

Legislative Assembly

Important Statement by Chief Commissioner re Columbia & Western Land Grant.

Minutes-in-Council Are Brought Down—Legislation to Confirm.

Lengthy Debate on Land Act Which Finally Passes Committee Stage.

Monday 19th February, 1906. At two o'clock p.m. the House met... Mr. W. J. Bowers supported the motion of the member for Nanaimo... Mr. H. Hawthornthwaite moved the following resolution...

In pursuance of the provisions of the Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896, certain lands are reserved and set apart for the purpose of being sold... The authority of an order in council approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on the 4th September, 1901, crown grants a portion of the lands to which it was entitled in respect of the construction of sections 1 and 3 of the railway...

The report on a bill intituled An Act relating to the Transfer of Land, and to Provide for the Registration of the same, was read by the Attorney-General... The House passed a resolution in relation to the proposed amendments to the Land Act...

On Wednesday next—The Hon. Mr. Green to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act respecting the Measurement of Timber... The Hon. Mr. Wilson to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act to amend the Assessment Roll for the District of North Vancouver for 1906...

Amusing Flurry In Real Estate

Advent of an Eccentric Stranger Who Caused Some Excitement.

Had No Money But Took Options on Much Fine Property.

An unexpected flurry in real estate was recently caused in the city by the advent of a stranger who was desirous of investing very heavily in city property... The dealer was somewhat staggered when the supposed purchaser eagerly inquired if it was possible to secure an option of the property situated at the corner of Yates and Douglas...

A Reception to The New Minister

Hon. William Templeman Given a Cordial Reception by His Friends.

Interesting and Plesing Function at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Night.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A flattering reception was tendered Hon. William Templeman on his return last night to his home city... The platform was filled with representative citizens who welcomed the minister of inland revenue...

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McGill University Bill Prolonged Fight.

Premier Makes an Imp Speech on Amendment Public School Act.

Mr. Price Ellison's Telephone Stands Over at Request of Government.

Tuesday, February 20. At 2 o'clock p.m. the House met... The Hon. Mr. Price Ellison's telephone stands over at the request of the government... The Premier made an important speech on the amendment to the Public School Act...

ALBERTA FOR THE RIENT

C. P. R Efforts to That End Explained by Assistant Freight Manager Peters.

"We are doing all in our power to make a clear way for the export of Alberta wheat, and the amount shipped from this port to the west is increasing... Mr. Peters, Assistant Freight Manager of the C. P. R. western lines, today, at the Vancouver conference...

A MARINE JOKER

British Captain Adopts Novel Method of Killing Time.

New York, Feb. 19.—Should any deep sea skipper of the Cape of Good Hope run foul of a flock of albatross which look as if they were land birds, he will confer a favor upon Capt. Jarvis, of the British four-masted bark, La Sore, which is now in the harbor... The albatrosses were enticed on board with a bait of port on a hook...

Children Face Many Dangers

The Work and Worry and Close Confinement of Their School Days and How They Can Be Safeguarded.

To thousands of boys and girls the confinement of the schoolroom and the drudgery of their studies are a daily, a very serious strain... Children face many dangers in their school days, and it is important to know how they can be safeguarded...

What Manchuaria Compels?

"What will ever be shipped to Japan in bulk which is present all goes in the form of flour, and will continue as such unless the Japanese should erect a mill in Japan... Mr. John Oliver urged that this amendment as well as the previous one be passed...

The Colonist.

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THE CONSERVATIVES WILL FIGHT

At a well-attended meeting of Liberal-Conservative last evening it was decided to nominate a candidate in opposition to Hon. William Templeman. The meeting was representative and the declaration was made on a standing vote, declared unanimously. The result was received with the greatest of enthusiasm and in a spirit which meant fight.

The question of opposing a cabinet minister was duly discussed, and while those present recognized the fact that British Columbia was entitled to that right, it was also recognized that it was at best a very tardy recognition, to which we were entitled ten years ago instead of at the present time; and that every other right for which the province had contended has been dealt with in a similar spirit by the Liberal government at Ottawa.

The meeting was emphatic in declaring that the election of Mr. Templeman without opposition meant that the electorate of the city of Victoria endorsed the "method" of the Laurierism. It was also emphatic in declaring that there had been nothing in the services of Mr. Templeman to the city of Victoria which was not confirmed. On the other hand, it was every ready to accept the strongest possible opposition. Win or lose, the Conservatives as a party are determined to contest the election of the next year, and we may look forward to an exhibition of old-time vigorous campaigning. The "editorial" is not to be bought by a portfolio.

THE COLUMBIA & WESTERN LAND GRANT.

Yesterday the Government brought down to the Legislature two orders-in-council, respectively, in February and May of last year, confirming an agreement with the C. & W. Railway Company as to the portion of land subsidy earned under the terms of the Columbia & Western Act of 1890. These deals with a matter which has been in being for some time, and has on one or two occasions been intimately associated with the political situation in this city. The question of the lands to be conveyed in question were required to be surveyed by the company within seven years.

