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M'BRIDE WILL FORM CONSERVATIVE CABINET

The Party Line Issue is at Length Clearly Drawn--The Old Opposition Party Passes Out of Existence.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The party line issue in British Columbia politics is at last clearly drawn. The old government, which in some form or another has ruled British Columbia for a decade or more, having been effectively dealt with by the legislature, the man selected by His Honor to undertake the task of establishing the new order, has decided to base his act on the party affiliations recognized in Dominion political affairs.

To-day Mr. McBride, who yesterday was leader of His Majesty's opposition in the House, is no longer at the head of that body. He has dissolved his following, and will seek support from other quarters, and from those with whom he is associated in Dominion political affairs.

The outcome was not unexpected. After rising of the House yesterday afternoon, certain members of the McBride party indicated that their vote in favor of adjournment would be reversed to-day unless Mr. McBride formed a straight Conservative government. It then became patent that at the opposition caucus to be held last night a determined effort would be made to force that view on the party.

Events proved that what many have predicted would happen actually took place. A majority of the opposition party were agreed in the opinion that the party which had won the fight, which had accomplished the downfall of the government, and whose leader had logically been sent for by His Honor to assume control of affairs, should commonly participate in the fruits of that victory. At the same time, due recognition was made of the clamor throughout the country for party lines, and the opinion of some of the members seemed to be that to go to the country on any other basis would be to invite defeat.

Finding this sentiment obtaining, the Liberal members gracefully accepted the situation and intimated that after what had been expressed they could only lose in dignity by consenting to serve longer in their old relation. No vote, so it is stated, was taken, but the situation tacitly accepted by all present.

Thus there passed out of existence the party which in its collective capacity has rendered such signal service to the country, in preventing two of the biggest steals which ever threatened this province, namely, the ceding of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 to the C.P.R. and the transfer of an enormous tract of land to the Canada Northern. The circumstances attending the former are still fresh in the public mind, and the part the Liberal members on the opposition side of the House played in it will not certainly be overlooked by the country nor will the electorate be disposed to accord credit for that where it does not belong. The events in connection with the Canada Northern steal, and the abortive attempt to pass bill 87, are not quite so vivid in the minds of the people of the province. But those familiar with the facts will recall that for four months, the longest session of a British Columbia legislature on record, the opposition fought stubbornly and unflinchingly the attempt to perpetrate the Canada Northern outrage. Most of those members were poor men and could ill afford the time and money which that fight involved, but they kept perseveringly to their task, and despite the combined effort of the government and Mr. Martin and his following they frustrated that iniquity. The manner of the passing of the opposition party may not be glorious, but the record they established is an enviable one.

At the conclusion of the caucus at a late hour last night Mr. McBride announced to a Times reporter that he had decided to form a government on party lines. It would be a Conservative ministry, and he would attempt if possible to pass supply in the House. If advisable some necessary legislation might

also be passed, after which an appeal would be taken to the country upon party lines. He contended that everything considered he believed this course was in the best interests of the country. In order to facilitate matters he was desirous of having simply a president of the council sworn in who would take control of the House and pass the necessary estimates. This would do away with the necessity of breaking into the business of the session in order to allow the new ministers an opportunity to meet their constituents.

This morning Capt. Tatlow was sworn in as President of the Council, and will assume control of the House this afternoon in the absence from the chamber of Premier McBride, and will make the proposition to pass necessary supply.

The new Premier realizing the debt he owes to the large following of Liberals who have assisted very materially in placing him in the position he to-day occupies, says he is prepared to deal fairly with them. In supply which is proposed to be granted he wants no unfair advantage taken. He is satisfied that the estimates to be presented for the next session of the House to cover the necessities of the time intervening before the new House can be called together should be fairly distributed.

In line with this idea a committee of the House, composed of five from each side, were asked this morning by Mr. McBride to undertake a revision of the estimates, and to consider any items which might be of contentious character. This committee went to work at 10.30 in cedar room and consisted of Messrs. Semlin, Paterson, Tatlow, Fulton and Kidd for the old opposition, Messrs. Clifford, Houston, McInnes, Hall and Ellison for the old government party. It is expected they will be able to bring down to the House estimates agreeable to all concerned mutually. This committee expects to be ready to report this afternoon to the House.

