. The secretary says that the senior officers of the navy are too old. He wants some new legislation on the subject. He says that he is preparing a bill on the subject, and will submit it to the president shortly.

TERMINAL ELEVATORS.

Calgary, Dec. 4.—Calgary now has terminal elevator facilities, although acknowledged not to be sufficient as yet to sort and clean all the grain of Southern Alberta, will still relieve the situation to a considerable extent.

The Globe Elevator Company of this city yesterday announced that it has 250,000 bushels storage available and machinery in operation capable of handling a large number of cars daily. The present cost of the terminal is close to \$100,000. This cost is largely due to the fact that machinery is being installed for \$1,000,000 bushels capacity, as storage is to be increased to that amount next year. As the company secured ten acres of land it has ample room for extending. Concrete tanks with a capacity of 25,000 bushels each provide storage.

AGITATOR SENTENCED.

Hazelton, B. C., Dec. 4.—Stephen Morgan, of Kitwanga village, an educated Indian, one of the most prominent native agitators of this district, and principally concerned in the recent Klappan trouble, was gathered in by Constable Groby on Saturday and brought to Hazelton over the ice. He was tried on Monday before Magistrate Allison and sentenced to three months with hard labor.

Ten armed special constables who left Prince Rupert two weeks ago to act as additional police in this district only reached here Wednesday. They had a hard trip, camping at nights without blankets with the weather below zero.

FENIAN VETERANS.

Deputation Requests Dominion Government to Grant Pensions.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—A large deputation representing the veterans of 1866 and 1870 waited on the government yesterday to ask for pensions in recognition of their services in defending the country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying, intimated that if the government decided to do anything in the matter some distinction would have to be drawn between those who actually saw service at the front in repelling the Fenian attacks and those who were merely under arms at the time.

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

Application by City of Trail Will Be Heard in Victoria Next Week.

Trail, Dec. 3.—G. E. Weir will go to Victoria in order to be present at the hearing of the city's application for approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of its plans for the installation of a municipal water system. The hearing will be held at the Victoria office of the Isthmian canal commission through the offer by the government of a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who were implicated in the plan.

DIES OF APOPLEXY.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Stricken with apoplexy, Daniel Wilson, ex-mayor of Collingwood, died Thursday at the Iroquois hotel. He was 80 years old.

COST OF SOOKE LAKE SCHEME

ASSISTANT ENGINEER SUBMITS HIS REPORT

Figures it Will Take Million and Half to Bring Water to City

Assistant Engineer Bryson submitted his preliminary report on the project to bring water from Sooke lake to the city council Friday. He estimates the cost involved to be in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000, and recommends that another and more detailed survey be made in the spring. To provide the funds for this it is possible that a by-law may be submitted to the ratepayers at the forthcoming municipal elections. Mr. Bryson's report is as follows:

In accordance with your instructions I have had a reconnaissance survey made from Goldstream to Sooke lake, and it confirms the data gathered by Mr. Beveridge in 1906, that there are only two ways of obtaining a gravity supply from Sooke to Goldstream or via Sooke and the shore road. Attached is the report of J. B. Holdcroft who ran the reconnaissance survey, and I heartily approve of the suggestion to run a conduit line up Wolf creek and tunnelling to Goldstream by the creek at Humbuck bridge, road instead of Victoria West, as then it would be in our territory and where parties are already asking for a water supply.

In my opinion the sum of \$1,500,000 will be required to carry out the necessary dam, tunnel and conduit pipe line. Preliminary surveys would have to be made before a detailed estimate could be got, and at this season of the year to send out a preliminary survey party would be out of the question. The cost of the work is concerned in comparison with having the work carried out when the weather is more suitable, and as soon as the reconnaissance was finished I had the party disbanded.

The report of Mr. Holdcroft, referred to by Mr. Bryson, was as follows: "According to your instructions of the 15th I have made an exploration survey of Carliou's pass through the Sooke hills, and report as follows: The pass I found too high for a pipe line, varying in elevation from 290 feet at the east end to 1,300 feet at the summit, as shown on the attached sketch, which the line of survey is roughly sketched. As to the possibility of shortening the tunnel line by running a pipe line from Sooke lake up Wolf creek to the hydraulic gradient, it could probably be somewhat shortened, besides the advantage of entirely clearing Wolf and Looch creeks by running the creek at Humbuck bridge on the Sooke road instead of the Goldstream road, the line could be carried still further south. The comparative advantages of these lines, however, can only be determined by a proper survey of the points mentioned."

On the report being read Mr. Bryson submitted to the board a blue print showing the route of the pipe line. The aldermen gathered around it and scrutinized it carefully. There was some debate as to whether in the event of the scheme being proceeded with the city would be enabled to supply water to the residents of Sooke district, and that section of country lying west of Esquimalt harbor. In view of the powers conferred upon the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, Water Commissioner Raymur, who was present, said he was not quite sure about the point, but believed that the Esquimalt Waterworks Company could not shut the city out of the districts mentioned.

Mr. Bryson pointed out that it would be possible to avoid tunnelling under the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's property by the route he had outlined. Aid. Ross expressed himself as opposed to the tunnelling proposition, remarking that if they "kept monkeying with this thing longer they would make a mess of it."

The reports were then laid on the table.

AIDS STRIKERS.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Heads Parade of Shirtwaist Workers.

New York, Dec. 4.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the millionaire sur-surista, headed a parade of ten thousand striking shirtwaist workers on the East Side. The procession of women passed through the Bowery and Mrs. Belmont was cheered by the crowds that lined the streets. She has taken up the fight of the women strikers and has rented the Hippodrome for their meetings.

MUST PAY PENALTY.

Cabinet Will Not Interfere in Case of Japanese Under Sentence at New Westminster.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The cabinet has decided not to interfere in the capital case of Yasukikawa, now under sentence to be hanged at New Westminster on the 10th instant, for the murder of another Japanese last summer. The law will therefore take its course.

PLOT TO DESTROY RAILWAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Efforts to wreck with dynamite a portion of the track of the Panama railroad company and a large steam shovel were made on the night of November 3 last.

This fact was made known here at the offices of the Isthmian canal commission through the offer by the government of a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who were implicated in the plan.

TRAINING HIGH

PREPARING DEMAND

More Industrial Suits

New York, of more than 1000 cases, demand an increase in the amount of the award, will result in a reduction of the award, will undoubtedly result in a reduction of the award.

Butte, Mont. announced to-day that it has demoralized the result of the month's amalgamation, according to mine officials, cause sufficient to bring about a re-employment by Boston and Amalgamated estimated to-day.

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Returning to Work. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 3.—Eighty per- cent of the striking switchmen here returned to work this morning follow- ing a meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen late yesterday, at which it was decided that the order to the switchmen to strike was uncon- sistent. Most of the men who re- turned to work were employed by the Northern Pacific.

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Chicago, Dec. 3.—Grand Master Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Train- men, said to-day that the striking switchmen in Duluth, who are mem- bers of his organization, have been in- structed to return to work and that many of them already had complied with the order.

TRAINMEN SEEK HIGHER WAGES

PREPARING TO PRESENT DEMAND TO RAILWAYS

More Industries Closed as Result of Strike of Switchmen.

New York, Dec. 2.—Representatives of more than 300,000 trainmen of eastern railroads are to-day preparing to demand an increase in wages of 10 per cent. The demand, which it is an- nounced, will be presented in the near future, will affect every line of rail- road in the east.

Rejection of the trainmen's demand will undoubtedly result in the great- est paralysis of railroad industry in the history of the country.

More Mines Idle. Butte, Mont., Dec. 3.—It was an- nounced to-day that the large coal mines at Stockette, Belt and Sand Coulee, in the country tributary to Great Falls, would close to-night as a result of the switchmen's strike that has demoralized freight transportation on all railroads in this section.

The Moonlight and Parrott mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company, in accord with an announcement by the mine officials, closed this morning be- cause sufficient coal could not be brought into the city. Including the miners who were thrown out of em- ployment because of the closing of the Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated company yesterday, it is estimated to-day that 4,500 men are idle.

The distressing conditions prevailing among the miners threatens to extend to other industries throughout the state unless immediate relief from the curtailment of transportation facilities is forthcoming.

The immense plant of the Royal Flouring Mills of Great Falls, was compelled to suspend operations late yesterday, and its scores of employees are in enforced idleness.

The striking switchmen in all Mont- ana centres are maintaining an un- broken front to-day. No defections from their ranks at the principal ter- minal points have been reported, al- though a few men are said to have returned to work in the outlying dis- tricts.

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REVOLUTIONISTS GAIN GROUND

RUMORS OF FIVE DAYS' BATTLE IN NICARAGUA

Bodies of Americans Reported to Have Been Mutilated and Burned.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 3.—It is reported here to-day that the bodies of Cannon and Groce, the Americans ex- ecuted at Managua, were cut all to pieces and burned. It is alleged that the barbarous work was done at the direction of President Zelaya.

Indications are that fighting has been in progress at Rama now for two days, and that the troops of the revolution- ists have fared well. Reports from Managua are that the army of the revolutionists, under Provisional Presi- dent Estrada, are in better condition than that of President Zelaya.

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—Mexico will side with the United States in the Nicaraguan controversy and the prob- able outcome will be friendly inter- ference by both Mexico and the United States.

The statement is made in official circles to-day that the government is now considering the advisability of sending Enrique Creel, former ambas- sador to the United States, to Managua as the special representative of Mex- ico.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Despite the announcements of Col. von Schroeder, in command of the army transport service at this port, to the effect that no orders had been received from the Washington authorities that would in- dicate the intention of the war depart- ment to send troops to Nicaragua from San Francisco, the work of overhaul- ing the big transport Crook is being continued with feverish haste to-day.

Army and navy recruiting stations here are experiencing their busiest season in many years. So many men yesterday reported for enlistment in the marine service that orders were issued to examining physicians to pass only those possessing unusual physical qualifications.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—S. J. Thompson, reeve of Assiniboia, a Liberal candidate at the last Dominion election, and ex- M. P. for Carberry, died this morn- ing following an operation.

James Auld, of the firm of Auld, Gwynn & McLarty, Vancouver, is in the city a guest at the King Edward hotel. Mr. Auld's firm represents the Northern Oil Company, the Interna- tional Oil Company and Refining Sym- dicate, who have large interests in Alaska, and his visit here is in con- nection with the securing of a loca- tion of a site to establish refining works.

Mr. Auld said to the Times this morning that it has been proposed to locate the works at Ladysmith, but now they are looking for a location either in Victoria or Esquimalt. A de- sirable site of 17 acres at the latter point is being inspected this after- noon.



A TEMPORARY POOH-BAH.

W. J. B.—"It's a great satisfaction to know that, for the present, one half the Cabinet are capable."

WATER PROBLEM IS UP AGAIN
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETS THIS AFTERNOON
Assistant Engineer Bryson to Submit Report on Sooke Lake Proposition.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The ever-present water problem will again be discussed at a special meet- ing of the water committee of the city council being held this afternoon, when Assistant City Engineer Bryson will submit his preliminary report on Sooke lake, based on investigation which he made a month ago. The council placed a fund of \$2,500 at his disposal, and he spent some days in the district tak- ing levels.

Mr. Bryson's report is expected to contain approximate costs for both tunnel and surface routes. The tunnel route does not find much favor with engineers who have studied the prob- lem of bringing water to the city from Sooke lake, as the cost will be very high, but with the employment of sur- face pipes the whole way the scheme is declared to be thoroughly feasible, and well within the financial capacity of the city.

It is probable that as a result of the enquiries now being made in regard to the proposition a by-law will be sub- mitted to the ratepayers at the forth- coming municipal elections authorizing the expenditure of a sum of about \$150,000, to meet the cost of ac- quiring all rights necessary to secure to the city Sooke lake as a source of supply. Aid Henderson, who is a candi- date for the mayoralty, is strongly in favor of this course being followed. He considers it imperative that the city should lose no time in acquiring all necessary rights at Sooke, and will press for immediate action in that direction, in connection with the water problem it is understood that Aid. Humber at Monday's meeting of the city council will press for a full en- quiry into the condition of the reser- voir at Smith's Hill. This was done with what he stated in an inter- view last evening's Times.

PREDICTS RUIN IF GOVERNMENT RETURNED
Lord Charles Beresford Says British Empire Will Pass Away.

London, Dec. 3.—Lord Charles Beresford, in speaking at Portsmouth, said that four years of government had been wasted, and every year brought the country lower in strength, credit, and defensive force.

Quebec, Dec. 3.—The design submit- ted by Paul Chevre of the monument which the provincial government is to erect to the memory of the late Hon. Honore Mercier has been adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
B. C. COMMISSION IS SEEKING INFORMATION
Members Interview Ontario Government—Will Visit Washington.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Hon. E. J. Fulton, accompanied by A. S. Goodwin, M.P. for Kootenay, and C. Flumerfelt, interviewed the members of the Ont- ario government yesterday relative to the establishing in British Columbia of a forestry department similar to that of this province. Information was asked as to Ontario's plans for tim- ber cutting.

Mr. Flumerfelt has been in Ottawa acquiring information and the commis- sion will presently go to Washington, D. C.

STORM SWEEPS OVER PRINCE RUPERT
Tugboats Are Blown From Moorings and Several Scaws Capsized.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—A terrific wind, rain, snow and hail storm on Sunday, followed by thunder and light- ning, did considerable damage along the waterfront. Several scaws loaded with lumber were overturned and tug- boats were blown from their moorings. Two small houses were overturned and several plate-glass windows blown in. While services were being held in the Presbyterian church the building rocked on the piling. The congrega- tion became alarmed and quickly fled out, but no further damage was done.

ENORMOUS TRADE IN CIGARETTES IN CANADA
During Past Fiscal Year Over 350,000,000 Were Man- ufactured.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Mr. Blaine, of Pelee, who has for some years been trying to secure the passage of legislation pro- hibiting the manufacture, sale and im- portation of cigarettes, has secured from the minister of inland revenue some interesting figures regarding this industry. During the past fiscal year, 256,189,380 cigarettes were manufactur- ed in Canada, of which 23,477,000 were produced in Ontario, and 328,712,000 in Quebec. There was 34,619 pounds of cigarettes imported during the same period, which at an estimated weight of 2.8 pounds per box, would represent 12,363,000 cigarettes.

E. & N. TRAINS RUN AGAIN
FIRST SINCE SUNDAY LEFT THIS MORNING
Passengers Will Require to Transfer at Ladysmith for About Ten Days.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The first through train to move on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway since Sunday last, when the line was put out of business by the floods, left the Victoria station this morning at 10 o'clock. Only passenger trains will operate for some days, the Charmer being maintained on the east coast run to handle freight. The passengers will be transferred at Ladysmith, where the Nanaimo train will be in waiting, leaving the Coal City two and one-half hours late in order to save any un- necessary waiting at Ladysmith.

The down train from Nanaimo will be a couple of hours late in arriving at Victoria, but the up train will leave each morning at 9 o'clock. This ser- vice will be maintained for about ten days, when it is hoped that the full regular service will be resumed.

While the line is open along the sections mentioned, the work done has necessarily been only of a temporary character in order to get trains run- ning at the earliest possible moment, and very extensive repairs necessitat- ing the expenditure of large sums of money will require to be made before the line has been placed in the high standard of efficiency characteristic of the roadbed of the C.P.R. all over Can- ada.

The heavy floods have proved a blessing in disguise, as the weak spots on the line have been disclosed; and when all the improvements which will be effected have been made the line will prove far better than ever before.

EXPLOSION WRECKS GASOLINE LAUNCH
One Man Loses His Life and Another Has Narrow Escape.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Engi- neer Peter Figari lost his life and Captain Nels Hansen had a narrow escape from death yesterday when the explosion of a 50-gallon can of gasoline sent the \$5,000 launch tug Nevada to the bottom of the bay.

FEDERAL LAND AT LAKE COQUITLAM

RIGHTS OF PARTIES ARGUED AT OTTAWA

Two Municipalities and Power Company Represented in the Application.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The application of New Westminster for the rescinding of two orders in council passed by the federal government on September 9th last, cancelling the right claimed by the city to 180,000 acres of federal land in Lake Coquitlam district and leasing 4,000 acres of it to the Vancouver Power Company, was heard by the sub-committee of the cabinet composed of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. Pugs- ley, Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. F. Oliver and Hon. A. B. Aylesworth.

New Westminster was represented by counsel, High Guthrie, M. P., and City Solicitor McQuarrie; Coquitlam by J. R. Grant, Alderman Adams and A. W. Grey, and the Vancouver Power Company by A. Thompson, K. C., En- gineer Schuyler and Mr. Glover.

The legal points at issue as to the right of the federal government to the lands in question were argued at con- siderable length.

It was decided that any further re- presentations considered necessary should be submitted in writing, and the cabinet will then give the applica- tion full consideration.