Owing to complications, the details of which we need not enter into at the present time, the survey of some 600,000 acres of land granted to the company were not completed within the time specified, and, therefore, it was not competent for the Government to enter into a conveyance of the land which by the construction of the line had been earned. As a result of negotiations an agreement was entered into which effect that if the company went on and completed the survey, the Government would submit a bill, and the Legislature would confirm the right of the railway company to obtain the subsidy as originally intended in the Act.

It was upon the strength of the agreement in question the Columbia & Western Railway Company last year had the 600,000 acres surveyed, depending upon the good faith of the Legislature to pass the desired legislation. A bill for the purpose has not been submitted as yet by the Government, but the fact that the order-in-council had been laid before the house would seem to indicate that a measure for the purpose will be submitted at an early date.

It is impossible to anticipate what, if any opposition will be offered to the bill when submitted. There are no lacking indications that there may be opposition. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that it is the intention of the Legislature to carry out in good faith the contract that was made in 1890. In the building of the railway, such as it may be in a substantial manner and at great expense the railway company fulfilled its part of the agreement, and the subject of the agreement in question is not, at least in the question of the contract, a matter for the Legislature to renege upon. The subject of the agreement, which formed the subject of the order-in-council, was cancelled by an Act of the Legislature on the grounds that the company were not entitled to blocks East of Courtenay on account of a subsidy earned in 1890. Whatever are the merits of that issue, there is no doubt that under the contract the full complement of the subsidy somewhere, and the present government in passing the order-in-council referred to were simply recognizing a just obligation.

THE NAME OF "PRINCE RUPERT"

We publish elsewhere an article from the Winnipeg Free Press with reference to the selection of the name of "Prince Rupert" for the Grand Trunk Pacific terminal. From among a large number of names submitted, "Princess" was the lucky competitor was a young lady in Winnipeg, a relative of Sir Daniel McManis, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba. The article in question presents the considerations in favor of the name of "Princess" as well as a great deal of detail which we do not have space to reproduce. The Free Press has been in receipt of letters from a number of Mr. Farver's ones, some of which it has printed. Not a few names are submitted by the writers that would, historically and euphonically, have been much more appropriate. One of the conditions of the competition named was that it should be suggestive of British Columbia in some way. Prince Rupert is not in any way, unless you arrive at it in a roundabout fashion. Rupert's Land was under the dominion of the Hudson's Bay Company. It was named after Prince Rupert, the first governor of the company. The Hudson's Bay

Company had to do with British Columbia, Prince Rupert, and when compelled to resign from the premiership of Quebec was promptly made chairman of the transcontinental railway committee. A salary of \$10,000 a year. Mr. Parent was also president of the Quebec Bridge Company, which was first sub-subsided by a bonus of \$1,000,000 and then the bonds guaranteed to the tune of \$6,860,000, notwithstanding that the chief engineer of the province of Quebec reported that it would cost \$3,318,000. Senator Choquette proposed to enter the admiralty and was also given a sort of perpetual mayor, in order to dig up unavailing things in the latter's receipt. This was where Sir Wilfrid stepped in to save the reputation of his friend Mr. Parent and ordered Choquette to retire.

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THE BEST KIND OF UNIVERSITY.

A friend of the orthodox system of academic training in this country who can successfully fight the battles of the world, wants to know what we consider to be the right kind of "practical" education about which so much is talked. It is very hard to give a definite reply, so much depends upon the main fault with modern education, however, is that it is made to work as a rule, the way that education in the true sense. What we get by hard knocks and struggle and effort is about all in education that is worth anything. If spoon-fed students do not amount to anything, it is because they are spoon-fed. The main fault with modern education, however, is that it is made to work as a rule, the way that education in the true sense. What we get by hard knocks and struggle and effort is about all in education that is worth anything. If spoon-fed students do not amount to anything, it is because they are spoon-fed.

DEVOTING ATTENTION TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Colonizer, devoted to fruit growing and rubber planting, in October last published an interview with Mr. Turner, agent-general in London, dealing in almost entirely with the subject of fruit-growing in British Columbia. As a result, the editor says, "we have had ever since a continuous stream of letters from readers possessed of a certain amount of capital desirous of taking up this interesting pursuit, and partly by the combination of other branches of farming work." These enquiries have become so numerous that in order to save space in another issue of the Colonizer, the editor has decided to devote still further attention to the subject as the occasion arises.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM.

We welcome discussion on all subjects of interest to our readers. One of the subjects which our correspondents contribute something of value to the discussion and comment on is that of Socialism. In the issue of February 22nd, Mr. G. M. Richards in Saturday's issue in reply to an editorial of the Colonizer, wrote on Socialism. The writer, however, argues on the assumption that the teachings and practices of Socialism are synonymous with Christianity, or Christ's teachings. What may or may not have been done in the Sermon on the Mount is really immaterial. It is the fact that the teachings of Socialism are in direct opposition to the teachings of Christianity, and that Socialism aims to suppress Christianity.

TROUBLE IN QUEBEC.

A rather perplexing situation has arisen in Quebec. Senator Choquette, the same whose name was mentioned in connection with the Dominion of the Province of British Columbia, has retired from the admiralty contest in Quebec at the dictation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is a fact that perhaps the Prime Minister intended his telegraphic instructions to be regarded as public business, and that in so doing, they come perilously close to interference in municipal affairs. There is a history to the affair, and in order that it may give rise to some interesting points of view, we will accept the statement of the Witness, an English-speaking Liberal organ of the party.