Further, Mr. McBride assured the Times reporter that he would deal fairly with the Liberal party in preparing for the election. He says he will take no undue advantage over the Liberal party in any way in preparing the lists or carrying out the preliminary arrangements for the test of strength. All he desires is a fair test of the will of the people upon party lines. He is ready to abide by the decision of the electorate. Naturally the step which has been taken has caused a good deal of bitterness. The Conservatives regard this step of the opposition leader as rather sharp practice on his part in supplanting the recognized heads of the party, and in response to telegrams, Charles Wilson, their leader, came down from the Mainland last night.

Mr. Wilson was busily employed this morning, and an expression of his views could not be obtained. But in Mr. Houston, Nelson, the chairman of the Conservative executive, the House has a gentleman who is supposed to accurately represent the views of the party. Mr. Houston looks very much askance at the new chief, and if any one wants to make the Nelson legislator warm he need only ask him his opinion of the probable outcome of the Conservative party in the Kootenays with its aggregation of dismissed and discredited chiefs and its new leader.

Among the Liberals there is a disposition to accept the situation philosophically. Men like Messrs. Munro, Oliver and Paterson are recognized as the heavyweights of the old opposition party, and without their prestige much of what has been accomplished could not have taken place. It is probable that the disintegration of the party would have come sooner had not Mr. McBride repudiated as an error and a slip of the tongue on the day of the defeat of the Prior government, a statement that he favored an appeal to the country at once on party lines.

Smith Curtis, on the other hand, warmly espouses the position Mr. McBride has taken, and advised him to that effect prior to the caucus. He believes that the division which must come some day is advisable at the present moment, and will prevent endless complications in the future. On every hand Liberals are insisting

that the party must now be got together, the differences healed and a united front presented for the approaching fight. It is possible that a meeting of the provincial Liberal executive will be held here this evening.

It is altogether likely that supply will be granted by the House, as a dissolution is regarded as inevitable in any event, and the country stands in urgent need of supply.

The state of ministers which Mr. McBride will ultimately submit to His Honor was stated by one of his closest friends this morning to be as follows: Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, R. McBride; Minister of Finance, R. G. Tatlow; Attorney-General, Chas. Wilson; Minister of Mines, R. F. Green; Provincial Secretary, J. P. Fulton; President of the Executive Council, A. E. McPhillips; R. E. Gosnell, it is understood, will continue to act as the Premier's private secretary.

To Come Before House.
The committee having undertaken in a formal way the revision of the estimates preparatory to their being passed by the House, if such was agreed to, decided this morning to postpone further consideration of the question until the session of the legislature was secured. Accordingly inspections will be asked this afternoon, after which it is agreeable to the House, the committee will continue its work.

Should the passing of necessary supply not be agreeable to the House the legislature will immediately be dissolved. Premier McBride will swear in his cabinet and the verdict of the people will be taken.

In the preparation of the lists Premier McBride thinks that not longer than four months will be required. He has in contemplation the preparation of a pamphlet setting forth the rules to be observed by voters in order to have their names placed on the new lists. This will enable all entitled to a vote to be put upon the lists so that no undue advantage may be taken. This is in keeping with his decision to deal as fairly as possible in the matter. This afternoon some private bills which have yet a few stages to go through will be proceeded with.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The path of the new Premier, R. McBride, promises to be anything but strewn with roses. By his action in declaring that he would form a party line administration, he has alienated the most effective section of his former following; while by the same token he has aroused the hostility of the old line Conservatives, who accepted Messrs. Prior, Eberts or Wilson as their leader. His advent in his new role is regarded as the act of an interloper, and while he may find Conservatives willing to support him to the extent of giving supply, their classification under his banner will cease there.

The attitude of the Conservative party of this city this morning, which is regarded as the personal mouthpiece of a most heinous offence in the eyes of the Prior Conservatives, who at the time of the Victoria bye-election enunciated the doctrine that lawyers would be anathema in all future administrations in this country.

Still another objection comes in the sectional spirit displayed in excluding the whole of Vancouver Island from representation in the cabinet with the exception of the honorary post of president of the council, which Mr. McBride has graciously indicated he will assign to Mr. McPhillips.

On the Liberal side immediate steps are being taken for closing up the ranks and preparing for the impending fight. To-day a meeting of the provincial executive is being held in Vancouver when the question of a Liberal convention in the immediate future will be considered. It is understood that there are now sufficient applications from Liberal associations to warrant this step under the constitution, and there is little doubt that Mr. Martin will facilitate such a move in view of the new conditions which have arisen. The government with supplies--the Dominion government

and Hall, who are members of the Liberal executive, were members of the Mainland to attend the meeting.