ANOTHER REVERSE FOR WALSH.
Only Supreme Court Can Now Keep Former Banker Out of Penitentiary.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—The United States Circuit court to-day denied a motion for a new trial for John R. Walsh, the former financial king, and committed him to the custody of the marshal. Only the Supreme court of the United States now stands between the man and a physical wreck and the doors of the penitentiary.

The former financier and railroad magnate seemed utterly crushed when the decision was handed down. Walsh will be held in custody, it is under- stood, until January in order to allow his attorneys to file a motion for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme court.

When the Walsh financial structure collapsed this city received one of the greatest shocks in its history. He had been prominent in all lines of activity, and was one of the very foremost men of the city. The investigation revealed a misuse of money deposited in his bank and various crimes of high finance were charged against him.

MANY PERISH IN HURRICANE

SHIPPING SUFFERS ON COAST OF BRITAIN

Number of Vessels Are Wrecked—Thistlemere Is Lost.

London, Dec. 3.—It is estimated in shipping circles that at least one hun- dred persons are missing, and many have been lost in the terrific hurricane which has been sweeping the coast of Great Britain for several days.

The intensity of the storm increased last night and many small boats were wrecked along the coast.

Fourteen vessels were lost, in- cluding the Congress, which was in collision off St. Ives head with an un- known craft. Only one member of the crew escaped.

The steamer Thistlemere foundered in the channel to-day after a struggle with the storm that has been prevail- ing. It is reported that all the mem- bers of her crew were drowned.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.
Electric Light Plant and Sawmill at Seal Harbor Destroyed—Loss \$60,000.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—The electric lighting plant and sawmill at Seal Harbor, owned and operated by the E. C. Tie & Timber Company, has been de- stroyed by fire. The loss, \$60,000, is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was first no- ticed two hours after the plant had been shut down for the night. Although a fierce gale was blowing, the stock in the lumber yard adjoining was saved owing to a light snow fall in the early part of the evening.

ABE RUEF GRANTED FREEDOM ON BAIL
Former Political Boss Given Liberty Pending Decision in Appeal.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Abe Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco and self-confessed grafter, was released at midnight from the county jail, where he has been con- fined since the shooting of Francis J. Heaney a year ago, on bonds aggregat- ing \$300,000. At that time Ruef was free under \$750,000 bail, but in the excitement following the shooting he was remanded to custody and remained in the county jail after his conviction which followed shortly afterward.

The petition for bail pending the decision of his appeal, was filed several days ago, when physicians who ex- amined Ruef declared that he was suf- fering from a complication of diseases which would in time endanger his life if he was kept in prison.

PRINCE RUPERT SEEKS CABINET REPRESENTATION
Conservatives to Press Claims of W. Manson For Portfolio

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Conservative Association a dele- gation consisting of Messrs. McLennan and Cares and Dr. Quinlan was ap- pointed to interview Premier McBride and press the claims of Wm. Manson as representative in the cabinet, and if possible secure for him the portfolio formerly held by Hon. R. G. Tatlow.

IMPERSONATION AT ELECTION IN FERNIE
Number of Cases Revealed by Official Recount of Votes.

Fernie, Dec. 3.—The official recount of the votes cast at the election in this district last Thursday is in progress. The recount is being attended by the three candidates and their legal advisers.

On demand of Messrs. Harrington and Fisher the voters' lists were checked as the returns from each pre- cinct were recounted in order to de- tect repeating and impersonation. So far there have been twenty cases of impersonation or repeating discov- ered and there are still half the votes to count.

Two Crushed to Death. Workmen Killed by Falling Wall in Pipe Foundry.

Hallfax, Dec. 3.—Two men were killed and two seriously injured by the falling of a wall in the pipe foundry of the Londonderry Ironworks. Fif- teen feet of the top of this wall fell, bringing a part of the room with it, killing Alexander McLean and Walter McCulley of Londonderry.

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AN ACUTE MUNICIPAL SITUATION.

In another column of this issue of the Times a correspondent, "A," deals in an instructive and interesting manner with the ever-perplexing question of efficiency and integrity in municipal government. He advances the old and yet ever new proposition that a "stream cannot rise higher than its source." In other words, "the people get the kind of government they deserve." The source of all political power is in the electorate under modern democratic institutions. If the stream be polluted you cannot purify it by turning it into new and untested channels. "A's" contention is that it is not the machinery of municipal government which is at fault, but that the hand which is entrusted with control of the machinery is either incompetent or worse. Of what avail would it be to set up a new system if the same old management were maintained?

The idea is certainly worthy of the most serious consideration. The municipal institutions of British Columbia are modeled after those of Eastern Canada and of Great Britain. There may be a slight variation to suit the local conditions; but the guiding principles in all are similar. Municipal government in Great Britain has not been a failure. Neither has it been in Eastern Canada except in a very few isolated instances. And in every case where there has been failure events have proved that it was not the system, but the administration of the system, that was at fault. Given the right kind of men, and almost any system of government, democratic or autocratic, will achieve the end for which it was designed.

There is no disputing the fact that the municipal administration of Victoria for many years has been a failure from the point of view of the taxpayer who desires to see civic improvements which are imperative made with efficiency, celerity and economy. There have been bungling and inefficiency in connection with most of the public works of importance which have been undertaken, while the rate of taxation has risen year by year. These are facts which have merely to be recited to be admitted. The question to be faced, therefore, is whether it is the elective part of the municipal machinery or the administrative and permanent part that is to blame for the acknowledged breakdown.

One thing is quite plain. There is a cog broken somewhere. Some critics go farther than that, and maintain that whole wheels are stripped. We do not know that anyone would care to say that the council of 1909 is particularly to blame for the conditions which have reached an acute stage during the present year. The situation is simply a culmination of events that have been impending for several years. Each succeeding administrative board has passed the matter along to its successors, lacking the courage to deal with it firmly. And that is one of the weaknesses of the system of annual elections. The question to consider is whether an extension of the term of members of the council and a revision of the system of administration as proposed in the constitution of a Board of Control would have the effect of eliminating this weakness.

The opinion of the Times is that the existing system, which is a growth of long experience and experiment—a development from the despotic to the democratic—would be found to work as well as any other system if the administration were in strong and determined hands dominated by a fearless head. Are not the existing heads of the various city departments permanent controllers who are supposed to have a special knowledge of the works they control? Would elective and highly-paid controllers controlling them be likely to make matters work more smoothly, more economically and more efficiently? These are the questions for the ratepayers to consider.

VALUE OF "ORGANIZATION." Comments of Eastern papers on the result of the elections in British Columbia are interesting chiefly for the reason that they indicate a complete lack of understanding of the elements which combined to assure the success of the government. The railway policy, was of course the most enticing item in the bill of fare placed before the people by the McBride government. But back of that was what is known in political parlance as a "superb organization." As details of the methods pursued by that organization come in from the various constituencies the public will be in a position to better

appreciate the important part it played in the elections.

In the meantime it is significant to note that the Conservative party of Canada is making a most persistent demand for the elimination of "patronage" from the political arena as something that is degrading and demoralizing, and may be destructive to the true interests of the country. Yet we find that the McBride system, which is so generally eulogized by the Eastern Tory press, is based upon patronage in its most extreme development. There is not a service, inside or outside, that is not worked primarily with a view to entrenching that government more strongly in power. All the administrative machinery is run with a single view to its political effect, not with an eye to the true interests of the province. Even the electoral system is poisoned at its source—the voters' lists—and the command of a campaign fund of practically unlimited proportions in the hands of "workers" void of conscience enabled the party at the recent elections to turn the lists to fine practical account from a partisan point of view.

The late elections marked a great triumph for the McBride government. Whether the people of British Columbia will have as good reasons for congratulation when the day of settlement arrives is a question. It is estimated that not less than a quarter of a million dollars was expended in the various constituencies in procuring the practical annihilation of the Liberal party. What was the source of that fund? And out of whose pockets will it be extracted, with interest, in the end?

Our readers will observe that Mr. Dan Mann was greatly interested in the election, and that he was one of the first to congratulate the Premier on his magnificent victory.

IN THE ROLE OF WATCH DOGS.

The Victoria Board of Trade, it appears, is going to maintain a "lobby" in the legislature during the coming session. This proposed action is said to be based on a determination to see that the interests of the capital of the province shall be fully protected in any measure brought down for the encouragement of railway construction in the province. Yet we have four representatives of the city in the legislature elected as supporters of the government, and one of these representatives is the Premier of the province. All of these members-elect have pledged their word that if the deal with Mackenzie & Mann does not contain provisions for the construction of a line of railway from Vancouver to English Bluff, the operation of a passenger, express and freight ferry equal to the best on the continent between the Bluff and the city on Vancouver Island, and the construction of another piece of railway between that portion of the Island and Victoria, they will resign their seats. Under such circumstances, and in view of such a solemn obligation, the task proposed to be assumed by the Board of Trade would appear to be entirely supererogatory. Can it be possible that there is a suspicion in the minds of the members of the Board of Trade that the word of the Premier and his followers is not to be trusted, and that lack of confidence in such solemn assurances is already beginning to manifest itself? Our idea is that the time for the maintenance of the interests of the city will arrive when the Canadian Northern proposition has passed the paper stage and the actual work of construction has begun. The paper part of the undertaking is the simplest part of it. Experience has proved that Mackenzie & Mann, under certain conditions, are quite willing to relieve governments of paper responsibilities.

THE LIEUT.-GOVERNORSHIP.

Hon. James Dunsmuir, who since May, 1906, has filled with general acceptance and satisfaction the high position of Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, has resigned, and Mr. T. W. Paterson, of Victoria, has been appointed in his stead.

The circumstances attending the retirement of Mr. Dunsmuir and the designation of his successor are somewhat unusual, if not absolutely extraordinary, in connection with the tenure of positions of high honor, dignity and responsibility in this country. The retiring Governor had not served his full term and was relieved on his own urgent request. His successor was not an applicant for the post.

Mr. Paterson was selected because of his freely-acknowledged qualifications for the position of Lieut.-Governor. Coming from a stock in which Liberalism is bred in the bone, it was constitutionally impossible for him to do otherwise than identify himself with the Liberal party of Canada. Yet T. W. Paterson is too big a man in every sense to be a violent, unreasoning partisan. Broad of mind, tolerant in natural temperament, courteous in his treatment of all who do not accept his views on public questions, Mr. Paterson has always commanded the respect and esteem of those with whom he did not agree in politics. He will approach the delicate duties of his new office absolutely devoid of party prejudice. But at the same time he is so thoroughly informed upon every subject pertaining to the constitution and government of the country that any government which may hold power in the province during his regime, be it Conservative or Liberal, will hesitate before making any recommendation that might be

GOT \$595, WITH \$1 WAIST

New York, Dec. 6.—A young woman walked into the store of Mrs. Anna Wassermann, 279 Grand street, and purchased a shirt waist for one dollar. Mrs. Wassermann was making up her bank deposit and had \$410 in cash and cheques amounting to \$185, on the counter. These she wrapped up with the waist. As soon as she discovered her loss, Mrs. Wassermann reported it to the police, but no trace of the young woman could be found. It is much more difficult to recover lost money than it is to recover lost health, Constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Lame Back, Aching Limbs, Bladder and Skin Troubles quickly disappear under the curative influences of "Fruit-a-tives." "Fruit-a-tives"—the famous tablets made from fruit juices and tonics—have given the most gratifying results even in the most serious cases of Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bowel Troubles. Fifty cents a box 5 for \$2.50, or trial size, 25c. At all dealers or from the Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

prejudicial either to the interests of the people as a whole or to the cause of the minority of the people. The new Lieut.-Governor will hold the balances evenly and at the same time be guided constitutionally by the counsel of his Ministers.

The Times regrets the retirement of Mr. Dunsmuir, Government House during his tenure of office has been noted for the unbounded and kindly hospitality of its host and hostess. In the discharge of her duties as mistress of the stately mansion on the hill Mrs. Dunsmuir has been gracious, tactful and considerate. She will be followed by her new and splendid home at Hatley Park with the best wishes of all who have been her guests at Government House and of others who have become still more intimately acquainted with her in private relationships.

THEY MADE A MISTAKE.

Newspapers holding briefs for the McBride government protested most ferociously at the bare idea of Mr. Wade, one of the Liberal candidates in Vancouver, while carrying in his pocket the appointment to the Lieut.-Governorship of British Columbia, campaigning throughout the province against the candidates of that government. They were quite sure that Mr. Wade had the commission in question in his pocket and that just as soon as the contest was over he would step across the threshold of the gubernatorial mansion. It was surely a most unheard-of thing, they said, that an avowed partisan, fresh from the conflict and bearing the scars inflicted by his political opponents, should be selected for a position of such responsibility. Their wrath rose to the boiling point at the very idea of a man who had been assailing the McBride government with such bitterness being assigned to a position of confidential and delicate relationship with that government, a position calling for the sinking of all partisan political feelings, etc. How could such an one be expected to receive the advice of his ministers in the spirit which ought to govern all such important communications? If Mr. Wade carried the warrant in his pocket, by what process of legerdemain was it transferred so quickly into the hands of Mr. T. W. Paterson? Mr. Paterson was not even an applicant for the position of Lieut.-Governor. The first intimation he received that his name had been placed before the Ottawa government was a telegram announcing his appointment. There is no question that the selection was made because, while there were doubtless many applicants for the post who would have filled it acceptably, even with honor to themselves and satisfaction to the public, the qualifications of the appointee were considered pre-eminent. Mr. Paterson took some part in the late elections, we consider a most effective part; but will any of the organs suggest that his relations with his constitutional advisers will be affected in the slightest degree by any political differences of opinion there may have been between them? The fact is that a politician of the type of T. W. Paterson is just the kind of man best qualified to adorn the position of Lieut.-Governor. And to believe the organs which raised the issue in connection with the name of Mr. Wade will freely acknowledge the fact.

NEGOTIATING WITH RAILWAYS

General Manager Slade, of the Northern Pacific, said freight was more or less tied up along the system on account of the snow, and especially so in Northern Minnesota and North Dakota. Passenger trains are being run with two engines. It is said the Northern Pacific has all the men here that it needs, and that new arrivals are being shipped west. General Manager Gruber said that the Great Northern had moved between 60 and 100 cars of wheat into Minneapolis yesterday, and that freight was handled at the Minnesota Transfer today for the first time since the strike began. He said that heavy snowstorms at Sioux City, Grand Forks and Devil's Lake are interfering with traffic, and that the work of switching is necessarily slow. Snow delayed traffic in Montana, he said.

SNOW BLOCKS ROADS.

Gretna, Man., Dec. 6.—A terrific storm has been raging here since Friday. The roads are all blocked, but fortunately it is cold.

ZELAYA READY TO FLEE COUNTRY

OPPOSING ARMIES LINE UP FOR BATTLE

Position of Government Troops at Greytown is Reported Critical.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—A private cablegram received here to-day stated that President Zelaya is planning to escape from Nicaragua late to-day on a Pacific mail liner from Corinto. The cable stated that the dictator plans to flee with his family to Salina Cruz Mexico or to Amapala, Honduras. It was further reported that his secretary, Julian Trias, would be left to prosecute Zelaya's plans in Nicaragua. Ready for Battle.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 6.—(By wireless to Colon.)—The crisis of the Nicaraguan revolution is believed to be approaching. With every road and highway leading to Rama underlaid with mines, Provincial President Estrada to-day awaits Zelaya's attack. The vanguard of the dictator's army is said to be within a few hours' march of Estrada's outposts and desultory fighting may begin at any moment. Zelaya claims to have 10,000 men in camp, while Estrada's force is said to number but 5,000. This numerical discrepancy, however, probably will be offset by the superior condition and equipment of the rebels.

According to messages brought to this city from Greytown, which is besieged by the rebels under General Chamorro, the situation there is critical. The defending forces under General Toledo are reported to be underfed and poorly armed. Chamorro probably will attack at the moment the result of the impending battle at Rama is brought to him. The outcome of the revolution, it is believed, depends almost wholly upon the result of the Rama engagement. If Estrada is successful at Rama, it is thought that both armies will combine and concentrate upon Managua, the capital.

Estrada Takes Field. Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Senator Salvatore Castillo, representative here of the insurrectionary forces under General Estrada, president of the provisional government, has received a message that General Estrada has left Bluefields and has taken the field.

POSTS LETTERS IN A FIRE ALARM BOX

Farmer, on Honeymoon, Makes Mistake and Calls Out Brigade.