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of high power and three of low power. The initial cost of each high-power station is \$8,000, and of each low-power station \$5,000. The annual cost of maintenance is about \$1,800 in each case. Several government vessels are also equipped with Marconi apparatus, the cost being \$150 for each ship.

A reporter on the Chicago Inter-Ocean was paid a sum of money, amount unknown, by an attorney for the beef packers, to report the case in his letter, and to cover the case, but he hesitated to do so. The reporter of another paper, named Elwell, for a similar purpose. The latter refused it, and through his reporting the circumstances the facts became known. It was impossible, of course, to find any law to cover the case, but the hesitancy of whom the matter was made known, made public the documents in the case, together with the letters which he did not hesitate to express his opinion of the action of the beef packers' attorney in endeavoring to prejudice the public mind by false reports, etc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

MR. MARCONI'S REPLY TO THE TIMES.

Sir—The editor of the Times in an effort to belittle my candidature, brings in the fact that I am not a member of the Royal Society. Now I stand in disregard of that irrelevant title and I do not care to be called a member of the Royal Society. I have confidence in them, your own votes. I have confidence in them, your own votes. I have confidence in them, your own votes.

SAVING THE BEACHES.

Sir—Are not we Victorians getting a little tired of the phrase, "Save the Beaches," which is everywhere to be seen? It is a pity that the "Beaches" should be so rapidly encroached upon by the sea, and that the "Beaches" should be so rapidly encroached upon by the sea, and that the "Beaches" should be so rapidly encroached upon by the sea.

HERBERT SPENCER ON CHINESE EXCLUSION.

The agitation in China against the Americans and American goods called to mind the famous letter of advice written to the Japanese by Herbert Spencer, which is published in the Colonizer. It is a remarkable document, but it is not generally known that it approves of the Chinese exclusion policy.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

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(In the Full Court)
The Jencks Machine Co. vs. the B. C. Exploring Syndicate. A special sitting of the Supreme Court at 11 o'clock, which involved a point of practice and also the construction of the Statute in relation to the jurisdiction of the court.

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Canada's Treatment of Her Soldiers.

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MOUNTAINS AS MONEYMAKERS.

Three million persons are said to pass in at the gates of Switzerland every year, leaving \$20,000,000 at the door. A considerable number of these persons are said to be passing through the mountains, which are said to be making money for the Swiss.

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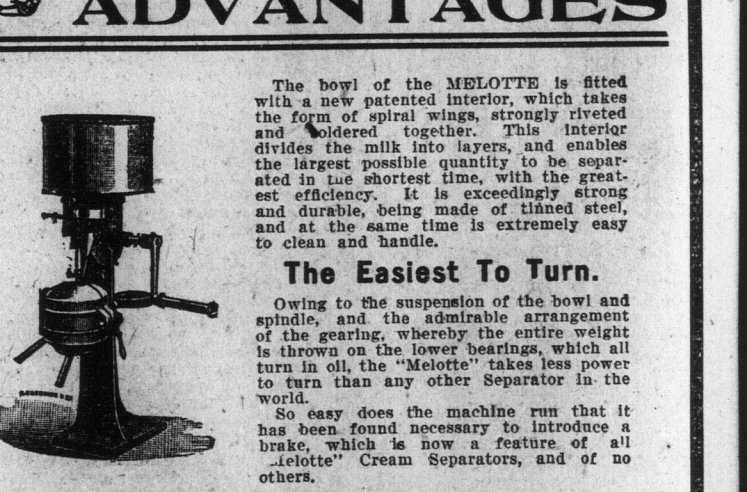
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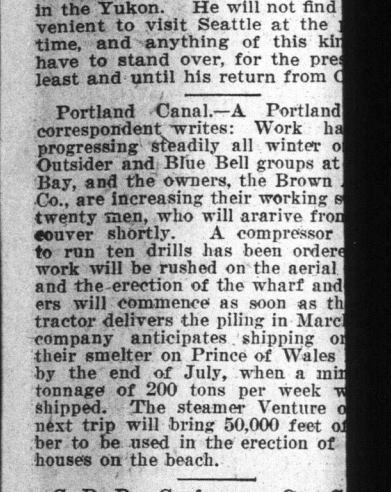
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Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Resolution of Condolence.—It is reported that at the annual meeting of the Nelson Boat Club, held last week, a resolution of condolence was adopted and ordered to be sent to the family of G. H. Jesse, one of the victims of the Valencia disaster.

Back From Mexico.—Rowland Macdonald, general agent for Canada for the Bennett Fuse Co. of England, has returned to Victoria after a four months' tour of the southern States.

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Portland Canal.—A Portland Canal correspondent writes: Work has been progressing steadily all winter on the Outside and Dine Bell gorges, at Maple Bay, and the Brown Alaska Co. are increasing their working staff by twenty men, who will arrive from Vancouver shortly.