The committee appointed by the house to consider the estimates worked late last evening, and made very marked progress with their task. Last evening they completed the consideration of the main estimates, which were left practically untouched, and went into the supplementaries in which there promises to be a very large increase. All the promises and assurances given by the old ministry, the committee seemed to consider should be kept, and the result was that the original provision in the form of supplementaries was very largely augmented.

The committee resumed its labors this morning. The committee will sit again this evening. While the main estimates are turned over to the House practically as they stand there is a recommendation made that in certain lines these might be radically reduced. Certain sections are specified which are those relating to salaries, etc. This will not affect the public works at all. In the supplementaries lists increases are being made. Some of the members of the committee intimate that these increases are not so much in any large items, but increases all along are being asked for, more particularly in the up country. There is a vote of \$20,000 for Vancouver hospital.

The committee seem to consider it useless to fight these items out in their meeting, knowing that they have no authority in the matter, and that the House will have the privilege of either agreeing or disagreeing with them and finally deciding upon them. The present government will be forced to take the responsibility for these matters. Under the present financial conditions it is not considered likely that many increases will meet with the wishes of

the Provincial government--and one session--I think it was a session or two after--got there--after I was in the House--I forget the year, it was 1887, '88 or '89--there was a sum of \$4 or \$5 down on the Auditor-General's report for E. G. Prior, or Fellows & Prior, or I think it was E. G. Prior & Co., but it was not Limited Liability, then I owned it all. Well, the opposition got on to it, and they were going to try and make me lose my seat, but fortunately we found an opposition man, a doctor, who had been paid \$5 for attending some Indians or other, so it was a saw-off.

Q--I think yours was the first case? A--It might have been one way or the other, but I think it was the opposition. They told me then in the House, Why don't you form your company into a joint stock company? and I said, Oh, I suppose it would be better, and then they said, "You can supply any government that you like." After looking into the matter, I found that there were some in my employ then who knew the business, and who would like to go into it; so I sold them some of my stock and formed it into a limited liability company.

Q--Although you were a majority owner of the stock in the firm of E. G. Prior & Co., and you don't think there is anything inappropriate in your government or the government of which you are a member buying from your firm? A--Certainly not, any more than a member who is a lawyer, or is attorney-general, and his partner takes charge of looking after a private bill for anybody and lobbying it through the House.

Q--You say that Mr. Gamble told you he thought it was a mistake for your firm to tender on account of you being a member of the government? A--Yes; he said so.

Q--You don't agree with Mr. Gamble? A--No; I don't.

In the House.
Capt. Tatlow, on the Speaker taking the chair, reported on behalf of the special committee appointed by the House that considerable retrenchment could be effected, 2 to 11 inclusive, and these should be made by the government, even though the estimates as laid before the House were adopted.

Mr. Hunter, on privilege, asked if it was true as stated in the Colonist that the cabinet was as follows: Premier and Chief Commissioner, Hon. Richard McBride; Minister of Finance, Hon. R. G. Tatlow; Minister of Mines, Hon. Robt. F. Green; Provincial Secretary, Hon. P. J. Fulton; Attorney-General, Hon. Chas. Wilson; President of the Council, Hon. A. E. McPhillips.

He thought it was not too much to ask if this was true. It was of vital importance. He wanted also to know if the leader of the government was sitting in the House drawing a salary or not. The act of 1899 did not specify whether the President of the Council should draw a salary or not.

He wanted a clear explanation of these matters. Capt. Tatlow said that he had no information as to who were to be members of the Premier's government. It was his intention to make an announcement with respect to that in the course of two days perhaps. He was sorry to say he was not drawing a salary in his official position.

The House then proceeded with the orders of the day.
Statement By Sir H. Tupper.
Vancouver, June 3.--Sir Hibbert Tupper denies the statement in this morning's Colonist that he is intending to desert the House of Commons to break into provincial politics. He says he never plans so far ahead, but announces that as a matter of business he won't run again for the Dominion House for Pictou, as it takes too much time to go to Ottawa.

FISHERMEN'S WAGES.
Meetings Being Held for Purpose of Deciding Prices--Few Japs Will Fish.
Vancouver, June 2.--Meetings are being held in Vancouver nearly every day by cannery and fishermen, or jointly by representatives of the two organizations, for the purpose of arriving at a decision of what price shall prevail on the Fraser during the salmon season this year. The cannerymen have announced that the highest price they will pay is 15 cents for July and 14 cents for August. Some of the Japanese have submitted offers of 10 and 15 cents for the respective months, while the white fishermen are, through their unions, holding out for 18 and 17 cents. These are now being discussed, and a settlement may be made in a few days.