(From Monday's Daily.) George Cooper, a farmer, of Yellow Beach, B. C., who spent his honeymoon at the Dominion hotel, didn't know the difference until yesterday between a fire alarm box and a letter box, and as a result he had the whole of the Victoria fire department apparatus out at Bridge and John streets, on a false alarm, because he tried to post some letters in a fire alarm box. Mr. Cooper went out for a walk with his bride yesterday afternoon, and while near Bridge and John streets he found he had overlooked posting some letters home. Seeing a little box on a telegraph post he opened the little door, thinking it was a postal box. Finding he could not deposit the letters in the little box he shut the door again and continued his way. A few minutes afterwards was startled by the arrival of the fire department in charge of Chief Thomas Davis. He did not hesitate to explain that he thought the box was for letters, and did not know he had rung in an alarm. He told Chief Davis he was a farmer and was now for the first time in a city. Having heard of postal boxes he thought he had found one and tried to post the letters. As his explanation was straightforward and evidently true from the man's surprise, no action was taken, but Chief Davis took the letters and saw they were safely deposited in a letter box. Next time Mr. Cooper says he will know the difference. This morning he visited the chief of police and his wife, who had accepted at police headquarters. The fire brigade was called out yesterday afternoon to a small fire in the St. James church, John and Quebec streets, where a small blaze caused through overheating the furnace was extinguished. The damage was about \$75.

SEATTLE DIAMONDS LACK LEGAL OWNER

Alleged to Be Two Hundred Years Old and From Australia.

(From Monday's Daily.) Detective Carlou and H. G. Redfern have returned from Seattle where they went to inspect the stock of diamonds held by a Seattle jeweler and thought to be part of the haul made from C. E. Redfern's store, and find that the diamonds are not those which were stolen from the store. The diamonds in Seattle are valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000 and were taken to the store by two men who were told to return for the money. On their return they were surprised by the police but got away without being caught. It was thought the jewels were part of the Redfern property and Detective Carlou and H. G. Redfern went over to inspect them. The jewels stolen from Mr. Redfern's store were valued at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The diamonds in Seattle were only eight in number but were very valuable stones, one of them weighing

FOUR CHILDREN INJURED.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 6.—Four children were painfully injured here Saturday when a crowded balcony on which they were standing gave way in the David Kaiser department store. The store had advertised that Santa Claus was to give away Lincoln pennies to all children in the city, and hundreds flocked to the store, forcing the management to put a number of them on the balcony. Those standing directly beneath the balcony heard a creaking sound and escaped just as it gave way.

DR. COOK'S REPORT.

Christiana, Dec. 6.—Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Frederick A. Cook, arrived yesterday at Christiansand aboard the steamer United States. He said he had with him all of Dr. Cook's records and reports concerning his north pole expedition. Lonsdale said that when he left New York Dr. Cook was suffering from overwork, but could not be described as "broken down."

AVIATOR KILLED.

Nice, France, Dec. 6.—M. Fernandez, the aviator, was killed instantly to-day when an aeroplane in which he was following the motor races here fell 1,000 feet. He was one of the less important aviators who participated in the Reims meet.

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A DRESS BOOT—Patent leather, blucher, dull kid top, Cuban heel \$4.00
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A BOOT FOR COMFORT—Soft, glazed kid, cushion insoles, very flexible \$5.00
PATENT KID LACE BOOT—Plain toe, short vamp, high Cuban heel \$5.50
PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOTS—Dull kid tops. Very dressy and good style \$5.50
GUN METAL CALFSKIN, on very smart last, Cuban heel and narrow toe \$5.00
OLD LADIES' COMFORT BOOT—Of soft, pliable kid, light turn soles and common-sense heel \$4.00

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DENOUNCE ACTION OF THE LORDS

MASS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN LONDON

Resolutions Are Passed Protesting Against Rejection of Budget.

London, Dec. 6.—Determined work on the part of the police was all that prevented a mob of 3,000 persons, aroused by a pro-budget mass meeting held on Saturday, from charging the home of Lord Lansdowne, the leader of the Unionists. Following several mass meetings held in Trafalgar Square and adjoining streets, a mob formed and moved rapidly to the home of Lord Lansdowne's house, mounted police, hurriedly summoned, were compelled to charge the mob several times before it dispersed.

Six mass meetings held simultaneously at which the action of the House of Lords in rejecting Chancellor Lloyd George's budget was bitterly condemned, were attended by more than 100,000 persons.

In the vast crowds that surrounded the speakers' stands and on the platforms, were Socialists and Liberals in about equal numbers. This is taken as evidence that the Socialists and Liberals have practically combined forces to co-operate in the budget fight.

At each meeting resolutions condemning the action of the Lords in fery terms, declaring that "the rejection of the budget was a menace to the people's hard-won liberties," and demanding abolition of the Lords' power to veto the will of the people, were presented. In each instance the resolutions were carried with a roar of approval.

The Trafalgar Square speeches were quite equal to the wildest utterances of any Socialist demonstrations in that historic spot.

Dr. Clifford, the reverend leader of the Free Church, hoped that the peers would be drowned in the Red Sea as was Pharaoh.

William P. Byles, member of the House of Commons from Salford North, said: "We have got the Lords by the throats, and are going to strangle them. If the men of England have the same spirit as they had three hundred years ago, they will be ready for civil war."

The favorite emblem of the demonstrators was a turnip carved to represent an imbecile face stuck on a pole, and surmounted by a coronet, with the words beneath "The first born."

The crowds made a hostile demonstration before the Constitutional club and cheered at Premier Asquith's residence.

The Conservative Sunday Times, describing the scenes in Trafalgar square, says that there is no use in attempting to belittle the demonstration. The fifty speakers included a dozen of the members of the House of Commons. The size of the gathering, which was arranged at short notice, says the paper was surprising. It was unmistakably the most notable and most effective demonstration in recent years.

The National Council of Free Churches has issued a manifesto calling attention to the action of the House of Lords, which it declares, "makes reforms supported by Nonconformists impossible," and calling on the people to support the candidates who are favorable to the "Emancipation of education from sectarian control."

The Unionists are nominating a candidate in every constituency in England and Scotland, and with the exception of the seats held by the speaker, the Right Hon. James William Lowther, and Joseph Chamberlain, who represents Birmingham West, either the Liberals or the Laborites will nominate a man to oppose them. The Liberal has decided not to contest Mr. Chamberlain's seat, on account of his illness.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

London, Dec. 6.—Mr. Balfour has written another letter for publication, dealing with the cotton problem. After reference to the difficulties which are looming up for Lancashire in obtaining supplies of cotton, and the more remote but more formidable danger arising out of the fact that the time is approaching when the United States will require all her home-grown cotton for her own industry, he lays down the principle that private enterprise, in extending the areas of supply within the British Empire, should be supplemented by public aid.

Among Tariff Reformers the letter is accepted as a pledge that if the Unionists are victorious in the general election, Mr. Balfour will be willing to subsidize British-grown cotton.

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SUFFRAGETTES INJURED IN FIGHT WITH POLICE

Crowd Storms Theatre During Meeting Addressed by Sir Edward Grey.

Leith, Scotland, Dec. 6.—In a fight with the police that followed when several suffragettes rushed the doors of the Gaiety theatre, where Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, was speaking, several women were injured, some of them severely. Despite the presence of the police, who were guarding the door, the women rushed to the attack. It was necessary for the officers to wield their clubs to disperse the mob. The injured were taken to the hospitals.

Sir Edward Grey, in his address, said that he was glad the House of Lords was barred from retreat and that there would be no opportunity for repentance.

Churchill Interrupted. Liverpool, Dec. 6.—Suffragettes succeeded in interrupting Winston Churchill's meeting at Southport on Saturday, by climbing to a roof and shouting through the skylight.

Mr. Churchill was, however, able to conclude his speech, and, undaunted by the experience, held a meeting here in the evening, in continuation of his Lancashire campaign. He ridiculed the idea that the old age pensions and the navy could be paid for by the adoption of tariff reform, and referred to Mr. Balfour's offer to assist the growing of cotton in the Empire as very odd, in view of the fact that the Unionists when in power, although asked to do something in this direction, took no action.

In the course of his speech Mr. Churchill said: "We are face to face with a period when parties necessarily are grouped on violent lines, when brute force and class hatred, instead of forbearance and public spirit, are becoming the characteristics of British political life."

MARSH BEAT STANLEY AT FIFTEEN MILES

The Dane and Bayliss to Race Five Miles Thursday Night.

John D. Marsh, the Winnipeg runner, beat William Stanley, of San Francisco, in a ten-mile race at Nainalmo on Saturday night by four laps on a twenty-lap track. The winner's time was 56 minutes 8 seconds.

Stanley led for the first seven miles, making the pace all the way and running the first five in 27 minutes. Marsh, however, caught up the extra lap and beat Stanley easily in the last five miles. The attendance was moderate.

Stanley and Bayliss are matched to race five miles at the Assembly rink on Thursday night at 9 o'clock. The two men have met before this winter, when Bayliss was in front at the finish. This, however, was the race in which Stanley undertook to beat three men, and beat the other two at ten and twenty miles. He claims he could beat Bayliss at five miles and to test the relative speed of both men the race has been arranged at Bayliss' favorite distance. This will be Bayliss' third professional appearance in Victoria. He has a host of supporters who will doubtless turn out to see him run Thursday night.

VARSITY WINS.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Varsity defeated Parkdale by a score of 26 to 5 before a crowd of about 2,000, and, by winning this final game, secured Senior Canadian honors for the season. Play started off well, but became all Varsity very shortly.

Dundas, Ont., Dec. 6.—Ideal weather favored the battle here Saturday between Dundas and the Royal Military College of Kingston for the Intermediate championship of Canada. Dundas has a slight advantage in weight on the wing line, but the Cadets' back outweighed the Valley Town's guard. The final score was: Dundas 24; Kingston, 4.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH.

Pushed Into Tub of Boiling Water While Playing With Brother.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—After lingering 14 hours in terrible agony as a result of being pushed into a tub of boiling water, the 22-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Alder, 1228 South O street, died at 1 o'clock this morning. The accident happened at 10:20 o'clock on Sunday morning when the twin brother of the dead child playfully pushed the unfortunate baby into a wash tub filled with boiling water, which the mother was using to scrub the floor.

The child's back was terribly scalded and congestion of the lungs and other internal complications set in soon after the accident.

On Wednesday evening last the annual business meeting of the teachers of the First Congregational church was held. After the business was transacted those present adjourned to the schoolroom of the church where a banquet was given, at which the members of the Men's Own Bible class attended. A short programme was given after the supper, to which the following contributed: C. L. Howarth, recitation; R. B. Robinson, a song; and the Misses Cawcort, violin solo and song respectively.

The funeral of the late William Handy took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company's parlors where Rev. John Grundy conducted an impressive service. The hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was sung. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: T. Adams, J. Ambrose, H. Stratford and A. S. Belva.

NEW WIRELESS NOW COMPLETE

IKEDA HEAD STATION COMPLETE SUCCESS

C. P. Edwards Returns After Seeing Instruments Well Started.

The new wireless station at Queen Charlotte Islands is in complete working order. C. P. Edwards, Dominion superintendent of wireless stations, returned on Saturday night from a trip of inspection, having been there at the time the first message was sent. He says that Col. Gopping, of Cumshawa Inlet, received the first commercial message.

Communication is now sustained regularly with Ketchikan, a distance of 198 miles. The station also communicated with the steamer Quadra at Triangle Island, and heard her plainly, although she had only a quarter of one kilowatt power. Mr. Edwards says that the instruments are working splendidly and he is very much pleased with the work.

The mast at Ikeda head is the highest on this coast. It is in three parts and extends 230 feet into the air. It was made on the ground by D. Skinner, of Victoria, and erected by Capt. McDougall. The large pole at the base was an immense three fifteen feet in circumference at the base, and weighing ten tons.

The news of the result of the elections was received from Victoria by the apparatus, but the people there would not believe it, thinking that the wireless people were just trying to fool them. It was only when the Princess Beatrice arrived that confirmation was received.

Mr. Edwards while in the north chose the location for the Prince Rupert station. It will be placed on Digby Island, just behind the place chosen for the proposed marine and fisheries sub-station. The point is 245 feet high, and a tramway will have to be built to the summit before the work can be commenced.

Steamer Leebro left to-day with supplies for the Triangle station. It is expected that this will be completed before the opening of the new year, if the weather will only admit of the work going on.

VAIO WINS THREE EVENTS AT TACOMA

Victoria Athlete Breaks Washington Y.M.C.A. Record for Broad Jump.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—The Tacoma Y. M. C. A. athletics Saturday won the second annual Y. M. C. A. indoor meet of the Northwest Pacific, piling up 32 points. Portland was second with 17 points, Victoria third with 15, Seattle fourth with 14 and Everett fifth with 12 points. Tacoma's victory was largely due to its greater representation in all distance events.

Four new records were made, and the meet was very successful in every way. Gerard, of Tacoma, carried off the individual honors, winning 16 points for his team. Brooks Vaio, the lone entry from the Victoria association, won third place for Victoria in the meet by capturing three first places. Vaio broke the state Y. M. C. A. record for the standing broad jump by over two feet.

One of the best races of the evening was the mile over a 17-lap track, which was won by Ben Farrell, the Tacoma high school runner. Seattle was represented in the meet by thirteen athletes. The relay race between the Seattle teams did not take place, as the visitors were obliged to leave the gymnasium hurriedly to catch the last interurban.

Brook Vaio, the local entry in the Pacific Northwest Y. M. C. A. meet, returned to this city yesterday and received the congratulations of his fellow members of the Broad street association for the splendid showing he made. Although Vaio was the only Canadian entry in the meet, he managed to take three first, which landed this city in third place in the summing up. His work is claimed to have been most spectacular.

The reason given for Tacoma taking the first place was owing to the fact that the meet was held at their home town and some 22 athletes from that city took part. Seattle sent down 14 entries and obtained 14 points; Portland 4 entries and won 17 points; Everett 3 entries, getting 12 points, and Victoria 1 entry, winning 15 points.

In the 120-yard potato race Vaio had a six-foot lead at the fifth potato, but thinking that he had gathered them all in he dashed for the tape. When he found out his mistake he was sadly disappointed as he might easily have placed Victoria in second position.

In his remarkable jump of 31 feet 11 inches, Vaio not only established a state record by about two feet, but also a Pacific Coast section record by about five inches. Before it is set down as a record, however, the distance will have to be measured with a steel tape, and as there were none available on Saturday the correct distance will be taken to-day. Vaio is of the opinion that it may go 32 feet.

Vaio had an easy time defeating all the entries in the 30-yard hurdles and the 25-yard dash. His times for these events were 4 1-5 second and 3 3-5 seconds, respectively.

Hallbut steamer New England broke her tail shaft a few days ago while on the northern fishing grounds, and was towed to Vancouver by the Flamingo.

Australia has more unemployed area in proportion to the population than any other country.

Christmas Goods at Pleasing Prices



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The Corset Event of the Season

TOMORROW will be given over entirely to our Special Corset Opening. As a line which is notable for the scope and class of the corsets shown, there are none that we can recommend in the unqualified terms that we do.



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We extend a cordial invitation to every woman in the vicinity, or suburban districts, of our store, who is interested in the corset styles to meet Mrs.

M. A. Miller and discuss the corset question with her. If, in the past, you have had any doubts as to the corset which would do the most for your figure, a fitting with one of the Gossard models will put them to rest.

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Mrs. M. A. Miller will be here for a few days, commencing to-day, and we trust you will not fail to interview her. Her knowledge as a corsetier will be invaluable to you.

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WILL NOT PERMIT PRIZE FIGHT IN UTAH

Governor Opposed to Holding Jeffries-Johnson Bout in State.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 6.—"I am sworn to uphold the law and I will do nothing to permit a prize fight in Utah. That ought to be sufficient."

This statement from Governor Spry delivered a set-back to the local syndicate which received a telegram from Tex Rickard, saying the Jeffries-Johnson battle would be held here on July 4th, 1910.

The statement of the governor was followed by similar statements by other officials.

"I will do everything in my power to prevent the fight," declared County Attorney Job P. Lyon.

"If a warrant is placed in my hands I will take steps to see that the principals are arrested at any cost," declared Sheriff Sharp.

The regular men's meeting will be held to-morrow afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. will be addressed by Rev. H. S. Speller, on the subject, "The Forgiving Spirit." All men are invited to be present.

AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—The meeting of the St. John's Ambulance Association at the parliament buildings was in camera. The secretary reported branches of the organization now operating at Vancouver, Winnipeg, London, Toronto and Montreal, while classes were being regularly carried on in several towns of the interior. Since last year new classes have been formed at Edmonton, Brandon, Grenfell, Orillia and Sydney mines. The federal department of mines is taking up "first aid" instructions, and will establish a central station in the Maritime provinces. The C. P. R. is also forming a class for its men. In response to the request of the British Red Cross Society Association, it has been decided to form a nursing and "first aid" reserve for the Canadian militia, and the services of an organizer to carry on the work will be secured.

GENERAL BOOTH.

Founder of Salvation Army May Visit Canada Early Next Year.