C. P. R. Conference.—On Sunday evening, George L. Courtenay, local agent of the C. P. R. for the field, where he attended on the 12th and 13th instants a meeting of the western lines conference, held at another 68 representatives in attendance at this convention.

Governor McInnes.—Governor W. B. McInnes of Yukon Territory since his arrival was asked to accept of a banquet to be tendered by the citizens of Victoria on the 26th inst.

Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings as reported by the Victoria clearing house for the week ending February 20th, were \$902,117.

Native Sons.—On Tuesday next, the 27th inst., the annual meeting of the Native Sons, Post No. 17, will be held for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing term.

Orange Grand Lodge.—The annual session of the Orange Grand Lodge of Victoria, B. C., was held on Monday, February 20th, at the Victoria Hotel.

Estimates.—At special meetings held this week the city council, acting as a committee of the whole, are considering the estimates. The task is a difficult one and several further sessions will be held before a complete report is presented.

Body Identified.—Some weeks ago it was announced that a body had been washed ashore near Clayoquot, with several marks and a bottle of cognac, supposed to be a victim of the Pass of Melford wreck. From the description given, the body has been identified as that of Robert Kern, a native of Southern California.

Burned to Death.—A special despatch from Skagway, dated February 19th, says that Geo. Bauerman was burned to death at White Horse the day previous. He took a bottle of cognac to his cabin, which a few hours later was discovered. Bauerman's remains were buried on the 20th inst.

Kaien Island Committee Meets

Further Evidence of Mr. Anderson as to His Connection With Transiscon. Asked to Produce Private Bank Book—He Received \$10,000 From Larsen.

Upon the resumption of Mr. Anderson's examination witness said he was unable to fix the exact date of his visit to Montreal which was sometime about the 8th July, 1904; this was his only visit in connection with this business although he had been in Montreal some months previous.

Will go to Ottawa.—Dr. C. J. Pagan, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health department at the sixth annual meeting of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of tuberculosis, held at Ottawa on March 28th.

Wedded at Dunceans.—At St. Peter's Church, Dunceans, yesterday the marriage took place of Miss Beatrice Jaynes and Mr. Appleton, both of latter being members of the Canadian Bank of Commerce staff at Dawson.

For Fruit Spraying.—Orchardists are advised by the department of agriculture that arsenate of lead, used for spraying, may be obtained on application to the department, Victoria.

Extending Business.—As an indication of the growth of the business done by the Dominion Fruit Growers' association, it is mentioned that Messrs. E. G. Prior & Co. of Victoria are extending the business of their operations from British Columbia to another important mainland point.

Guides For Sportsmen.—A. B. Gurney of the Victoria Provision Company is in the business of furnishing guides and outfit for those desirous of shooting fishing or hunting. Parkerville is the centre of the sportsmen's business.

Shaobot For Skeena.—William Sloan, M. P. for Nanaimo, announced to the Vancouver Province that he intends immediately to request the government to proceed in the matter of the Skeena river dam.

Prince Arthur's Visit.—C. P. R. officials are on receipt of an outline of Prince Arthur's itinerary so far as this coast is concerned.

New Church Consecrated.—The new church which has been built close to Cowichan station on the B. & N. railway was consecrated by Bishop Perrin on Sunday last.

Salvation Army.—A letter received yesterday by Capt. Johnstone, of the local branch of the Salvation Army, states that on March 3rd and 4th, Major and Mrs. John Rawlings, divisional commanders for the B. C. and Yukon will visit the local corps of Salvation Army.

Matrimonial.—Would you marry if you had to? Matrimonial...

PIONEER FROM BOUNDARY.

Mayor George Rumberger of Phoenix came in from Seattle last night and is registered at the Driford Hotel. His words are the words of a pioneer.

The committee. The Grand Trunk Pacific had never paid him one cent for his services.

Happening of Interest on Island Adjacent to Victoria.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY. British Columbia Stock Breeders' Association First Sale.

THE FRUIT INDUSTRY. Some Changes for British Columbia Growers in the Northwest Market.

ADMONED LAWYER'S PLEA. Connelly N. Y., Feb. 21.—Albert T. Patrick's plea for a new trial in the charge of murdering William Marshall Rice, the millionaire, was refused.

Prospector Missing.—Mr. Robert H. Kelly who had been prospecting in the vicinity of Maxwell lake on Salt Spring Island, has not been heard from for more than two weeks.

Camers Preparing.—Already British Columbia salmon-canneries are preparing for the coming season's fishing operations.

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Session of the School Trustees

Many Important Matters Respecting Educational Affairs Are Discussed.

An Address by Dr. Torry on the Aims of the McGill College.

The second session of the convention of provincial school trustees was held in the assembly room of the Victoria high school Tuesday afternoon.

The first business before the morning session was a resolution introduced by Trustee Hall, relating to the admission of pupils to the school.

Resolved, that in addition to the careful medical supervision of attending pupils, all pupils applying for admission to the public school should be examined by the medical officer.

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See America Movement Launched at City Hall Last Evening.

Some Instructive Speeches by Visitors Who Know Theme Well.

While last night's public meeting held in the city hall, numerically as large as the occasion warranted, in point of enthusiasm and evident interest.