In Stevenson a rather peculiar state of affairs exists compared with other seasons. The canneries are already making big preparations for the season, but the Japanese fishermen are not on hand. Not one-tenth of the number usually making ready for the season are getting their boats and gear in order, and it is doubtful if more than 400 or 500 of the foreigners will be fishing this year. A short time ago their representatives published a statement that there was no more in fishing at prevailing rates, and advising the Japs to remain at their present more remunerative employments in the woods and mills along the coast. Around Vancouver there are dozens of logging and shingle-boil camps, where none but Japanese are employed, and in these they are making a great deal more money than they would if they went fishing on the river, even if assured a large run of fish.

W. F. Bullen was among the passengers from the Sound by the Rosalie this morning.

LADYSMITH LIBERALS.
Association Organized and Officers Elected at Meeting Monday Night.

Nanaimo, June 2.--At an enthusiastic meeting of the Ladysmith Liberals held last evening it was decided to organize a Liberal Association. Mr. Sloan, organizer, urged immediate action in order to be prepared for the approaching elections. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Sir Wilfrid Laurier; president, D. J. Thomas; first vice-president, H. Kay; second vice-president, P. Malone; secretary, D. Gourley; treasurer, C. H. Rummings; executive, D. McKinnell, W. Jones, H. Carroll, S. Mottishaw, Jr., T. Allan and T. Munis. A motion was passed that a convention of the provincial Liberals be held at an early date.

The residence of W. McLellan, of the five-acre lots, together with part of the contents, was totally destroyed by fire late last night. The blaze was caused by a defective chimney. The loss is unknown.

WANTS MORE COAL.
If Miners Do Not Keep Breakers Going Why Will Be Discharged.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 2.--President Baer, of the Reading Company, has issued orders that miners who will not extend enough coal to keep the breakers in operation nine hours a day are to be discharged. He says if the present system is kept up the company will be at least \$500,000 tons behind its output at the end of the year, beginning with April.

THE DREDGING OF VICTORIA HARBOR.
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WORK.
Grand Trunk Pacific Bill Again Before Committee--Success of Sir W. Mulock's Scheme.

Ottawa, June 2.--The Liberal members with Mr. Keefe, resident engineer of British Columbia, by an interview with Hon. J. Sutherland and arranged for an additional new dredge for Vancouver, a snagboat for the Fraser river and additional dredging for Victoria. The dredger King Edward will be sent to Victoria not later than July. Grand Trunk Pacific.
The Grand Trunk bill was again talked over at committee to-day. A. G. Blair said that he was not of the same opinion as the Maritime province men, and believed that the road should go to the nearest seaport and not to Moncton, but he also did not look with favor on paralleling the Intercolonial. The motion made to commence construction in British Columbia and the eastern section at the same time was voted down by a large majority. An amendment by Mr. Sprule to commence on all sections east of Winnipeg simultaneously and an amendment to build to St. John instead of Moncton were both voted down, also by large majorities. When the hour of adjournment was reached Hon. R. Prefontaine gave notice of an amendment to secure connection between the road and Montreal.

Favorable.
Sir William Mulock's efforts to bring about greater intimacy between Canada and other parts of the Empire by extending the distribution of Canadian newspapers continue to bear fruit. Sarawak, the Transvaal, Zanzibar, Gambia, Ceylon and British Honduras have just replied to a communication from the general note, all signifying their willingness to receive Canadian newspapers for distribution when these are posted in Canada at our domestic rates.

THE NEW BANK.
Provisional Directors--Capital Stock Placed at \$2,000,000.
Ottawa, June 2.--The provisional directors of the Pacific Bank of Canada are Wm. Postelwath, Wm. J. Heberington, Geo. C. Thompson, and Geo. Clay of Toronto, and A. G. Murray of Gore Bay, Ont. The capital stock is placed at \$2,000,000. The head offices of the bank will be at Victoria. Ralph Smith, M.P., is suffering from an attack of pleurisy. Alexander Fraser, a millionaire lumberman, died here yesterday, aged 76.

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MARTIN RESIGNS THE LEADERSHIP

LEFT IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER ELECTION

No Liberal Convention to Be Called--Campaign Committee Have Been Appointed.