Halifax, Dec. 6.—That 5,000 young men and women will reach these shores during the coming year from the British Isles was the message brought to the Dominion by Colonel Howell, head of the Salvation Army immigration department in Canada. Colonel Howell says that General Booth was considering visiting Canada, and unless something unforeseen happens he will reach Halifax some time in March or April, and will make a tour of the Dominion and the United States.

—A benefit dance, in aid of a disabled member, will be given by the Victoria Cigarmakers' Local, 211, at Broad street hall, December 7th. The members of the local are making splendid arrangements, and special attention is given in the selection of the latest dance music, which will be provided under the direction of Prof. Bantly. It is the aim of this local to make this dance the hit of the season. A good supper and refreshments will be served and the floor committee will do everything to make the affair a success. All

are welcome to participate and have a jolly evening at the same time giving a helping hand to a worthy cause.

—William Donnelly and Peter McNeill were each fined \$5 in the police court Saturday for disturbing the peace on Johnson and Government streets this morning before daylight. They had a short and sharp fight which was stopped by a constable. They pleaded guilty. Two drunks contributed the usual amounts to the city treasury.

Cold Weather Suggestions

- VAN CAMP'S SOUPS, two tins 25¢
- VAN CAMP'S PORK AND BEANS, two tins 25¢
- SAVOY PORK AND BEANS, three tins 25¢
- MALTED CLAMS, per bottle, 75c and 40¢
- JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF, 16-oz. bottle \$1.00
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MARRIAGE WHICH WAS NO MARRIAGE AT ALL

Seattle Clergymen Performs Ceremony Here Spite of Warnings.

Some clergymen on the other side of the line do not seem to realize that their power of performing the marriage ceremony does not extend north of the boundary. It comes occasionally that some couple comes over to Victoria to be married, accompanied by a clerical friend whom they desire to perform the ceremony.

There was an instance of this a few days ago, when George Waite and Emma Somers called at the office of a licensee. With them was a Mr. Killen, a missionary of one of the smaller sects. As soon as the licensee was issued he announced that he was going to unite the couple and then there, Deputy Sheriff Townsend warned him, and repeated the warning several times, that he had no power to do so, and any marriage he might perform here would be invalid.

Mr. Waite and Miss Somers left for home, fondly imagining themselves to be man and wife. Later, Mr. Killen went back, not quite so confident that he had done right.

FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 6.—News of the ratification by Canada of the Franco-Canadian treaty of commerce was received with great joy by members of the British chamber of commerce in this city. It is expected that considerable development of trade between the two countries will follow this action by Canada.

DIES SUDDENLY

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Isabel Richardson, 723 Seymour street, fell dead of heart disease this afternoon as she was boarding the steamer Princess Victoria for the capital.

RUEF ADVOCATE OF PRISON REFORM

Would Send Police Judge to Jail in Order to Study Conditions.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—That he will never be punished by penal servitude for the crimes he committed while in British Columbia. All the unions and executives are to be communicated with and asked to give their views on the question as to the feasibility of the scheme and as to their willingness to cooperate financially.

Concerning his appeal, which is pending, Ruef said: "Naturally I expect to win. We took thousands of exceptions in the case in which I was convicted, and the grounds of our appeal are many. I have spent \$20,000 in preparing the appeal."

Since his incarceration in the city jail Ruef has become an advocate of prison reform. The conditions in the local jail, he said, are partially responsible for his falling health.

"I suggest," he said, "the adoption of a charter amendment compelling every police judge-elect to spend 30 days in the jail. He then would have an opportunity to acquaint himself with conditions and could govern his actions upon the bench accordingly."

The city assessor has just received the municipal voters' lists from the printers, and they are now open for inspection at the city hall. On the mayor's list this year there is a total of 6,660 names, as compared with 5,788 of last year, which shows an increase of 872.

The dance to be given on Tuesday evening next in the new Broad street hall by the Victoria Cigar-makers' Union 211 will be in aid of a disabled member. It will also be the annual dance, and the committee in charge is making great preparations. Music for the dancers will be furnished by Bantley's orchestra.

All arrangements in connection with the sale of work to be held by the Christ Church Cathedral branch of the J.W.A. on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 8th, are completed, and both the members and their leader, Miss Ramsdale, hope to realize a good sum, as they have so many articles for sale suitable for Christmas gifts to offer to their friends. Delicious home-made candy will be on sale and tea will be served during the afternoon. The evening entertainment promises to be unusually attractive, a number of well-known singing amateurs having consented to assist. The proceeds will be devoted to the lining the house of their cathedral in Alberta, and for the purchase of another horse for his work, also to provide for the support of a baby in the Bird's Nest Mission in China.

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CHERRY MINE DISASTER.

Believed to Have Been Started by a Boy.

Cherry, Ill., Dec. 6.—Testimony at the coroner's inquest on the Cherry mine disaster on Saturday tended to show that the fire was started by Mat Francisco, an inexperienced boy, who was working in the mine in alleged violation of the child labor law.

FORMAL TRANSFER OF SAYWARD'S HOLDINGS

Michigan Syndicate Secures Control of Local Sawmill Property.

Corroborating announcements in the Times that such a deal had been transacted, comes the official statement that all the details have been completed in line to market to the starting point tried but well pleased with the afternoon's bracing exercise.

Messrs. Eberts & Taylor acted for the purchasers in the negotiations and R. T. Elliott, of the firm of Elliott & Shandley, represented Mr. Sayward. The purchasing company included in its membership E. B. Cadwell, C. S. Phelps, Oria B. Taylor, E. B. Moore, all wealthy lumbermen of Michigan.

PROPOSED PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF LABOR

Unions Asked to Appoint Delegates to Convention at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—More active steps are to be taken towards the establishment of a Provincial Federation of Labor in British Columbia. All the unions and executives are to be communicated with and asked to give their views on the question as to the feasibility of the scheme and as to their willingness to cooperate financially.

This was decided at a short session of the Trades and Labor Council on a recommendation by the committee specially appointed to inquire into the matter.

A notice of motion was given to place the revenues from the Labor Temple Stock Company in a sick and death benefit fund in order to safeguard the money of the company against adverse awards in courts of law.

C. P. R. CONDUCTORS ASK MORE PAY

Their Demand Will Be Supported by Engineers and Trainmen.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—C.P.R. conductors are presenting a demand to the company for a twenty per cent. increase in pay and will be supported by the engineers and trainmen.

NIDGE SOLD.

Tug Recently Passed Into Hands of Hind Brothers, Vancouver.

Hind Bros., the well known tug operators, have added to their fleet the steamer Nidge. The Nidge is one of the most powerful boats of her class in these waters, and has been employed in towing for the Ladysmith Lumber Company, for which firm she was built two years ago.

The Nidge is equipped with fore and aft compound engines for some time past, and finally succeeded in coming to terms with the Ladysmith Lumber Company for her purchase. The Nidge will operate from Vancouver in future.

The provincial police this morning are seeking a highwayman who held up Charles Donegan, a fairman, at his own door on Thursday night, with a revolver and took from him a few dollars, a bank book and a number of blank cheques. As Mr. Donegan did not report the matter immediately and has not a clear description of the hold-up man, the chances of his being secured are not very great.

BOY SCOUTS ARE DRILLED IN MANOEUVRES

Given Two Hours' Exercise at Mount Tormie on Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon over sixty members of the Boy Scouts were put through manoeuvres at Mount Tormie. There were two companies—Lieut. H. Woolson, of the Fifth Regiment, commanding the attacking party known as Co. B, and H. A. Seife directing the movements of the defenders. The boys paraded at the hospital gate at 2 p.m. and marched to the field of battle, where for over two hours they were given a drill in the art of war.

Hardly any of the participants are over 16 years of age, and the enrollment exceeds the one hundred mark. The assembly sounded at 4.15, and the boys fell in line to march to the starting point tried but well pleased with the afternoon's bracing exercise.

FERNIE ELECTRIC LIGHT SYSTEM

Plant Gives Entire Satisfaction—New Methodist Church Opened.

Fernie, Dec. 4.—The new municipal electric light system is now in operation, much to the satisfaction of the consumers, who have been compelled to utilize other sources of light since the big fire. The turning on of the current was not attended with any special ceremony, though members of the city council and several prominent citizens were present when the electric current was turned on.

The new Methodist church, which is one of the best sacred edifices in Fernie, was opened by Rev. George Kirby of Calgary, who delivered a most impressive address. The keys of the building were presented by H. A. Wixes, one of the trustees. In the afternoon a sacred cantata was rendered by a large choir, who had been specially trained for the occasion, and in the evening appropriate services were also held.

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TY COBB AGAIN LEADS IN BATTING

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Tyrus Cobb, of Detroit, was again the best batter of the American League, according to the official averages just issued by President Johnson. The hard-hitting outfielder of the champions batted better than ever and ended the season with .377. Cobb played in 156 games and made 216 hits. Not only was he leading in hitting, but he was also one of the best in base-stealing, with 76 thefts to his credit. Cobb and Tris Speaker, of Boston, tied for the honors in hitting home runs, with seven apiece.

DO JUST WHAT IS CLAIMED FOR THEM

That's What Joseph Macklin Says of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

They Cured His Neuralgia, Cramped Muscles and Heart Disease From Which He Suffered for Two Years.

St. Paul de Metis, Alta., Dec. 3.—(Special).—"Dodd's Kidney Pills have done for me all that is claimed for them." So says Joseph Macklin, a well known farmer of this district. He was ill for over six years with Neuralgia, Cramps in his muscles, Backache and Heart Disease. I called on different doctors but got no help. I heard that Dodd's Kidney Pills were meant for just such cases as mine, and bought eight boxes of them. Now I feel just like a new man. I recommend them to all as a sure cure for Rheumatism and all troubles arising from diseased Kidneys.

Thousands of farmers all over the west relate similar experiences to that given by Mr. Macklin. They find that Dodd's Kidney Pills do just what is claimed for them—cure all diseased Kidneys and all diseases arising from diseased Kidneys.

The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations for the month of November: Mrs. H. K. Prior, Seattle papers; Mrs. B. W. Pearce, Illustrated London News; Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, Illustrated papers and magazines; Miss M. Morrison, magazines and books; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; Jas. Morrison, reading matter; Standard Stationery Company, magazines and periodicals; Mr. Allen, London Weekly Dispatch; Timmy and Colonel, daily papers; Mining Exchange, Christian Herald, B. C. Poultrypman and Western Clarion.

ENDS HIS LIFE.

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Because his life-long companion had been killed in the Great Northern wreck last Sunday morning at Kilby Creek, Hamamoto, a Japanese, put a bullet through his own brain to-day under unusual circumstances.

Hamamoto, who was well dressed and spoke English well, called at an undertaker's establishment and asked to see one of the unidentified bodies. He examined one, and then, evidently recognizing the body asked for the effects of the dead man. These were produced. They contained a loaded revolver. Without a word, Hamamoto, his face torn by grief, placed the muzzle of his friend's gun in his mouth and fired. He died instantly.

MANY CASES DOWN FOR COUNTY COURT

December Term Opens on Monday With Much Business.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The December term of County Court opens on Monday morning. The following cases are down for hearing from former months: Roberts vs. Ellacott, Prebly vs. Stoddard, Gass vs. Topping et al, Allen vs. McEwen et al, Prudential Life Co. vs. Hardwick, Ward & Co. vs. B. F. Graham Lumber Co., David Spencer, Ltd., vs. Stevenson, Richards vs. Simpson, Heanski vs. Bagshawe, Hunter vs. Cooper, Burgess vs. Engelhardt, Middleton vs. Winsby et al, Donegan vs. Corporation of Victoria, Powell & Sons vs. Barr, Powell vs. Sordwell, Ross vs. Lorimer, Sam Bill vs. Bill John, Hardwick vs. J.B.A.A. The following new cases are down: Stephens & Co. vs. Steele, Clark vs. Lorimer, Clark vs. Dean, Nash vs. Shrapnell. There are six judgment summonses to be heard. Sixteen applications for naturalization will be granted.

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HEAVIEST MAN IN CANADA DEAD.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Jas. J. Muldoon, postmaster of Muldoon, Que., near Ottawa, yesterday died in Canada, died yesterday, aged 54. He weighed 461 pounds and five five brothers married six sisters.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE TO RESTORE "VICTORY"

Camosun Chapter Will Start a Fund in Canada for Purpose.

At a meeting of Camosun Chapter, Daughters of Empire, held in the city hall Friday evening, the attention of members was called by Miss Macdonald to Lord Brassey's plan for restoring Nelson's flagship, the Victory. It was resolved, on her motion, that Camosun Chapter take the initiative in starting a fund towards the purpose to be contributed to by Daughters of Empire and school children throughout Canada.

In a letter from the general secretary of the order, Miss Collett, Toronto, the new chapter was welcomed. As a second vice-regent is among the officers always elected by chapters, Mrs. Lutton was unanimously elected on motion of Mrs. C. E. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Bapty. The motto adopted by the chapter was "Duty and to-day are ours." This was suggested by Mrs. Slater. There are fifty members now enrolled.

Miss Jackson, secretary of the children's branch of the work, wrote reminding Camosun Chapter that when the delegation from Toronto was here, the schools were closed for the holidays and any organization among them was impossible. She requested the Victoria ladies to take up the work and urged its importance.

Mrs. Robertson stated that Mr. Paul had promised to bring the matter before the trustees, and it was decided as soon as permission was gained to commence the work of organization. The matter of helping to provide equipment for the High school cadets then came up. Nothing had been done in the matter by the school authorities since last meeting. It was still hoped a grant would be made and the chapter resolved to give what assistance should be necessary. The regent stated that this superintendent of city schools heartily approved of the plan of offering a rifle for competition in shooting among the cadets and prizes for the best composition on some patriotic subject. It was resolved to offer a prize in each of the public schools on a subject to be selected.

Mrs. Robertson read a poem on "The Flag" and with the National Anthem the meeting closed. There were present Mrs. Roche Robertson, regent; Mrs. Arthur Jones, vice-regent; Mrs. Slater, Miss Macdonald, Mrs. Lutton, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. C. E. Cooper, Mrs. Bapty, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Lawson, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Le Maistre, Mrs. Wyde, Miss Cooke, Mrs. Mesher and Mrs. Seabrooke. The next meeting will be held on January 3rd.

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KAMLOOPS WANTS FELL OVERBOARD FROM

Board of Trade and City Council Sends Resolutions to Government.

Kamloops, Dec. 4.—There was a large attendance at the conjoint meeting of the city council and board of trade to discuss the best means of securing Kamloops the entry within its limits of the Canadian Northern railway. Mr. Hallam, president of the board of trade, acted as chairman and briefly explained the object of the gathering. Mayor Robinson asked for a free discussion of the situation. He had drawn up a resolution which he would submit to the meeting. He was of the opinion it would be the best way of dealing with the object in view. Kamloops did not want a mere spur line run into the city; they wanted it to be on the C. N. R. main line. He moved the resolution as follows: "Resolved, that this meeting do through the proper channels strongly urge upon the government of the province that in the final draft of the agreement with the Canadian Northern railway the provision that the main line of that railway should run from 'the Yellowhead Pass to a point within the city of Kamloops, instead of from the Yellowhead Pass to a point near the city of Kamloops' as in the draft memorandum provided. Further, that a clause be inserted in the said agreement providing for the commencement of work at Kamloops simultaneously with that on other points of the line covered by the agreement. Further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the member elect for the Kamloops electoral district, and each member of the government. And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, requesting that the matter be taken up by the union."

Ald. Noble seconded the motion, and on the suggestion of E. J. Hosker, the words, "and that said city be made a divisional terminal point," were inserted. A general discussion ensued, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Wade moved that a delegation of three members of the city council and three of the board of trade be appointed to wait upon the members of the government on the occasion of their visit here on the 10th inst., to press Kamloops' claim in connection with the C. N. R. G. D. Brown seconded and the motion was adopted.

SAILOR LOSSES LIFE.

John Davis, of the Wray Castle, Falls From Wharf at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—A seaman named John Davis, on the sailing ship Wray Castle, now moored at the Johnson wharf, fell between the ship and the quay on Saturday night, and although the captain of the boat rescued him before he went under for the last time, when he was lifted to the deck he was dying. The man was standing on the wharf some distance from the gangway to the ship, when suddenly he pitched headfirst into the water, in the narrow space between the ship and the edge of the wharf. His cries as he struggled in the icy water brought Captain Phillips to the side, and he lowered himself to the water's edge and grasped the drowning sailor, holding him until some of the crew brought a rope, when he was raised to the deck. Within a few minutes he was dead. Upon examination a long cut was found on the side of his head, where he must have struck the side of the ship as he fell. This probably was one of the causes of death. Davis came from Hamilton, Ont., and was about 57 years of age.

BANK LINER COMING.

Kumeric Bringing Small Amount of Cargo for B. C.