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Steamer Whatcomb Will Not Be Placed on the Route.

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IT'S AT THE FIRST BEGINNING OF PAIN

That treatment should be most vigorous. Get relief at the start.

A Clear Soft Skin

It is possible in winter in spite of cold winds.

WONT PAY WHARFAGE.

The steamship Joan has given up calling at the Dominion wharf on Friday and Saturday.

THREE NEW STEAMERS.

J. C. Ford, president of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, announces that three new steamers will be added to the fleet of the company.

TO OUT PORTS.

Silberhorn coming to Inner Harbor to Have Side Ports Cut.

THE QUEEN CITY RETURNS.

Steamer Queen City, Capt. Townsend, returned on Sunday from Quatsino and west ports on the Vancouver Island coast.

THOSE BALLOT BOXES.

And so in West Hastings an election was brought from Chicago for purpose of the election of 1904.

An Active Public Opinion

This the Surest Remedy For Political Evil and Abuse.

Is the Opinion of R. L. Borden Leader of the Liberal Conservatives.

The other evening Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion opposition, spoke before the Lib-Con. Club at Ottawa.

Proceeding, Mr. Borden said it was absolutely essential to the success of democratic institutions that the public should be vigilant in all public affairs.

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Released the Convict. "What of the St. James division in Montreal," Mr. Bergeron was asked.

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BREAD is never better than the flour is made of.

Often it is not nearly so good, but that is the fault of the bread-maker.

Without good flour, good bread is impossible, no matter how skilfully it is handled.

Now, good bread must be good to eat, as well as good to see or to taste.

Good-to-eat bread is bread that nourishes.

In the matter of nutriment,

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is supreme. It represents the best that is in the wheat, ground to a snowy whiteness and purified by electricity.

It produces bread that is light, easy to digest and best of all—nutritious.

Ogilvie's Royal Household is to be had at all grocers.



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Winding up the Valencia Inquiry

A Number of Pacific Coast S.S. Officials Before Commission Yesterday.

Likelihood That the Proceedings Will Be Brought to Close This Morning.

From present indications it is generally expected that the Valencia inquiry will conclude this evening.

At the conclusion of yesterday's session Commissioner Gaudin said that he thought that enough evidence had already been taken to enable the commission to submit their report.

At yesterday's session several important witnesses were called, among them being Capt. Cousins of the Queen; Capt. Wallace, Supt. Pacific Coast S.S. Co., who testified that at San Francisco; Capt. Patterson, port captain of the company at Seattle; and Thos. F. Carrigan, first assistant engineer on the ill-fated vessel.

Captain Cousins' Evidence. The first witness was Capt. N. E. Cousins, in whose evidence it was stated that he was captain of the Steamship Queen.

He had made 184 trips round Cape Flattery since his appointment, and was not tired in his sailings or arrivals—this depended upon prevailing conditions.

Life Insurance Men Petition for Abolition of Municipal License Fee.

The municipal committee met in the "Rag" room on 1030 yesterday morning.

Mr. Breeze introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs. Breeze, Ferris and Carrigan, and Messrs. Mackenzie, Hesterman, Johnson and Brett of Victoria, representing the life insurance companies.

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In answer to Mr. McPhillips witness stated that only two passengers got in his boat as they did not have time to get any more in before the tackle was cut.

In answer to Commissioner Gaudin witness replied that it was a miracle that he had ever got away.

In answer to Commissioner Newcombe witness thought they were backed about ten minutes after the vessel struck the first time.

Again answering Mr. McPhillips witness stated that no raft or boat could have been forced up to the water.

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question had been discussed by the Dominion and United States governments for the past seventeen or eighteen years but nothing had been done.

In answer to Mr. Lugrin witness stated that he had been around this part of the coast since 1878 and was familiar with it, particularly the coast.

In answer to Mr. McPhillips witness stated that not one of the rescue ships could have been anchored at the scene of the wreck, as they are not equipped with enough chain.

Witness then gave an explanation of why it was possible for a lighthouse to anchor and not a passenger vessel.

He explained in a very pointed manner that the lighthouse was specially equipped with heavy anchors and cables.

Asked by Mr. McPhillips if it would not have been possible to float a raft in and take the people off, witness replied that it was not possible.

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West Kootenay & Cascade Power Co.

Independent Expert Confirms Feasibility of Cascade Company Proposals.

Supt. Kennedy Shows Shortage of Water Occurred Once in Eight Years.

The private bills committee met in the maple room at 1030 yesterday morning with Dr. Young in the chair.

Main applied to the committee for an extension of time for introducing bills in order to allow of submitting one for a charter for North Vancouver.

Mr. Milne, an independent electrical and mechanical engineer from Vancouver, attended by request of the committee to explain his views as to the practicability of the Cascade Company's proposals.

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22 TROUCE AVE. TELEPHONE 97.
We have many inquiries for people wanting to invest either in business or real estate. Owing to this fact, we are advertising the REAL ESTATE in our BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

Have you anything to offer in either line? Let us know at once. Do you want to buy? Call and see the list. INSIDE BUSINESS PROPERTY--\$18,000--return 6 per cent. on investment. \$200,000 was returned for this in 1905 (day). BUSINESS PROPERTY--\$3,500--return 8 per cent. on investment. We have many more just as good as our list. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES are few but they are good. B. J. PERRY, F. M. Doekhill, Agent, Skeena Canyon, December 28, 1911.