Vancouver, June 3.--"I hereby place my resignation as leader of the Liberal party in the hands of the provincial executive."

This was the announcement to-day which caused a sensation at the meeting of the executive of the Liberal Association of British Columbia. Mr. Martin's avowed reason was to promote harmony and avoid friction in the party throughout the province. He refused to discuss the matter further before leaving for Victoria by boat at 2 p.m.

John Oliver, Mr. Baxter and one or two others pulled very strongly for a convention, but were out-voted by the other members of the executive.

The plan, in brief, is that the party will go to the country without a provincial leader, and that no general convention will be called. The idea is that each riding hold a local convention, nominate candidates, and a caucus of the members elected will, after the election, choose a leader from amongst the elected members.

The meeting was pretty lively at times. Many local Liberals are much disappointed that no convention is called. They question the power of the executive to refuse a convention when it is requested by fourteen or fifteen associations, as is said to have been done.

The meeting was called at 11.30 a.m. Those present were as follows: Stuart Henderson, vice-president, in the chair; Wm. Sloan, T. S. Baxter, R. Hall, J. C. Brown, John Oliver, W. J. McMilligan, J. Jardine, Dr. Sinclair, H. G. Miller and Joseph Martin, by invitation, he not being a member of the executive.

It was decided that, looking to the imminence of the dissolution of the legislature and the short time available, it would be inadvisable to call a convention of the party, and Mr. Martin agreed with this view, and as there had been throughout the country a certain amount of feeling regarding the constitution of the last convention as not being representative, and as on that and other grounds the action of the convention in electing Mr. Martin as leader of the Liberal party had been challenged, Mr. Martin told the executive that the best course under the circumstances seemed to be for him to place his resignation in the hands of the executive and make that body, which is more representative of the Liberals of the province than any individual could be, responsible for immediate arrangements.

Mr. Martin immediately wrote his formal resignation as above quoted. It was moved and carried that Mr. Martin's voluntary resignation be accepted. It was resolved that an appeal be made to the Liberals of the province to fall into line, and work together for the purpose of bringing into power a Liberal government. The following campaign committee were named:

Vancouver Island--R. Hall, Wm. Sloan, and J. Jardine.
Kootenay--Interior District Liberal Council, D. Ross, secretary.
Lower Mainland--J. Martin, J. C. Brown, J. Oliver and W. J. McMillan.
Middle Country--S. Henderson, H. G. Miller, M. P. Gordon, Robert Horland and D. Stoddart.

BRIDGE GAYE WAY.
Twenty-Seven Workmen Reported to Have Been Drowned.

Kansas City, June 1.--A message to the Times from Karsaga City, Kan., by way of Leavenworth, at 2 o'clock this morning, says twenty-seven men at work on the Union Pacific bridge when it went down, were all drowned. It is stated that many persons saw the men drowning.

THE AFFAIRS OF A. E. AMES & CO.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT ISSUED LAST NIGHT

Will Be Able to Pull Through—Atlas Loan Company Has Closed Its Doors.

Toronto, June 3.—A. E. Ames has resigned the presidency of the Metropolitan Bank, and is succeeded by Rev. Dr. Warden, the vice-president. In view of the suspension of A. E. Ames & Co., the directors have issued a statement to the effect that the firm is indebted to the Metropolitan Bank only in the sum of \$50,000, which is amply secured. That bank cannot possibly suffer any loss. Mr. Ames had no account with the bank. As outcome of the suspension, the Atlas Loan Company, of St. Thomas, of which A. E. Ames, one of the partners of the Ames firm, is president, closed its doors this morning. This step was taken on account of the Imperial Bank withdrawing the loan company's line of credit. Mr. Wallace says the depositors will be paid in full. St. Thomas people are not cheerful. Many people in that city have deposits with the loan company, and they claim that mortgages upon which deposits have been loaned have been nearly all hypothecated, and that nearly all securities are of a speculative character. Mr. Wallace says the holders of the concern reside in Elgin county.

A statement issued to-night places the firm's liabilities at \$10,140,000, with a book surplus of \$1,000,000. The firm had a surplus of individual members of the firm.

Some clients have taken up their stock, reducing liabilities to \$7,500,000.

The firm was liquidated by stock by clients and left free from attack and given reasonable indulgence by interested corporations. The failure was due to Boston and New York brokers demanding that Ames & Co. take up their shares.