Steamer Kumeric of the Bank line, left Yokohama December 4th with four first-class passengers for this port and nearly twenty Chinese, about half of which will go on to the United States. The steamer has nearly 200 tons of freight for British Columbia ports outside of the C. P. R., and for them she has 87 tons of overland and 183 tons of local freight.

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BIGAMIST SENTENCED.

Rainbridge, Ga., Dec. 6.—A. D. Oliver, formerly president of the Bank of Climax, at Climax, Georgia, was found guilty of bigamy Saturday and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Oliver maintains that he has a twin brother, and that wife No. 1, who testified against him, is the wife of his brother.

The death occurred on Saturday night at the Royal Jubilee hospital of John Fisher Wessel, of pneumonia. Deceased was better known around town as John Fisher. He was an Englishman by birth and 62 years of age. He is survived by two daughters, one in Hazelton and the other in Portland, Ore. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company.

More matches are used in the United Kingdom than in any other one country in the world. English people use an average of eight matches each person per day.

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BALFOUR'S PRONOUNCEMENT ON TARIFF REFORM

Unionist Leader Delivers Great Speech at Manchester In Which He Outlines Fiscal Policy of His Party.

Mr. Balfour, filled with the magnificence which comes to a great leader...

The huge Free Trade Hall was packed in every part long before the Unionist leader arrived.

Never perhaps in its history has the Free Trade Hall been the stage of any dramatic scene...

Mr. Balfour as he made his way along the platform turned his face, slightly flushed with excitement...

A thousand voices broke out with "For he's a jolly good fellow."

His first sentences rang out clear, determined, full of feeling.

At the outset he dealt boldly with the problem of Tariff Reform and the cotton trade.

There was another delightful touch when in the course of his argument he said "The doctrine of the budget was a tremendous outburst of cheers stopped him."

There was a dramatic pause when he came to the end of his analysis of the budget and told of the gravity of the whole doctrine which he has been endeavoring to preach to you.

Amid a hurricane of cheers Mr. Balfour brought his speech to a close, after speaking for eighty-five minutes.

Mr. Balfour's speech. The London Chronicle has the following condensed report of the speech.

"I am well aware that it is neither Home Rule nor the naval position which is exercising you at the present moment, but a group of very different problems, Tariff Reform, the budget, the House of Lords."

He was told that by the feeling in Lancashire in favor of Tariff Reform was lukewarm, was less ardent than was certainly to be found in other great industrial centres of the country.

of Lancashire were so intimately bound up, and which formed so great and honorable a part of the industrial activity of our country.

He did not believe it. A course which would diminish the prosperity of the working man would affect other classes also, and he would never give his address to any financial change which was calculated to increase the ordinary cost of living.

They said also that the cost of manufactures would be augmented. The whole theory was that if import duties were put on, competitive industry was endangered.

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Defending the Lords' Veto. Was there any man or woman who doubted that the issue which the government had raised was one of the gravest that had been before the country within the memory of the most of them present?

"I rejoice to think that Lord Lansdowne has embodied in one concise and complete phrase the whole doctrine which I have been endeavoring to preach to you."

Continuing, he said that their cheers told him that in their judgment Lord Lansdowne was amply justified in the course he had taken, and surely he was not going to weary them with antiquarian law or with the precise position in connection with Money Bills.

It is by these international arrangements alone that you will get justice for your manufactures.

It is quite impossible for us under modern conditions to hold our own against countries not less well equipped than ourselves in the great industrial international fight when we deliberately throw away the one weapon which they find effective, and which we are too proud or too stupid to turn to its full account.

The other point is Colonial preference. So long as the colonies choose to give us preference we gain enormously. I believe that the gain, which is great now, will augment year by year, and that as those great sister states increase in population and wealth, preference will mean more and more to the great industries of this country.

The cotton industry is not merely threatened by the growth of competition in the central states of Europe, but it is threatened also in the East by American and Japanese competition, and by difficulties of supply. Some of those dangers no action of the government of this country can easily prevent; some dangers I think it can prevent. Are you going to do it or not?

Another reason why I think Lancashire ought to welcome the advent to power of the party to which we belong is this: The only practical alternative to tariff reform is the budget. The budget is disastrous. It is a combination of bad finance and middle-headed Socialism.

TWO BLACKMAILERS SENT TO PRISON

Man Is Given a Year—Woman Who Gets Nine Months, Creates Scene.

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—As the outcome of a rather extraordinary blackmailing case, E. C. Shaughnessy was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge McInnes, and Shaughnessy's alleged wife was given nine months' imprisonment.

How were they going to establish agricultural ownership? (A Voice: By land taxation.) He begged to differ. If they were really desirous of encouraging this form of ownership do not subject it to specious and invalid attacks.

Taxation for Rates. Taxation of land values for the purpose of rates had been recommended by a great many quite independent individuals, many of them Unionist.

The taxation of land values for rating purposes was legitimate. The doctrine of the budget "was" that all land should be taxed, not for the benefit of the rates, but for the benefit of the Chancellor.

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LIVELY FIGHT BETWEEN SAWMILL EMPLOYEES AND FREIGHT STEAMER

Report That Another Shipping Company is to Be Formed.

Almost every day some story of a new steamship line or more ships for one of the old lines plying on this Coast comes to hand.

Mr. J. Galt, who has resigned from the management of the Union Steamship Company's uptown office, is to have a large share in a new steamship company which has just been registered under the name of the Northern Steamship Company.

According to the story of one of the men employed at the mill, the "scrap" was started by the Japanese calling a white man working with him some vile names.

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SWITCHMEN TO CONTINUE FIGHT

It is Announced That There Will Be No Arbitration of Strike.

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—Following the announcement last night that there would be no arbitration of the switchmen's strike, it is believed here to-day that the dispute will be fought to a finish.

The railroad managers intimated to-day that they have not the slightest intention of making any concessions in favor of the strikers.

The supply of coal throughout the affected territory is a serious question. The railroad officials are inclined to discredit the danger of a coal famine, and assert that they are able to move the necessary trains with non-union men.

Statement by Leaders. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Vice-President Burt, of the Switchmen's Union, and other officials here deny that the strike in the Northwest has been broken and they deny that the strikers are seeking a settlement.

Situation at Seattle. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 4.—All perishable freight in the yards of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific was cleaned up to-day, and officials of these two companies declare that by Monday they will be in such shape as to be able to handle all classes of freight offered for shipment.

There is no evidence of weakening on the part of the striking switchmen, and union officials declared to-day that everything from their standpoint is satisfactory and that they will be successful in their fight.

MAKURA LEFT HERE EARLY ON SATURDAY

Salmon and Box Lumber Taken From This Port.

Steamer Makura, of the Union Steamship Company, of Australia, left for Australia on Saturday at 4.15 with a full list of passengers and a large freight.

The steamer took 1,000 cases of salmon from this port and a quantity of box lumber, which was sent down from the Chemainus mills.

It is mentioned exclusively by the Times when she arrived from Australia, that the steamer had orders awaiting her here to take enough bunker coal to carry the steamer back if the coal strike was found to be still on when she arrived.

—After a season in the field surveying lands in the Fort George district, Provincial Surveyor C. H. Elliott has just returned to this city.

He and his companion came out by canoe via White's Landing, and thence overland. They were obliged to leave their outfits on the other side of the Cottonwood river, which was impassable for the horses.

CAPTURING WHALES BEFORE GRANDSTAND

Passengers on Steamer Cowichan Enjoyed Seeing Monster Harpooned.

Passengers on the Union Steamship Company's vessel Cowichan, when coming south from Northern British Columbia ports, were witnesses of a battle between the steamer Orion and a whale between Sechart and Laqueti islands.

The Orion hunts whales on the inside waters during the winter months and the Cowichan passengers were fortunate enough to see the monster harpooned.

The whale was sighted some distance from the whaling steamer and then sounded and when it came to the surface again it was right under the Orion's bow.

The men on the steamer promptly discharged a harpoon into the whale from the gun on the fore'side head and the whale again sounded and the passengers on the Cowichan had a splendid view of the fight the whale put up before death ended its struggles, and it was taken in tow by the Orion.

Purser Charlie Caldwell of the Cowichan has taken charge of the Vancouver office of the Union Steamship Company in place of Galt and R. Freshshaw of the Cowichan, has been given the position of purser on the Cowichan.

SHOT BY INDIAN. Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 4.—Dr. White Cloud, an Indian patent medicine man, known throughout Ontario, is in bed. On Wednesday night, while performing in a public hall, he claims to have been disturbed by small boys. One of the "doctors" took his rifle shooting, and falling to quell the small boys he shot one of them. The boy died in the Copper Cliff hospital Thursday night. White Cloud was arrested on Thursday for wounding, and now will have to answer to the charge of murder.

BRIDGE WASHED OUT. Chilliwack, Dec. 3.—High water in the Vedder river washed out the bridge at Vedder Crossing at midnight Monday. The massive protection works on both sides of the river were washed out and floated down stream. The loss is estimated at from eight to ten thousand dollars.

Throughout the Chilliwack valley proper the heavy rains have caused little damage.

MRS. SIMSON DEAD. Vancouver, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Simson, widow of the late Charles Simson, former proprietor of a wharf here, died to-day.

WRECKING HILLS AT PRINCE RUPERT

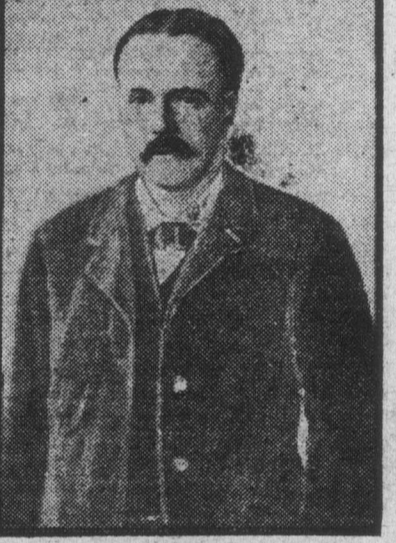
Thirty-six Thousand Pounds of Explosive Used to Shatter 40,000 Yards of Rock

Prinsep Rupert, Dec. 2.—The wrecking of a mountain has grown to be a commonplace event to the citizens of this town. It is an item in the hum drum of the day's proceedings to rush to the hill tops, shiver an hour, and gasp with awe, as with a great convulsion the hills are torn asunder with a mighty roar of blast, and the sky blackened with what was but a second before a solid precipice, and now a cloud of dust and fragments of rock.

Prinsep Rupert, Dec. 2.—Construction work on the second section of the Grand Trunk Pacific out of Prinsep Rupert is tied up. The race to get sufficient supplies into the up-country before the close of navigation was fast but the heavy rains on other sections, as it would be in its power to do, there would be restraint of trade.

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A. J. BALFOUR.

Advertisement for Dr. A.W. Chase's Ointment. Text: Babies suffer from chafing, scald head, skin irritation and eczema. Eczema often develops from the milder forms of skin irritation and has a tendency to spread over the body and become chronic. Baby eczema means torture for the little ones— anxiety and loss of sleep for the mothers. But baby eczema is almost immediately relieved and certainly cured by the use of Dr. A.W. Chase's Ointment. This Ointment heals as if by magic. Patient treatment will cure the worst case of eczema. Unlike unsanitary powders, which clog the pores of the skin, it promotes healthful action of the skin and makes the skin clear, soft, smooth and velvety. Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment is a necessity in the home where there are small children. It fits a box, at all drug stores or Edmondson, Seattle & Co., 411 First Avenue, Seattle, Wash. Write for Free copy of Dr. Chase's Booklets.

TRAIN CREW NOT BLAMED

VERDICT OF JURY IN INTERURBAN WRECK

Counsel of Electric Railway Makes Complaint Against Conduct of Inquest.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—After an absence of over two hours, the jury appointed to inquire into the train wreck at Nanaimo road siding on November 10th, on Saturday returned a verdict exculpating the train crew from the charge of criminal negligence, and suggesting that the B. C. Electric Railway Company should adopt greater safeguards in switching cars at Nanaimo road siding. They suggested further that the company should adopt some better method of keeping track of the movements of freight cars at night, and that these should be reduced to a definite system and that the traffic on the interurban lines should be governed by standard rules approved by the railway commission and provided with proper safety equipment.

In conclusion they recommended that the city council should establish a morgue for the disposal of dead bodies, holding inquests, etc. The full text of the verdict, after recounting the incidents of the accident, reads as follows:

"We find no evidence to show that there was any criminal negligence on the part of the crew in charge of the freight train, nor have we found that the crew have disobeyed any rules in connection with the performance of their duties on the morning of the accident."

"With regard to the leads from the main line to the Nanaimo road siding, we would suggest that some provision be made to insure safer conditions than now exist at that point, say, by connecting the two tracks by a cross-over south of the siding, in order that cars can be placed inside instead of outside the track, as at present."

"We also suggest that the method of moving and keeping track of trains moving by night, be reduced to a more definite system."

"We would recommend that all interurban lines be equipped as speedily as possible with equipment and rules, such as are approved by the railway commission."

"We strongly recommend that the city council take immediate steps toward the establishment and maintenance of an up-to-date city morgue, wherein all post-mortems, inquests and injuries may be held, without the loss of time and inconvenience which has hitherto existed."

When the verdict had been rendered Coroner Jeffs thanked the jurymen for their close attention to their duties, and formally discharged them.

The coroner's jury was empaneled on the case on November 11th. They took evidence for one day, but were then delayed by various causes, one of which was that a jurymen was engaged for over a week in a case in which he was interested in the Supreme court. The last sitting occupied three days.

Several of the officials were recalled on Saturday, among them superintendent Woodroffe, who was very closely questioned by the jurymen as to the manner in which the company operated its lines.

L. G. McPhillips, K. C., representing the company, and protested that the jury was exceeding the scope of its duty. He would like to ask what bearing many of these questions had on how these men had been killed. He asked whether the coroner could tell him why the management of the company and how it was carried on had anything to do with the inquiry, yet, he declared, for the number of days he had been there most of the inquiry was of that nature.

The coroner said he intended to allow the widest possible latitude in the inquiry.

Mr. McPhillips said the coroner could not go beyond the scope of the coroner's act.

"Of course you can advise me as a lawyer," said Coroner Jeffs, "but I have my own opinions on this matter."

Mr. McPhillips said he was speaking as he did because it was his intention to make representations to the government. He was there without notice of what was to be done or the right to cross-examine the jury on questions of which they had no right to inquire.

The coroner said that was questioning his authority from the government. He intended to allow the widest latitude, since something that had happened years ago might throw light on the accident.

"Then," said Mr. McPhillips, "this is not an inquiry into the death of these men. It is an inquiry into this company."

The coroner reminded Mr. McPhillips that he was there by invitation.

Mr. McPhillips admitted that the

MANY VESSELS DRIVEN ASHORE

NEWFOUNDLAND COAST SWEEP BY STORM

Crew of the Stanley Cling to Hulk at Mercy of Wind Waves.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 6.—The entire coast is strewn with wreckage as the result of the storm. Three Gloucester vessels are ashore, the Clintonia, H. Y. Stanley and Mabel Rhines. After a terrific struggle with the tempest, the Stanley was driven ashore at North Arm, Bay of Islands, where she is fast breaking up. Her crew were forced to cling to the hulk, at the mercy of wind and waves, the tremendous seas making it impossible to launch a boat. Finally during a lull in the storm, they were taken off by heroic volunteers from the shore, and were taken to Birchy Cove by the steamer Plover.

The Mable R. Hines went ashore at nearly the same place, and now lies on her beam ends, with great seas continually breaking over her. Her captain and crew managed to reach the beach in their own boat.

The number of local craft wrecked by the tempest is known to be large. Several schooners are ashore in Humber Arm. A large quantity of fishing gear has been destroyed, which entails a heavy loss to the fishermen.

The steamer Portia has arrived here after being severely buffeted by wind and wave. Two crew members were badly scalded by the bursting of a steam pipe and were brought here for medical attention. It has been reported that the schooner John R. Bradley which carried Cook's Arctic expedition has been lost.

INVESTIGATION INTO INTERURBAN WRECK

Technical Evidence Given at the Sessions in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—The long adjourned inquest on the interurban train accident was resumed yesterday in the city police court, but although two long sittings were held, the end of the appearance was in sight.

At the sitting held last evening the principal witnesses were Superintendent Woodroffe and Mr. McQuarrie, manager of the interurban line. The question as to whether a proper coupling was made remains still as nebulous as before. Mr. McQuarrie did show, however, that some precautions had been taken at the switch at Nanaimo Road where the accident occurred, as on the previous Monday he had issued an order that all cars left there were to be blocked and a man was always to be left on any car standing on the main line there.

At the afternoon session, the evidence was entirely of an expert and technical nature, regarding the operation of couplers and brakes. The witnesses were mostly called on behalf of the train crew, to show that they were liable to part under any circumstances.