IS HEREBY GIVEN that, after date, I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land situated in the Skeena River valley, adjoining a Post marked "N.E. C. Post," marked "R.E. Post," the right bank of the Skeena River, the right bank of the Skeena River, the right bank of the Skeena River, containing two acres or less.

Grant & Conyers

No. 2 View St. (Opposite main entrance to Dryden Hotel).
HALF ACRE of garden and fruit, with a good cottage. A snap for \$1,000.

PRETTY COTTAGE--Good location (entirely electric), light, sewer, bath, hot and cold water, conservatory and beautiful garden, full of fruit and flowers. This is a "good buy." Call and get particulars. Guaranteed. Free circular. No. 123.
HALF ACRE of fine garden and young orchard, with small sawy erected cottage. Only \$7,500.
HANDSOME RESIDENCE--Near Oak Bay, with eight rooms, bath, sewer, electric light; two acres of splendid garden, with fruit and flowers, and a stable, chicken house, etc. This is a fine home at the right price.

Swinerton & Oddy

Financial and Insurance Agents, Notaries Public.
102 GOVERNMENT STREET.

100 ACRES--13 miles from Victoria, 5 cultivated, 2 silted, 3 silted and timber; good soil; 8 rooms dwelling; good barn; 2000; chicken house; only \$900.
6 ROOMED COTTAGE--Electric light, water connections, 2 lots 54x130; concrete sidewalk. Only \$2,500.
\$17,000--Nice cottage; good location on Yates street; electric light, sewer, concrete sidewalk. \$20,000; balance monthly instalments of \$20, at 6 per cent. interest.
\$2,000--Well finished cottage; 6 rooms; good location, Yates St.; electric light, sewer connection. \$300 cash, balance monthly instalments of \$23 at 6 per cent. interest.

A. Williams & Co., Ltd.

104 YATES STREET.

GOOD IMPROVED FARMS.
5 ACRES--Cleared, good soil and buildings. \$1,850.
10 1/2 ACRES--Cleared, good soil and buildings. \$2,500.
12 ACRES--Cleared, good soil and buildings. \$3,000.
10 ACRES--Cleared, good soil (good orchard). \$5,000.
20 ACRES--Cleared, good soil, A1 farm. \$11,000.
10 ACRES--Cleared, good soil. \$1,800.
5 1/2 ACRES--Cleared, good soil. \$800.

Heisterman & Co.

Real Estate and Insurance Agents,
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\$4,700--Buys a splendid modern residence; two full sized lots, tennis lawn, etc. in the best residential section. Terms, 14 cash, balance at 6 per cent.
\$1,700--Buys a new modern cottage; full lot, all conveniences, \$250 cash, balance on easy terms.
\$1,800--Buys 11 acres close in; fine location, well adapted for fruit and poultry. Easy terms.

The Stuart Robertson Co., Ltd.

86 Broad Street.

FOR SALE--Two room bungalow, Oak Bay. Price \$3,000.
TO LET--Nice 5 roomed cottage. Right street; sewer connections. \$14 per month, including water.

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Real Estate Financial and Insurance Agents, 45 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.

ROBBERY ST.--Cottage in good condition. \$2,750 per month.
FOOT ST.--Small cottage above Quadra street. \$14 per month.
FRONT ST.--Two small cottages near school. Each \$8 per month.
NAGARA ST.--Large two storey house, near Park. \$18 per month.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE--Registered Jersey cow, 8 years old; this month; tests 5.8 to 6.0 percent butter fat, good milk and Jersey built; 11 months old, very vigorous, due to calve April 5; also registered Jersey bull; 11 months old, very fine; also a registered Jersey cow, 6 years old, tests 5.8 percent, about 3 years old; will calve in April; also good grade Jersey heifer, 18 months old, in calf to registered bull, S. Ferial, North Pender (1st and 2d, B. C.).
FOR SALE--Heavy laying strain R. J. Red, White Leghorns, silver cup winners; stock for sale; eggs for hatching, guaranteed. Free circular. No. 123.
FOR SALE--Super, fresh bred family cow, 100 Moss street. 3416
WANTED--A delivery horse at once. Apply to Watson & Jones, Grocers. 44 Fort Street.

Wanted--Female Help

WANTED--Immediately, a middle-aged governess for three pupils, 7, 8, 12; usual English branches, with music; kind, conservative home; good salary and fare paid. Apply between 12 and 2, 40 Rae street.
WANTED--A strong, reliable girl as general help (city); two in family, easy wages. Apply 50 Rae street.
WANTED--Useful mother's help; one child, seven years; home work and general assistance; kind home (city). Apply 80 Rae street.
WANTED--Young lady to learn half-dressing, etc. Mrs. C. Kocher, Douglas street.
WANTED--Immediately, middle-aged governess for West Coast. Subjects, English and music; kind, conservative home; Good salary and fare paid. Apply 60 Rae street.
WANTED--A girl for housework. \$15. 45 Fort Street.
WANTED--A girl as general servant or nurse. 21 South Tanager street.