FALL BUILDING PROVES ACTIVE

OCTOBER FIGURES SHOW BIG INCREASE

Interesting Statistics — Calgary and Sydney, N. S., Far Ahead.

Predictions ventured earlier in the season as regards fall building operations, are being fully borne out as the late months materialize. October was another period of activity in which the volume of new work undertaken greatly exceeded that of the corresponding month of last year, and as yet nothing has turned up to indicate otherwise than a continuance of this prosperous condition for some time to come. Two gains are noted to every loss, and the average increase for the month, as based on comparative figures supplied Construction, was slightly in excess of 42 per cent.

Calgary again reports the biggest increase for the month, following her phenomenal advance of 399 per cent. in September, by another sweeping gain of 355 per cent. Sydney is second in the list, with 341 per cent. to the good, while Berlin again bobs up in the third highest place with a substantial increase of 173 per cent. to her credit.

Of the places to suffer a reversal—two of which are noted in the east, three in Ontario, and two in the west—St. John and London, which experienced a decline of 67 per cent. and 47 per cent. in order named, were hit the hardest. It may be mentioned, however, in the case of London, that the total value for permits issued up to date, is just double the amount expended for new buildings during the entire year of 1908, and also that the outlook there at the present time is anything but discouraging.

Aside from the losses at Edmonton and Regina, which fell behind their last year's figures for the month, to the extent of 15 per cent. and 10 per cent. respectively, the West, in general, more than held its own. Vancouver registered an increase of 15 per cent.; Winnipeg, 10 per cent.; and Victoria 5 per cent., while Lethbridge looms up with \$190,270 for new work undertaken, which brings the total value of permits for the year well over the million mark for the first time in her history. In all these places the immediate prospects are all that could be desired. Winnipeg is displaying an activity in the realty market seldom before witnessed at this time of the year, and, as for Vancouver and Victoria, the present indications are that both of these places are just beginning to grow.

In Ontario, besides the gain in Berlin, other advances recorded were: Toronto, 51 per cent.; Fort William, 39 per cent.; and Hamilton 18 per cent. Windsor, which registers an amount of \$18,000, can also be included in the list of gains, while, as for Port Arthur, which had \$271,000 to her credit last month it might be explained that the small amount (\$3500), is not representative of the new work undertaken at that place, owing to the fact that there are no building regulations outside of fire limits, and hence no means of obtaining a complete record. The two set backs noted in addition to that of London's, mentioned above, are: Peterboro, 48 per cent., and Stratford, 32 per cent. In both cases, however, the corresponding amounts for the month are relatively small, and the losses, therefore, can hardly be regarded as seriously affecting the general situation. Practically all the places mentioned are substantially ahead of 1908 in the season's work, while the amount already recorded in Toronto is greater than any previous yearly total in the history of the city.

Farther east, Montreal again comes forward by noting an increase of 48 per cent. and as yet nothing has occurred to stay her progress. This is the tenth consecutive gain recorded, and in this respect, Montreal has perhaps showed the most consistent development throughout the year of any city in the Dominion. Halifax, however, once more lags behind her former figures, her loss for the month being 25 per cent. It is quite probable though, that a strong reaction will take place before very long, as the increasing importance of Halifax as a port of entry, clearly indicates that the city has not as yet, in any way approached the limit of its growth.

The following are the comparative figures:

	Inc. Dec.	Oct. 1909.	P.C. P.C.
Berlin	25,500	3,700	174.1
Brandon	8,200
Calgary	403,950	88,400	355.3
Edmonton	83,335	28,725	15.3
Fort William	83,650	32,250	25.4
Hamilton	247,350	211,850	16.9
Halifax	34,200	46,100	25.0
Lethbridge	190,270
London	29,800	57,200	47.7
Montreal	628,645	422,080	48.3
Peterboro	16,800	29,450	43.2
Port Arthur	3,600
Regina	82,800	58,270	10.3
St. John	23,800	73,550	67.4
Stratford	4,100	6,100	32.7
Sydney	22,050	5,000	941.00
Toronto	1,540,355	1,019,432	51.09
Vancouver	601,975	48,080	15.11
Victoria	194,940	25,785	5.08
Windsor	19,500
Winnipeg	611,850	460,400	11.17
	\$4,540,290	\$3,135,582	42.53

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND KAMLOOPS LIMITS

Financial Statement Read at Council Meeting—Discussion on Railways.

Kamloops, Dec. 3.—At the last meeting of the city council the clerk read an interim financial statement showing revenue and expenditure up to October 31st. All the revenue sources have produced larger amounts than estimated, except the tax on which a saving less, than before the end of the year. The expenditures are all fairly well within the estimates except the water and light department, which is \$3000 in excess with two months yet to run. The mayor requested the chairman of the water and light committee to ascertain the cause of the increased expenditure. The report was adopted.

Ald. Brown suggested that something be done to induce the C. N. R. to bring their line into the city. He urged that either a public meeting be called to discuss the matter or that a joint meeting of the council and board of trade be held to take the matter up.

The mayor thought the question should be taken up without delay. The clerk informed the council that the V. V. E. right-of-way agent is now in the city looking up information with a view to acquiring a right-of-way.

A general discussion took place, all the members favoring action of some sort being taken, and it was ultimately decided to call a joint meeting of the council and board of trade.

The mayor called the council's attention to two important meetings to be held in the province in the near future, the annual meeting of the Union of B. C. Municipalities and the Conservative convention. He thought both these meetings should be attended, and suggested that a resolution be passed by the forthcoming meeting urging the government to require all railways going within a certain specified distance of towns already established shall enter such places before any aid is given.

It was decided to hold a poll on December 7th on the question of extending the city limits.

CONVENTION ON ZINC MINING

Meeting of Those Interested Likely to Be Held at Nelson.

Nelson, Dec. 3.—It is learned that a movement has been started in this city with the object of securing aid for the zinc mining industry. It has been suggested that a convention of the mine owners interested be held within the next few weeks to consider the whole question of the disposal and marketing of zinc ore.

Such a convention, it is pointed out, would bring together all interested in the matter and at it the whole question could be thoroughly threshed out and plans decided upon. It is also pointed out that if any move is made in this direction, government assistance of some kind will be necessary, and that it is therefore important that the convention, if it is to be held, should take place at the earliest possible date.

In order to bring matters to a head it has been suggested that the Nelson Board of Trade should take the question up and that a resolution be passed should be called under its auspices, although, of course, everyone interested in the zinc question in this country would be invited to attend and whatever action would not be regarded as coming from the Board of Trade, but as from those directly affected. In other words the suggestion is that the Board of Trade should use its good offices in calling the convention and that the delegates who attend should take whatever action they may see fit.

PERFORMING BEARS ATTACK TRAINERS

Man Nearly Disembowelled While Putting Animals Through Paces.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Late Saturday afternoon Manager Asquith, of the Orpheum theatre, received a telegram from the Seattle booking office saying that Albers' 12 Polar bears would be unable to appear here to-day, on account of one of the ferocious animals attacking the trainer in the cage, almost killing him.

The bears are very treacherous, and have not been able to acclimatize themselves to the western temperature, so that Mr. Albers has been having a great deal of trouble with them. One of them has been in captivity only a few months, and not being used to its surroundings, became very irritable and restless. On Saturday night shortly after Albers had entered the cage and was making some of the bears go through their paces, this same bear sneaked up, and before he had time to guard himself, jumped, him a terrific blow in the stomach, and almost disembowelled him. The other bears then attacked him, and he was badly mangled before the attendants could rush to his rescue and beat back the ferocious beasts. Mr. Albers was taken to the Seattle general hospital, where he is now lying in a precarious condition.

BEATEN TO DEATH

Woman and Her Two Children Found Murdered in Home.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 6.—Their heads beaten and their bodies bruised by a heavy iron bar, Mrs. Antonio Lubica and her two small children were found murdered in their home in this city. A third child, supposed to be fatally wounded, was taken to a hospital.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED BY JAPANESE PEOPLE

Lord Kitchener Decorated by Emperor and Tested Rice With Chopsticks.

Lord Kitchener has been dined and decorated in Japan to such an extent that he must have been glad when it was over and he had a chance to get away to the Manchurian battlefields.

At first the Japanese people did not quite know what to make of the visit. They were anxious to know whether the general was coming as a private citizen or as a representative of the British government. When they found that he was indeed the real thing they set to work to make the occasion a great one.

Not only did the Emperor give a state dinner but every association worthy of the name, and every person who could dare to do so gave some sort of an entertainment in his honor.

The Emperor conferred upon Kitchener and his staff suitable decorations. His Lordship was given the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Imperiales; Major-General Rawlinson the second class of the Order of Merit and the Rising Sun with double rays; Colonel Lambton, the third class of the Order of Merit and the Rising Sun; and the other officers the fourth and fifth class of the Order of Merit with the Rising Sun.

One of the most interesting of the events was when His Lordship partook of a Japanese meal served Japanese style. The managing of the chopsticks, which a Japanese newspaper gravely states that he used, must have been a very difficult feat.

VANCOUVER WATER SYSTEM DAMAGED

Superintendent Reports That Repairs Will Cost at Least \$8,000.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Water Superintendent Maddison informed the Water Committee that it would cost at least \$8,000 to repair the damage done to the Civic water system by the recent floods. The chief damage, he reported, was done to the mains across the Inlet. The Capilano main was washed out for over 130 feet, and left suspended, although there were no breaks. It is now being repaired. The Seymour Creek main was exposed for 80 feet at the point where the pipe enters the water. It broke on Sunday, but was soon fixed up again. The Capilano road was put out of commission for at least 1,000 feet near the Crown bridge, but as the municipality has Vancouver took over the road last year and made it a gazetted highway, the duty of repairing it will devolve upon the municipal authorities. Reeve McNaught will at once lay plans for repair.

Superintendent Maddison states that the trouble up Capilano Creek was the worst for 20 years.

It was stated that the new temporary bridge over the Heather Street wash-out was being rushed to completion, and that the cars would probably be running over it by the end of this week.

STEAMERS BUSY ON GREAT LAKES

Sailings From Port Arthur May Continue Until Middle of Month.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 6.—The last day of navigation previous to the expiry of insurance, saw a big rush of boats, both at the freight docks and elevators, on Saturday. The last days of navigation have been characterized by excellent weather which has been taken advantage of to the greatest possible extent and a continuance will prove very tempting to send boats out after insurance year. Despite the very high rates which it is expected writers will demand it is likely there will be a number of sailings up to as late as December 15th or even later.

OVER SCORE SLAIN IN FIGHT IN PHILIPPINES

Six Members of Constabulary Killed in Skirmish With Moros.

Manila, Dec. 6.—More than a score of Moros, six members of the constabulary, four porters and one policeman were killed in a savage battle between a band of Moros and the constabulary in Mindanao, according to a report that reached here.

The fight, according to advices, occurred near Mount Malindang. General Farthing immediately dispatched a company of Philippine scouts to reinforce the constabulary in the troublesome region.

GIRL FOUND DEAD

Pittsburg, Kansas, Dec. 5.—Miss Goldie Ingburg was found dead from having swallowed carbolic acid on Saturday, and her relatives charge that she was murdered by a thief who forced the poison down her throat. The girl's hands and several valuable things taken from her fingers. She was alone in her home, it is stated, when a thief entered shortly afterwards and found the girl dying. A child in the neighborhood reported that a roughly dressed man ran from the Ingburg house a short time before Mrs. Ingburg returned. The case is being investigated by the police.

VANCOUVER TRAGEDY

Woman with Murder in the Police Court This Morning.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 4.—Rushing into the police station last evening and crying hysterically that she had shot her lover, Peter Scurry, Julia Lewis, a colored woman, gave herself up to the police. She said she was not aware that the shot was fatal.

Detective Deekson was immediately sent to the house of the woman and found the body of Scurry lying on the floor with a bullet wound over the heart. The man had to all appearances been dead for some time, and evidences around the room showed plainly that a scuffle had occurred previous to the shooting.

The woman was formally charged with murder in the police court this morning.

Mr. Kennedy, city prosecutor, said the charge was an exceedingly grave one. It was impossible to go on next morning, and he would have to ask for an adjournment till Wednesday next.

The adjournment was granted, and the woman, in charge of the matron, was led sobbing out of court.

KAMLOOPS LIBRARY

Opening of the Kamloops Library was Largely Attended.

Kamloops, Dec. 3.—The opening of the Kamloops library was largely attended. Mrs. Nash, the vice-president, assisted by a number of other ladies served tea, and the guests showed their appreciation by presenting books and magazines. Many magazines and about 60 books were thus donated and many more are promised.

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URGES INQUIRY INTO SUGAR TRUST METHODS

U. S. Representative Proposes Appointment of Congressional Committee.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The relations between the sugar trust and the customs service will be investigated if a resolution to be introduced into the House by Representative Campbell is adopted.

The resolution provides that a select committee of five congressmen and three senators shall be appointed to investigate the general conditions in the customs service and obtain information concerning the same as to the American Sugar Refining Company and its relations to the sugar industry insofar as the sugar company by combination or conspiracy may control, regulate, monopolize or restrain interstate and foreign sugar commerce and the sale of sugar.

The resolution demands that the "shortweight scales" be investigated and that a rigid inquiry be made into the following phases of the case:

"The alleged bribery of officials and employees of the customs service."

"The influence of the sugar trust over the appointment and removal of officials and employees in the customs service."

"The alleged violation of the immigration laws by the importation of cheap contract labor."

"The alleged swindling of the United States by violation of the tariff laws."

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PRIVATE LEGISLATION FOR COMING SESSION

Many New Companies Are Incorporated—Provincial Appointments.

The near-approach of the session of the legislature is seen in the advertisements of the British Columbia Gazette. In this week's issue appear several new notices of applications for private bills which will be made.

South Vancouver seeks to be incorporated. Railway legislation includes a line from Vancouver city to New Westminster, from Vancouver to Upper Lillooet lake, and from Menzie bay to the junction of the Salmon and Memekay rivers.

Hubert E. Wallis, Arrowhead, has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate for the town of Arrowhead and the district within a radius of twenty miles, and will have jurisdiction under the Small Debts Act.

The office of the mining recorder for Quatsino mining division has been removed from Yreka to Quatsino. The deputy mining recorder's office at Poplar Creek, in Trout Lake and Alnaworth mining division, has been closed.

Canadian Cedar Lumber Co., Ltd., capital \$50,000; lumber manufacturers. British Columbia Lumber Co., Ltd., capital \$150,000; lumber and paper manufacturers.

Enterprise Timber & Trading Co., Ltd., capital \$10,000; timber limit holders, lumber manufacturers, loggers, etc.

Long Lake Co., Ltd., capital \$15,000; real estate dealers, dryers and sawmills, etc.

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RACETRACK GAMBLING DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Bill Dealing With Subject Is Referred to a Special Committee.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The question of race track gambling, concerning which parliament has been overwhelmed by bushels of petitions, was precipitated into the deliberations of the House yesterday when the bill promoted by H. H. Miller, of South Grey, came up for second reading.

The House was crowded with members, and the galleries were filled with Lords and diplomats and other persons. The ministers and the Unionist leaders, including Mr. Balfour, who had sufficiently recovered from an indisposition to take part in the debate, entered the chamber during the course of the routine business.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth gave a dispassionate history of gambling which seems to be, he declared, strongly entrenched in the British make-up.

Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state, who has recently been in the forefront of the Toronto Globe by the issuing of a charter to a racing association in the Queen City, spent most of his time in reviewing his quarrel with the British general organ.

The Speaker gave his ruling on the point raised by Mr. Meighen Wednesday, as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier not electing to sit for either Ottawa or Quebec East.

Respecting the naval bill, Hon. E. G. Foster asked when it would be introduced. The premier thought it would be better to defer this, but certain papers and correspondence which Mr. Foster had moved for regarding the Imperial conference were not yet ready, and these must be handed before the bill was brought down.

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BALFOUR DEFENDS ACTION OF LORDS

Debate in Commons on the Resolution Submitted By Asquith.

London, Nov. 3.—The centre of interest to-day was the House of Commons, where the premier, on behalf of his government, delivered the reply to the action of the Lords in withholding their consent upon the budget. The government's resolution was presented in the words in which notice of it was given, and in substance is as follows:

The House of Commons by a vote of 349 to 134 passed the resolution. Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labour party in the House of Commons, announced that the government would have the whole-hearted support of the Laborites.

The object of his resolution, Premier Asquith explained, was to make a prompt protest against the whole proceedings of the Lords in regard to this matter. The members of the House of Commons need not be ashamed to be called pedants if they used the same means as had those who in the past put an end to the domination of the crown in order to put an end to usurpation on the part of the Lords.

Following the premier, A. J. Balfour strenuously defended the action of the Lords, who he said had a clear conviction of their powers. These were not excessive, and efforts made to curtail them partook of pettiness in character.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 3.—The troops of the 10th and 11th regiments of the Delaware army, still in the Delaware river.

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Blown From Course Into Utsalady Bay By Big Gale.

On the return trip the steamer Oscar again had a difficult passage, meeting a strong northerly gale this side of Deception Passage, and finally arriving here late last night, where she discharged her cargo of creosote and tar.

On the way from Seattle the steamer passed a large amount of wreckage, including three or four hundred bales of hay, a number of crates of cabbages, a large amount of painted wood and large numbers of loose logs.

Word received from Seattle states that a ship's cabin has come ashore near Quillayute River, and many cans of oil have been cast up on the shore in the same neighborhood.

NICARAGUAN TROOPS FORCED TO SURRENDER

Zelaya's Men Without Food For Two Days—Trouble May Soon End.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 3.—Colonel Guadamuz, in command of a detachment of Zelaya's soldiers, surrendered to General Matuty, of the Estrada army, near Rama. The Zelaya forces held out until they were physically exhausted, having gone without food for two days.

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Meeting Held on Thursday for That Purpose—Officers Elected.

At a meeting held on Thursday in the schoolroom of Christ Church cathedral the Brigade of Boy Scouts was formally organized. The brigade has been successfully launched with 15 patrols consisting of 100 members in all.

The officers elected last night to train the brigade were as follows: Rey. W. Barton, organizer of the movement, to head the local committee, with the rank of brigade chaplain; Lieut. H. H. Wilson, of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. S., Scouts instructor; Lieut. H. R. Selfe, signalling instructor; J. Stuckey, drill instructor; C. E. Berkeley and E. A. Selfe, drill instructors; A. C. Hughes, secretary; Messrs. Scott, Masters, Lieut. Wollison, C. E. Berkeley, E. A. Selfe and H. Farnham.

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One Hundred More Families Said to Be Coming From Idaho.

When the steamer Vadsø left for the North on Thursday she took another party of immigrants who have come with their wives and families to settle in the district around Cache Creek at the north end of Vancouver Island.

Mr. McKay says that this lot of men is only an advance guard of those which will follow. At least one hundred others are expected in the spring to take up land and settle down to farming. The land in the Cache Creek district is said to be eminently suited to dairying, and as soon as there are enough cattle in the district the settlers intend to try to secure a creamery.

ODD FELLOWS' DEGREE TEAM VISITS CITY

Vancouver Brethren Guests of Dominion Lodge Thursday Evening.

A degree team of twenty-five Odd Fellows under the call of J. A. Laidlaw, came over from Vancouver on Thursday and exemplified the work of the second degree of the order in the presence of a large attendance of members.

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When the steamer Vadsø left for the North on Thursday she took another party of immigrants who have come with their wives and families to settle in the district around Cache Creek at the north end of Vancouver Island.

Mr. McKay says that this lot of men is only an advance guard of those which will follow. At least one hundred others are expected in the spring to take up land and settle down to farming.

ODD FELLOWS' DEGREE TEAM VISITS CITY

Vancouver Brethren Guests of Dominion Lodge Thursday Evening.

A degree team of twenty-five Odd Fellows under the call of J. A. Laidlaw, came over from Vancouver on Thursday and exemplified the work of the second degree of the order in the presence of a large attendance of members.

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CITY COUNCIL TALKS ABOUT THE RESERVOIR

California Water Expert to Be Given Opportunity to Make Good.

Arthur L. Adams, of California, the expert who was employed for a period of about five years to advise the city of Victoria in respect to waterworks improvements, will not be paid one cent should he come to Victoria and endeavor to remedy the defects in the Smith's Hill reservoir, which was built under his supervision. The members of the city council have lost faith in Mr. Adams, and they will get an independent report from their own engineers as to the condition of the reservoir. Mr. Adams may come to Victoria before that report is made, or he may stay away. "It's up to Mr. Adams."

This is the attitude of the city council in respect to the question of the condition of the reservoir as defined at a special meeting held Friday, and as the outcome of the discussion. Water Commissioner Raymur was asked to communicate to Mr. Adams an expression of the council's feelings on the matter.

After a whispered consultation with Ald. Stewart, Mayor Hall decided to bring the question of the condition of the reservoir before the council, and he began by referring to the interviews with himself and Ald. Humber, which had appeared in the Times of Thursday evening. There had been a great deal of newspaper talk about the condition of the reservoir, and he thought it perhaps would be as well if the board were to determine to ask Mr. Bryson, the assistant city engineer, to make a report. He did not think that much of the adverse criticism was warranted by the facts, but it might be a good idea to put the question beyond dispute. He would remind the board, however, and the public, that had it not been for the water in the reservoir the fire department would not have had the good pressure which enabled them to fight the Brackman-Ker fire so successfully a short time ago. Then, again, anybody could see that the pressure was improved by the water in the reservoir. The pressure used to be about 15 pounds; now it was 60 pounds.

Ald. Turner said that if the assistant engineer made a report the water commissioner should join him and make a full report also. Ald. Ross—What's the matter with filling the thing up to the top? That'll soon test her. Fill 'er up—that's as good a test as you can make of it.

There was no reply to Ald. Ross' pointed query.

Mayor Hall: The engineer and the water commissioner can get together and make their report.

Ald. Turner—Well, it's certainly up to us to have a report made and let the public be fully informed.

All the members of the board concurred in this opinion. Ald. Stewart said he was sorry he had not been present at a meeting of the finance committee when the letter had been read from Mr. Adams, in which that gentleman had expressed a willingness to come to Victoria and take a look at the reservoir if his expenses were paid. He objected to paying Mr. Adams a single cent further. He had had charge of the entire work when here, and he should see it through without asking for anything for his expenses. He did not blame the council, who had secured the services of Mr. Adams, as that gentleman had been highly recommended. He (Ald. Stewart) had voted in favor of hiring Mr. Adams. They were after the best man they could find, and they believed they had got him. He had been recommended to the city by R. E. Bennett, a gentleman in whom they had every confidence. But now the board finds some things about the reservoir which do not exactly suit them, and if Mr. Adams has any respect for his professional reputation he would come up to Victoria at his own expense. He should think more of his reputation than a few dollars and cents. If he wished to come, let him come, but unless he would come absolutely free of charge, let him stay away, and the council would get some other engineer to advise them.

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Ald. Turner—I thought we had done with Mr. Adams; and now it is proposed we ask him to make a report. I agree with Ald. Stewart. We should cut out Adams and instruct our own officials now. I for one would not pay Mr. Adams a cent for his further services. He has not "made good."

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DISCUSSION ABOUT BOARDS OF CONTROL

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There was an animated discussion at last evening's meeting of the city council on the question of the city adopting the board of control system, the debate being started on the petition being presented from W. J. Hanna and others asking the council to take a referendum on the question. Many of the aldermen said they did not fully understand the system, and the city solicitor will be asked to furnish all the information in his possession bearing on the subject at the earliest possible date.

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FARMERS MEET FIRST OF MARCH

MANY ASSOCIATIONS ARRANGE PROGRAMMES

Agriculturists to Invade City Under Different Names During February.

The Central Farmers' Institute will hold its regular annual meeting some-what earlier this year than on previous occasions in order that any resolutions passed by that organization may be laid before the legislature. The Institute meets on January 20th and the institute will meet on February 1st and 2nd.

There will be a great many more delegates this year than last, forty-three being expected on this occasion instead of thirty-two last year. This means that a great many new institutes have been formed throughout the province, especially in the Kootenay district. Five new applications for charters for institutes are just now awaiting a meeting of the executive council for their approval.

The day after the Farmers' Institute meets the Dairyman's Association will assemble, a very attractive programme having been arranged for their entertainment. C. Marker, the dairy commissioner from Alberta, will be among the speakers, and Professor Edw. W. Jones, who has lately been studying in England, will lecture on redwater and abortion. Several speakers will also be present from the United States. The business will be conducted in the morning and in the afternoon there will be a post mortem for the tubercular test and a couple of speeches. From 8 to 8 there will be a banquet and about two speakers over and above the premier and minister of agriculture.

February 4th the B. C. Stockbreeders' Association will have a somewhat similar programme.

At all of these gatherings it is expected that a number of manufacturer's exhibits will be made, including such things as milking machines, sanitary pumps and the like. R. W. Hodson, provincial live stock commissioner, will attend the three-day meeting of the State Dairyman's Association, and he will then make arrangements with the manufacturers to bring their displays to this city. That gathering commences on the 15th inst., Mr. Hodson will give an address on "The Value of Practical Demonstrations for Education Work," and will doubtless take the opportunity of letting the farmers of that state know what is being done here.

The meeting for the formation of the Provincial Agricultural Association, mention of which was made yesterday, will be held on February 21st, commencing a week of discussions and conventions which will prove of immense value to farmers.

ANOTHER BATTLE FOR RAILWAY SUPREMACY

Opening of Struggle For Control in Atlantic and Gulf Territory.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Intense interest is being taken in the opening of a new chapter in the history of railroad warfare in this country, in which Benjamin F. Youkam and Edwin Hawley have joined hands to battle with the Moores for supremacy in the Atlantic and Gulf territory, with both sides looking toward the Pacific coast.

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PROBLEM IS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

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Ald. McKeown said the trouble was that the lateral connections had not yet been made for the surface drain, which was partially completed. Ald. Turner said something would have to be done. The matter could, no doubt, have been remedied if the proper precautions had been taken. He favored taking the question of damages up with Oliphant at once.

Ald. Henderson said the whole question of the proper drainage of Beacon Hill watershed would shortly have to be given consideration. A great quantity of water requires to be disposed of whenever it rains heavily and he doubted if the facilities proposed were likely to prove sufficient.

It was decided to appoint a committee consisting of the mayor, Ald. Turner, Ald. Henderson and the city engineer, to confer with Mr. Oliphant, Mrs. C. K. O'Reilly, of Pleasant street, will be informed that the police has been ordered to see that the obstructions on that street are removed.

GIRL ROBS FATHER AND KIDNAPS BROTHER

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—After stealing \$3,000 from her father's pillow and kidnapping her 10 year old brother to prevent the disclosure of her plans, Mrs. E. Brown, 15 years of age, daughter of U. E. Brown, started on a tour of the Pacific coast.

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At Friday evening's meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee a letter was read from Wm. Oliphant, who resides in the vicinity, detailing the damage that had been done to his property by the rains of last week. He declared that he would hold the city responsible and advised that the council arrange to meet him and adjust damages. He pointed out that the fact that rains were excessive and unexpected did not absolve the city from responsibility in the matter. Three years ago he had drawn attention to the matter of the danger which threatened his property and last year he had done the same but no remedy was forthcoming.

Ald. McKeown said the trouble was that the lateral connections had not yet been made for the surface drain, which was partially completed. Ald. Turner said something would have to be done. The matter could, no doubt, have been remedied if the proper precautions had been taken. He favored taking the question of damages up with Oliphant at once.

Ald. Henderson said the whole question of the proper drainage of Beacon Hill watershed would shortly have to be given consideration. A great quantity of water requires to be disposed of whenever it rains heavily and he doubted if the facilities proposed were likely to prove sufficient.

It was decided to appoint a committee consisting of the mayor, Ald. Turner, Ald. Henderson and the city engineer, to confer with Mr. Oliphant, Mrs. C. K. O'Reilly, of Pleasant street, will be informed that the police has been ordered to see that the obstructions on that street are removed.

GIRL ROBS FATHER AND KIDNAPS BROTHER

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—After stealing \$3,000 from her father's pillow and kidnapping her 10 year old brother to prevent the disclosure of her plans, Mrs. E. Brown, 15 years of age, daughter of U. E. Brown, started on a tour of the Pacific coast.

Accompanied by Addie Brandt, 15, she obtained the money, which was in large bills, before her father was awake. Fearing her brother would betray her she forced him to accompany her to Golden, where he was placed in a private boarding house and his board paid for a week.

The girl then bought several hundred dollars worth of fashionable apparel and bought tickets to Salt Lake. The police, who had been notified by Brown, discovered them as they were about to board a west bound train. Both were elaborate disguise.

MORGAN CONTROLS ASSURANCE SOCIETY

Buy Shares From T. F. Ryan, Who Took Over Concern After Scandal.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Equitable Life Assurance Society is in the control of J. Pierpont Morgan, together with the \$75,000,000 of assets which the company declared in its last statement. Control was secured from Thomas F. Ryan, who took over the gigantic concern soon after the insurance scandals were unearthed by C. E. Hughes, now governor of New York state.

News of the transfer was contained in a brief statement given out from the offices of Morgan and Company, which says: "Mr. Morgan has bought the

INTEREST IN CIVIC ELECTIONS

POLITICAL POT IS BUBBLING MERRILY

Ex-Mayor Morley Does Not Expect to Run Again.

The municipal political pot is bubbling merrily, and there is every prospect of one of the most exciting contests in the history of Victoria. With three prominent candidates ready in the field there is a certainty of an interesting fight for the chair of the chief magistrate, but some dark horses may put in an appearance and make the contest a spectacular one.

Persistent rumors are afloat to the effect that A. J. Morley intends to run for mayor again this year. The Times asked Mr. Morley about this a few days ago, and that gentleman gave the rumors a denial. He said he was taking the liveliest interest in the municipal situation, but had no intention of contesting the mayoralty this year. Mr. Morley said that he had already gone on record as opposed to the present system of administering the public affairs of the city, and until the ratepayers had decided upon a change in that respect he did not think he could come forward as a candidate.

Ald. Turner is putting up an active fight for the mayoralty. He has a strong committee working in his behalf and rooms have been opened and a thorough canvass of the city will be made. Ald. Henderson is making a quiet but none-the-less effective canvass.

Despite rumors to the contrary W. E. Olyer is in the fight to stay, and he is gaining many friends by his manly stand on the mayoralty. His name will be discussed by the electorate. He will take early opportunity to lay his further views on all important questions before the electorate.

It is believed that a majority of the members of the board of aldermen will seek re-election, though Ald. Stewart has repeatedly stated that he will not be a candidate again this year. Among the new men who will offer their names are A. G. Stanger, W. P. Dempster, E. F. Geiger, and possibly ex-Alderman Gleason. The moral reform element is expected to take a prominent part in the forthcoming campaign. An organization is in existence, committees having been formed in each ward some time ago in the interests of local option.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURIES TO MEN

Claim That as Employees Have No Choice They Should Not Pay.

The damage suit of John Norman vs. the Shipowners Stevedores Company for injuries received while loading a ship at the Crown Lumber Company's wharf in Mukiltio, was tried in the Superior court last week, says a Everett dispatch. The counsel for the defendants have raised a novel question and one that has never been introduced before any court in damage suits. The defendants claim that owing to the fact that Norman was hired by the Longshoremen's Union they are in no way responsible for any accident that might befall him. Their assertions are based on the ground that the labor union compels them to hire their members, and as they have no choice in the matter they are not the actual employers of these men, although they do pay for their work. The ruling of the court on this question is watched for with great interest, as it will have a vital bearing on all future damage suits.

BOGUS CHECKQUES

Smooth Stranger Secures \$150 in Cash at New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec. 2.—One of the boldest and most successful bogus cheque swindlers that has ever been worked on the business men of this city was carried off a few days ago when a smooth stranger disguised as a writing man fibbered up \$150 in cash. The ruling of the court on this question is watched for with great interest, as it will have a vital bearing on all future damage suits.

TORN FROM MOORINGS

Battle of Spain Broke Mowers at Princeton.

While the bells of Spain were clanging her gongs of steel rills at Princeton a wind storm from the mountains swept down, and the bells of Spain were torn from her moorings. The wind snapped the ropes like thin as the wind sped, and the bells were blown back again and moved along.

NORTH WARD ATHLETIC CLUB TO GIVE DANCE

Midwinter Ball Will Be Held on December 14 in A. O. U. W. Hall.

The North Ward Athletic Club will hold a midwinter dance on Tuesday evening, December 14th, in the A. O. U. W. hall. At a meeting of the club held recently an active committee was chosen to make arrangements for the ball. It is needless to say that the young men will acquit themselves well and give their guests a royal time.

All those who attended the last ball given by the club were delighted with the manner in which the gentlemen in charge arranged things. Everything was done to perfection, there being good music, a fine floor and a good supper.

Those who form the floor committee are as follows: R. Johnson, C. Cousins, W. Hillier, W. Malcolm, W. Blake and H. McConnell. The work of decorating the hall is in the hands of F. Sweeney and C. Phipps, who will be ably assisted by other members of the club. A. Baines is in charge of the refreshment end of the programme. Miss Heater's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. Tickets may be secured from any of the members.

WILL RE-COMMISSION IN MARCH NEXT

New Crew Coming For Algierne—Lieutenant Appointed For Egeria.