Situations Wanted--Female

WANTED--An experienced dressmaker wishes to do sewing by the day. Apply 29 Johnson street.
WANTED--Situation in office or store by a lady, experienced and capable of taking charge of department. References. \$20.00. Apply E. A. Harris, 35 Fort Street.
\$300.00--Craigflower road, about 1.5 acres, good building site, B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.
CAREY ROAD--One acre with buildings. \$250. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.
FOR SALE--Beacon Hill Park--Lots 50 and 51, facing east, on Park. \$800 each. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, 40 Government street.

Situations Wanted--Male

WANTED--Active men to take orders for custom made clothes. Best commission ever offered. Telegram code for rules and orders. Experience not necessary. Rex Tailoring Co., Toronto. 116
MEN WANTED--Bellevue road in every locality for advertising and selling our goods; back up snowdrifts on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places; also distributing small advertising matter. Salary \$300 per year, or \$15 per month and expenses \$2 per day. Steady employment for good reliable men. No experience necessary. Write for particulars. Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.
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Dominion News Notes

Grand Trunk Pacific to Tender for Construction of Government Section.

Premier Laurier and Mr. Morse Allege Ignorance of Recent Change.

C. P. R. Educational Campaign Arouses Enthusiasm of Farmers.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—(Special)—The important announcement was made today that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company had tendered for the construction of 395 miles of the National Transcontinental railway from Winnipeg eastward to Lake Superior Junction and Quebec westward to La Tuque, William Wainwright, one of the directors of the company who was in town today, confirmed this report to your correspondent. The subject has been mooted for some days amongst intending tenderers and is regarded by them with anything but affectionate regard. On being questioned as to the reasons why the company will make an offer for the government section of the line, Mr. Wainwright remarked that under the agreement of 1903 the Grand Trunk Pacific had to pay a rental to the Dominion government for 43 years of 50 years of the lease, equivalent to 3 per cent of the cost of construction. It is obvious, he said, under the circumstances, that while desirous of securing a railway line of the highest possible standard, the Grand Trunk Pacific was naturally anxious to enter into competition with other contractors.

Mr. Blair's Appointment.
It is reported in an evening paper that Mr. Blair has been appointed parliamentary advisor to the C. P. R. at a salary of \$10,000 a year and denied. It is explained that some time ago he was retained by the company in special cases.

New Senators Selected.
Three gentlemen who are to be appointed senators for the two of the new west-pointed provinces have been selected. They are Dr. Douglas, ex M. P., A. B. Macdonald of McLeod and Benjamin Pringle of Banff. Douglas sits in the Commons from 1896 to 1904. Macdonald is a native of Glenora and a Roman Catholic. Pringle is a Canadian who has been for years resident in the Northwest.

The Supreme Court Today.
The supreme court today set back the election appeal at the foot of the main frame, but with costs against the appellant John Grant.

Grand Trunk Plans.
Montreal, Feb. 20.—Regarding the Vancouver World's story that the Grand Trunk Pacific would not build west from Edmonton to the Pacific for some time to come, Vice President and General Manager Morse, today said that work west of Edmonton is being prosecuted with as much vigor as is possible at this time of the year. The Grand Trunk Pacific will have the railway completed from the east, extending through to the Pacific Coast, well within the time called for in the contract entered into with the Dominion government, which requires that it be ready for operation in 1911.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier who is in city, denied the Vancouver World's story that the Grand Trunk Pacific would not build west from Edmonton to the Pacific for some time to come. No cable or letter has been received by his government. The statement was entirely without foundation.

National Prestige to Toronto.
Toronto, Feb. 20.—National prestige was given university of Toronto last night when some of Canada's first statesmen, judges and educationalists took part in banquet of the literary and scientific society. The event was by far the greatest in the history of the organization, and as it was by the mulcture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wm. Mulock, Hon. G. W. Ross, A. B. Aylesworth and a score of other of almost equal distinction. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to the toast of "Canada and the Empire" re-told the old story of indifference to the value of the intellectual that had been removed by the granting of responsible government and there was now but one thought that the new law making was concerned and she could get the right to make her own commercial treaties by merely asking for it.

Aimed at Wildcatting

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Mr. Hoyle's bill respecting corporations will be re-introduced in the legislature this session with the approval of the government. It provides that a company issuing prospectuses in Ontario or soliciting subscriptions must file a copy with the provincial secretary. The prospectus must be signed by responsible directors; must show how the property is to be sold to the company and what contracts are being entered into. The act is specially directed at mining corporations.

Trusts Commission With Contempt

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Fraserick W. Nichols of the Cox-Pellatt-Nicholls power syndicate at Niagara Falls, refused to appear before the Ontario government power commission today and give information concerning the cost of production of electricity. The members of the commission consider that Nichols is treating the commission with contempt. The sitting was adjourned indefinitely and the commission will be made of means of securing information.

Supposed Result of Somnambulism.
Toronto, Feb. 20.—At 3 o'clock this morning Edith Mand Tomsett, living at 152 Winchester street was picked up unconscious on the sidewalk in front of a window and walked out. Her skull was fractured by the fall and her recovery is doubtful.

Fire in London.
London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Fire this morning did damage estimated at a total of seven thousand dollars to a four-story building on Richmond hill occupied by Steveland and Son, stove and tin-ware.

Retributive Justice.
London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Ada Ackworth, forty years old, five times married, stood in police court yesterday and tearfully admitted that her fifth matrimonial alliance was a badly conceived and altogether illegal transaction. She had pleaded guilty to bigamy.

Investigation of Telephone Lines.
Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Manager McFarlane of the Bell Telephone Company, Montreal, will give evidence before the legislative committee tomorrow regarding the operation and cost of telephone lines.

Seed Selection Trial

The seed selection trial which is being operated under the auspices of the Dominion government and the C. P. R., and which is now in its second month of its trial, is being continued. The trial is costing the railway company \$10 per mile to operate but it includes the cost of carrying the seed and the cost of the labor of the farmers. It is estimated that the trial has covered the cost of 5,000 miles and will have cost the company \$50,000. Expenses of advertising, transportation of seed, etc., are borne entirely by the Dominion government and will run into much more. But, as Mr. Mackinnon, agricultural expert, says, the trial is a mere bagatelle compared with the loss from smut and weeds which is estimated to cost the farmer about a million dollars, and which this year of education gives every promise of removing or greatly reducing.

Doubling Service on Soo Line.
Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The C. P. R. is preparing to double the train service on the Soo line and other western branches of the system to accommodate the farmers, on an application from the United States. The United States is now carrying over 50,000 Americans to be carried over the Soo line.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The Thistles of the hockey league, defeated Winnipeg here tonight by a score of 7 to 5. They look now to certainly be challengers for the Stanley cup.

Province to Run Creameries.
Calgary, Feb. 20.—The government of Alberta today took over creameries in the province which have been operated successfully during recent years by the Dominion government.

CONGRESSMAN ACCUSED.

Grand Jury Presents True Bills Against Spencer Blackburn.
Raleigh, N. H., Feb. 21.—A grand jury at a special term of the United States district court today returned two bills against Congressman Spencer Blackburn, charging him with practicing bribery before the treasury department and receiving fees for such service in violation of the law. He is accused of receiving \$5,000 from A. P. Davis. No action toward arrest of Blackburn has been taken.

STREET RAILWAY MERGER.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Attorney General Major gave a hearing today on an application of Wm. R. Hearst that he commence an action in the name of the people against the Metropolitan Street Railway company, Thomas E. Ryan and individuals to restrain them from consummating the proposed merger of the railway interests in New York. The application is made on an allegation that the merger is a monopoly and against public policy.

In Imperial Parliament

Unionist Amendment on Home Rule Defeated by 406 to 88

Intelligent Self Government for Ireland is Mr. Bryce's Programme.

Mr. Chamberlain's Brilliant Attack Lends Heart to Unionists.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—As amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Col. J. S. Sanderson, Unionist, today moved in the House of Commons an expression of alarm at the statement in the King's speech that his majesty's advisers had committed themselves to a policy which will endanger the liberties and property of the loyal minority, promote disunity and the integrity of the United Kingdom. Col. Sanderson stated that the object of his amendment was to extract some statement as to what the government meant by the proposals suggested.

After considerable discussion James Bryce, Liberal, and chief secretary for Ireland, said the speech from the throne meant nothing worse than the Premier had said. Several had repeatedly stated and what had been endorsed by the enormous majority returned to parliament, that much was necessary. Mr. Bryce said home rule had no terrors for him. His majesty's government, he said, were determined to make an effort in the direction of improvement of the system of government and the association of the people themselves with it.

Self-Government for Ireland.
The House of Commons today passed a resolution that the House should express its opinion on the subject of self-government for Ireland. The resolution is a mere formality, but it is a step in the direction of the policy of the creation of an intelligent.

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Attention Paid to Irish Secretary's Reply to Colonel Sanderson.

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IN SUNNY TENNESSEE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—Geo. H. Wall, pastor of Baptist Methodist church, was shot and killed today by James Coram at the home of a woman who had declined to go to Africa in order to investigate on the spot.

MURDERED IN NEW YORK.

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CASTRO'S LATEST EXPLOITS.

Willmetts, Island of Caracca, Feb. 21.—A well-informed official of Caracca, in a dispatch received here today, says that President Castro has given orders to prepare the documents to institute legal proceedings against the Legation Harbor Corporation and the Laguna-Caracca railroad. These companies are both owned by British subjects and are largely operated by British subjects. The government has created a monopoly of the manufacture of cigars, inviting all manufacturers to join a trust, in which President Castro and his friends have acquired the lion's share.

AGREEMENT TO EXPIRE.

C. P. R. Traffic Arrangement With N. P. R. to Exp. in 18 Months.

Unless the Canadian Pacific is able to get an arrangement on any other basis than the present contract, which is said by local representatives of both roads to the lowest traffic arrangement in existence between rival railway systems for the same number of miles, expires in about eighteen months, and at the present time the chance of renewing the arrangement on anything like the same terms seems to be out of the question.

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A Bigger Mortgage.

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