Sloop-of-war Algierne, which is at present cruising in the south seas along with the sloop Shearwater, will be recommissioned in March next. A new crew will be sent out from England to Esquimaux, arriving in time to replace those who wish to return home. Seven out of eight of the officers are due for relief under ordinary circumstances, but it is not known how many will leave. The vessel was commissioned for two years in March, 1908, under Commander Edward H. Edwards. She spent last summer cruising in Behring Sea to fulfil the terms of the treaty.

Lieut. J. S. G. Fraser has been appointed to the survey ship Egeria, Capt. John P. Barry doing duty on the Pacific station. Lieut. Fraser entered the service in September, 1899, and was promoted to his present rank in September, 1905. The Egeria is now at Esquimaux in East Orange Monday, and will be recommissioned in March next. She is not known how many will leave for two years in March, 1908, under Commander Edward H. Edwards. She spent last summer cruising in Behring Sea to fulfil the terms of the treaty.

HELPLESS WOMAN DROWNED IN BATHTUB

Aunt of Victim of Dark Crime Is Accused of Murder.

New York, Dec. 3.—Virginia Wardlaw, a gray-haired spinster, was arraigned at East Orange, N. J., charged with the murder of her young niece, Mrs. Oey W. N. Snead, whose body was found in a bathtub in a deserted house in East Orange Monday.

Death, according to the coroner, was due to drowning in less than a foot of water. In view of many features of the case—the young woman's detention in a room in an institution, a \$20,000 insurance policy on her life, the fact that she owned property in Brooklyn worth \$15,000, and her apparent helplessness for months—Miss Wardlaw has been held without bail.

Two other women, said to have been associated with the victim, are under surveillance. The police theory is that Mrs. Snead had been a helpless condition for months, unable to direct her own affairs, and was at the mercy of whoever acted as her guardian.

A will has been discovered, said to have been signed by the victim, which gives \$500 to an infant son and bequeaths the rest of the estate to Mrs. Snead's grandmother, Martha Eliza Wardlaw.

The son was born last August, but was taken from his mother and presumably placed in an institution. Clues have led the police officials to attempt to connect the death of Mrs. Snead with happenings in a so-called "house of mystery" in Flatbush, Brooklyn, where Miss Wardlaw, Mrs. Snead and two strange old women lived until recently.

The search of the house led to the discovery of blood spots in various rooms. In the kitchen stove the police found two bundles of human hair, while crumpled down in the stove were four human bones, partly burned, and the skull of a child two years old. Mrs. Snead's husband disappeared last summer.

A petition has been circulated and largely signed asking for the paying of \$5000 against the Blanchard and Shivers estates. The section of Yates between Douglas and Blanchard, had lately been passed upon by the court and will be passed as soon as favorable conditions permit, and now the property owners at the upper section want a similar improvement. The scheme for the lighting of the street is well advanced and this work will probably be done simultaneously with the putting in of that improvement on Douglas street. It is impossible, however, that anything will be done by the council until spring has set in, as winter is considered an unfavorable period to do paving.

The Pythian Sisters are giving their first annual masquerade ball on Wednesday evening, December 15th, in the A. O. U. W. hall.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

Do you know the difference between working and having the work done for you? Sunlight Soap actually makes the dirt drop—saves you time and money—but injures neither hands nor clothes. That is just the difference between Sunlight Soap and ordinary soaps.



Follow Directions

DEAL IN LAND NEAR CITY HALL

Choice Business Site Sold By Charles Hayward to Green & Burdick Bros.

Another real estate deal of considerable local interest has just been transacted, the fine business site at the rear of the city hall, bounded by Pandora, Broad and Cormorant streets, having been bought by R. F. Green and Burdick Bros. from Charles Hayward. The price paid was \$15,000. This is considered a great bargain, and it is said that the purchasers have already been offered an advance of \$5,000 for the property. The B. C. Pottery Company is occupying the one-story brick building, which stands on the Broad street frontage. This building extends back a distance of 22 feet. The Broad street frontage is 108 feet, and there is a frontage of 80 feet of both Pandora avenue and Cormorant street.

L. W. Bick reports the sale of a 50-acre farm near Saanichton to local parties, and other real estate deals also report a few sales and many inquiries.

This Victoria is taking on a forward movement is also the opinion of the architects of the city who are busy with plans for projected buildings. H. S. Griffiths has in hand plans for a three-story brick building to be erected on the vacant property lying immediately north of the Cheapside establishment on Government street, between the Washington government building and the Westholme Lumber Company, who have leased the property for a term of forty years from Joseph Bros. of London, England. The building will be utilized for stores and offices.

AMATEURS RACE FIVE MILES NEW YEAR'S DAY

Runners Getting Ready For Annual Y. M. C. A. Fixture.

The Y.M.C.A. will be calling soon for entries for the New Year's day road race, which with the association is an annual fixture, and has heretofore always called out the best of the local runners.

Since Baylis turned professional, a new runner must be looked for, and the advance in track athletics of the city in the last year promises that the winner this year will be hard to find.

Foot running has received a big boost along the west coast this year through the marathon and other long distance races, and many new runners are likely to be seen in Victoria's annual road races.

The retirement of Baylis will provide a new incentive for all the local runners, who heretofore were only out to fight for second and third positions. Now, however, there is a keen competition in front of all who enter and the race with the Empress Club on Christmas day will no doubt draw out a big entry of local runners.

MINISTER SEEKS DIVORCE

Service Upon Correspondent Is Dispensed With.

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—Justice Clement today made an order dispensing with service upon the co-respondent in a divorced action being brought by Rev. Daniel Earl, of the township of Spallumcheen, Yale county, against his wife, Loretta Earl.

C. B. Maennell, K. C., who made the application on behalf of the Vermont lawyer who is acting as counsel for applicant, read affidavits which set forth that the alleged relations which form the basis of the action had taken place in the town of Furoell, Indian Territory, U. S. A., between Mrs. Earl and a man named F. H. Morgan. These affidavits also set forth that Mrs. Earl had been arrested by United States authorities, convicted on a criminal charge and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, the man for three and the woman for one year. Afterwards the woman's sentence was commuted by President Roosevelt, but Morgan appears to have had to serve out his term. The co-respondent in this action, so the affidavits claim, is a travelling merchant, and is engaged frequently in such vocations as pulling teeth and treating cures in small country villages. He appears to have been known in Indian Territory as "Rattlesnake Jack."

HERO GETS MEDAL

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 4.—Herbert Yates, son of H. Yates, a Cornwall merchant, has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal for heroic conduct in saving life. Yates saved four little boys from drowning last August.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

U. S. House Committee on Lands Likely to Block Measures.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The friends of the policy of conservation of natural resources realize to-day that their fight in the congress which convenes Monday will be centered in the House committee on lands. It is said that the conservation measures are apt to stumble in the committee pigeon hole, unless the Fitzgerald amendment to the House rules can be operated to force the measures out.

Speaker Cannon and Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, who is chairman of the lands committee, are said to have an understanding. Mondell owns a great amount of land in Wyoming.

It will be asserted that Secretary Ballinger's recommendations for conservation legislation are for the most part unconstitutional. A member who is lined up with Cannon and Mondell in the fight said:

"To say that a sovereign state cannot control the waters within its borders is unconstitutional. The power can not be taken without an amendment to the federal constitution. The indications are that not only the Republicans in the organization will oppose the conservation plans, but that the Democrats will do so also."

A member of the House committee on lands said: "The bill will recommend the conservation measures, but he will not press them. He is a lawyer himself and he will see our position."

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ARE MISTREATED BY NICARAGUANS

Foreigners Suffer at Hands of Petty Officials in Sea-coast Towns.

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Since the civil war in Nicaragua began, numerous reports of indignities and oppressions suffered by foreigners at the hands of petty officials of the Honduras government, have reached here. It is said that a strong protest will be registered at Washington, and Americans whom it is claimed have been mistreated will look for protection from the government.

One American who has just arrived here from Honduras said that the situation is becoming unbearable, and unless the Washington government interfered that the foreigners would be compelled to arm themselves to protect their interests.

It is asserted by passengers arriving from Central America that the petty officials have no respect for an American. It is said that the officials expect a crisis soon and are all gathering "grain" against the day when they will be out of office. Americans it is claimed, are the principal sufferers thereby.

DEPOT DEMOLISHED BY DERAILED TRAIN

Six Mail Clerks Sustain Injuries and One of Them May Die.

Lewisville, Ind., Dec. 4.—Six persons were injured, one probably fatally, and a depot was demolished when a derailed train last night when a Pennsylvania St. Louis-New York flyer, running 50 miles an hour, ran into an alleged defective switch. All the injured were mail clerks. None of the passengers were hurt.

The engine and first car passed safely over the switch, but the rest of the train took the siding. The first mail car plunged into the ditch, and the second mail car dashed into the depot. The other car remained on the track.

THREE MEN SHOT

One Man Killed and Two Fatally Wounded in Street Fight.

Kiefer, Okla., Dec. 3.—Melvin Ooley was killed and two probably fatally wounded in a street fight with revolvers here. The shooting grew out of the killing a month ago of Homer Ooley, a gambler, by Marshal R. P. Hightower.

When Ooley's brother, met Starehal Hightower and Deputy Marshal Gooch, he took them to task for the death of his brother. The argument waxed warm and finally Ooley drew a revolver and shot Gooch, inflicting a fatal wound. As Gooch dropped to the ground, Ooley struck him about the head with a rifle stock.

Hightower, who had been taken by surprise, had by this time drawn his revolver and began firing. Ooley returned the fire, and in the exchange of shots Ooley was killed and Hightower, bystander, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded.

—Mr. Wilson, formerly of this city, has been sent by the Dominion government to Dawson to have charge of the shipping of mail from White Horse to that city. The newspapers of the north comment favorably upon the appointment, stating that Mr. Wilson has won the esteem and confidence of the people of the Yukon valley.

FIGHT IS NOW ON IN EARNEST

BRITISH PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN PROROGUED

Chancellor Lloyd George Refers to Peers as "Ancient Waxworks."

London, Dec. 3.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon. Much comment was caused by the fact that the king's speech thanked the House of Commons for its liberal allowances for the nation's needs, while he failed to thank the House of Lords, according to the usual custom.

Campaign Opens. London, Dec. 3.—London is practically deserted of parliamentarians to-day. Released from their duties, many members of the House of Commons have left the city to commence their personal political campaigns in their constituencies.

Chancellor Lloyd George, whose budget precipitated the crisis in parliament, was scheduled to open the actual struggle between the opposing factions with a speech at a luncheon of the National Liberal club. The luncheon was timed with the prorogation of parliament, and the chancellor's utterances probably will mark the opening of the fight throughout the country.

In speeches to-day Lloyd George and Winston Churchill attacked the House of Lords as an institution. Lloyd George referred to its members as "ancient waxworks," and declared it to be "the father of incompetent rule."

At Plymouth Lord Lansdowne inaugurated the fight in a lengthy address in which the budget was condemned. J. Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer in the Balfour ministry, journeyed to Plymouth with Lord Lansdowne to assist in the Unionist campaign.

PATRICK ORDERED BACK TO PRISON

Appeal Court Dismisses Writ of Habeas Corpus Secured by Lawyer.

New York, Dec. 3.—The appellate division of the Supreme court yesterday dismissed a writ of habeas corpus secured by a lawyer for Patrick Hignis, a famous lawyer under life imprisonment for the killing of William Marsh Rice, and ordered him returned to Sing Sing penitentiary.

This is another blow for Patrick in his long battle for freedom which he has conducted unceasingly since he was first incarcerated. This time he claimed that he was legally dead on the ground that the late Governor Hignis had no right to commute his sentence from death to imprisonment.

ARRANGING FIGHT

Pugilists, Their Managers and Promoters Discuss Details.

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 3.—Jeffries and Johnson with their managers, and "Tex" Rickard and Jack Gleason, the promoters, spent hours to-day discussing the place of holding the championship fight, the referee, the stakeholder and the final division of the purse.

It is understood that the hottest fight is over the naming of a stakeholder for the ground that the late Governor Hignis had no right to commute his sentence from death to imprisonment.

"Tex" Rickard said that he had received two telegrams from prominent men in Salt Lake City, guaranteeing that the fight would not be interfered with if held there. He said he also had a strong guarantee that no financial loss would be sustained in case Salt Lake was chosen as the scene of the battle.

Rickard said that he was in favor of holding the fight at Salt Lake, if all conditions were favorable. It is known, however, that both Johnson and Jeffries like to train in California and attend to the duties of their respective professions. There is a strong probability that San Francisco will be chosen.

VANCOUVER FATALITY

Inquest Into Death of Man Who Was Killed by Live Wire.

Vancouver, Dec. 2.—The result of the inquest into the death of Charles Pearce, which was held yesterday morning, was to the effect that deceased had met with his death through coming in contact with a live wire. From the evidence, it was learned that the wire had been hanging loose for some time on Saturday evening, the night of the fatality. One of Burns & Company's drivers had received a shock from it, having his neck burned.

He told a policeman, but did so in a jocular manner, so that no notice was taken of the matter beyond advising the man to report the break to the B. C. R. Company.

Mr. Brockwell of the telephone company, stated that his company was engaged in replacing all exposed wires with insulated ones, and that the work would probably be completed before the end of the year. If this were done, a repetition of the accident would be less likely in the future.

The jury added to their verdict a recommendation that the civic authorities take immediate steps to have the overhead wiring throughout the city inspected to prevent similar occurrences.

—Thieves made an entrance into the premises of J. M. Nagano, Government and Cormorant streets, early Thursday morning and secured the cash register. A hole was cut in the door and the bolt pushed back. A number of silk articles were taken also. The police are now searching for the burglar.

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BIG DELAYED MAIL HANDLED PROMPTLY

Local Post Office Staff Worked All Last Night—Prompt Delivery Made.

(From Friday's Daily.) Both day and night staffs at the postoffice worked from the time the postoffice Charlotte arrived last evening until an early hour this morning at the task of sorting the great quantity of delayed mail which had accumulated at points along the C.P.R. in consequence of the tie-up on that system. There were 24 bags of letters and 300 bags of papers.

Messrs. Farrell and Townsend, of the local staff, had gone to Vancouver, and they sorted letters all the way over on the Charlotte, with the result that much of the mail was ready for immediate distribution when the steamer arrived. The staff of the local office were to be congratulated on the speed with which they accomplished their herculean task. Much of the letter mail was placed in the boxes by 8 o'clock last night, and all letters were ready for delivery this morning.

The postmen all carried capacity loads this morning when they started on their rounds. They carried letters mostly and will make extra trips this afternoon in an effort to deliver all the mail to-day.

ST. CROIX INQUIRY

More Witnesses Examined Regarding Destruction of Steamer by Fire.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Juan Soca, a fireman on the burned steamer St. Croix, testified yesterday at the government investigation that after he left the engine room and went above he saw the pumps working full speed, but noticed that no water was coming from the hose. This fact was considered extraordinary and the inspectors questioned him closely about it.

N. Cummings, a passenger, also testified. He said that he and his wife were insulted by a member of the crew who was drunk, after they were put ashore.

The investigation will continue for several days.

TO ARRANGE DATES FOR FALL FAIRS

Move Made to Form an Association For The Province.

There is a proposal afoot to form an agricultural association for British Columbia, with which all the other associations will be affiliated, and which will have as its special work the arranging of dates for the fairs which are held. By doing this it is claimed arrangements could be made to have the very best judges attend all the fairs.

In the year 1908 the best of the Judges were able to attend only three of the shows owing to a clash of dates. During the past season, owing to a rearrangement of dates, the Judges were able to attend 28 of the shows, and their decisions in every case gave the best of satisfaction.

A meeting will therefore be held on the last day of January, 1910, at which delegates from all the associations will be present. It is expected that the following year the fairs to be held during the year. The matter of forming a Provincial Agricultural Association will be considered at that meeting, and the probability is that the new association will then become an accomplished fact or that a committee will be appointed to take the matter in hand.

The plans for the new association have emanated from R. W. Hodson, the provincial live stock commissioner, who is working very hard to bring that department to his work up to a satisfactory condition.

TO DREDGE HARBOR

King Edward Moved to Nanaimo, Where Considerable Work Will Be Done.

Dominion government dredge King Edward has removed from the Fraser river to Nanaimo harbor, where she will widen the entrance to the Western Fuel Company's wharf as far out as the red buoy.

In addition it will dredge out a basin from the end of the wharf, the slip way, so that steamers will be able to back in there and use the south channel to leave the harbor. Nanaimo harbor has been surveyed, and it is probable that it will be thoroughly dredged out, and the capacity of the port greatly increased.

ALASKA COAL LAND CASE

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—The Cunningham case in Spokane, which was begun in Seattle, was resumed here yesterday in the federal court building.

The morning session was devoted to hearing the testimony of country engineer in Spokane, including A. B. C. Campbell, John Finch and Arthur D. Jones. The testimony is being taken by Special Commissioner W. J. McKeown, but the case is being heard before Tucker Bennett of the general land office.

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