Senator Cox has issued a statement in which he ascribes the failure as due to the continued depression in stocks. Calls for additional margins became so heavy that many borrowers were unable to respond, making it necessary for the firm to suspend. He does not consider the banks are likely to lose anything. The intrinsic value of the stocks are all as good as they were before the failure.

The general prosperity throughout the country is of such a character that he expects things will soon regain their normal state.

A Toronto correspondent telegraphs under date of June 2nd, as follows: "What the failure of A. E. Ames & Co. means to this city is not yet possible to say. The liabilities of the firm will reach up into millions, but no reliable estimate can at present be made, and as yet no statement has been published. The firm's securities were pledged with financial institutions in both Ontario and Quebec. It is impossible, as yet, to show who will be affected by the failure."

The statement is made to-night that the Bank of Montreal will take charge of all Twin City stock held by the defunct firm, and that strong financial interests will stand behind Ames & Company till the market rallies and the securities which the firm held are again placed on a reasonable basis.

Ames & Company were heavily interested in a number of Canadian and American industrial issues, which have been steadily pushed by outside interests and which have as steadily declined. The break in the Coal and Steel stocks has been one of the principal factors. Ames & Company are said to have held Dominion coal for \$140,000, which was sold down to 80. Dominion Iron and Steel Preferred they secured at 75 to 80. It sold yesterday at 48. Steel bonds, at one time sold at 45, are now at 32, and the new 4 1/2% Canadian Pacific, which was sold at 78, is now at 74. Sheffield Southern Steel Company, in which Toronto investors are largely interested, and which was held by Ames & Company, sold up to 52 1/2, but is now at 42. Twin City, which Ames & Company were largely instrumental in introducing to Canadian investors, sold up to 128, but could be secured this morning at 67. Canadian Pacific, another popular Canadian stock, reached 143 in the boom times, and is now quoted at 117 1/2. These were the leading Canadian stocks in which the firm was most largely interested, but it was carrying large blocks of American stocks which have shared in the general decline.

The firm did a large private banking business, and unbusiness in the stock markets and reports some months ago of its financial difficulties, led to a withdrawal of considerable sums. This tended to cripple the firm at the most inopportune time. The difficulties of the investors in the savings bank branch of the business are estimated at \$700,000. When the suspension was announced this morning there was the greatest excitement in the stock market. The stock exchange around the door of the firm, on which was posted a slip of paper telling of the suspension, curious crowds gathered, and commented on the notice. The rumor at once connected other firms and institutions with the Ames suspension, and naturally the Metropolitan Bank, which Mr. Ames had organized, was the subject of discussion. In the bank itself, at noon, there was an excited crowd gathered, all anxious to see Manager Baillie, but there was no appearance of a run. The gentleman who spoke to him, Mr. Baillie said that among those on the inside, the troubles of Ames & Company had been known for the past 4000 months, and that all the financial institutions involved had taken care to protect themselves. So far as the Metropolitan Bank was concerned, Mr. Baillie stated to this gentleman that there was one million dollars in gold in the vault, and that the

FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED

HEAVY RAIN STOPS RAVAGES OF FIRES

Thousands of People in Topeka and Kansas City Are Still in Danger.

Topeka, Kas., June 1.—It is now believed that the number of lives lost in the flood here will not exceed twenty. No lives were lost in the fires and only eight buildings were destroyed. Barz's reports were unavoidably exaggerated. The burning of lumber piles gave the impression that the whole of the north part of the city was going, and no one was found who placed his estimate of the loss of life under the hundreds.

Almost Isolated. Kansas City, Mo., June 1.—The cessant aspect of the flood situation here showed no improvement this morning, except that the fires which it was feared last night would spread, were put out by the rain and the flood itself. So far as rail communication was concerned, the city was almost an island. The only communication, and that was very uncertain, was by a road running southeast. No trains were running this morning. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas is operating the usual number of trains. Rock Island officials reported no traffic in that direction. The Chicago Great Western line has no trains for two days and sees no prospect of any. The Chicago & Alton runs out of Independence, Mo., last night with Kansas City passengers.

The Missouri. Omaha, Neb., June 1.—The Missouri river continues to rise at Omaha, but it is expected to reach its maximum when it is about 15 feet or three feet below the danger line. There was an appreciable fall at St. Louis this morning. Bottoms were being flooded at many points between Sioux City and St. Joseph. Falls City, Neb., is entirely cut off from outside communication, but a train having arrived there in several days.

Tells of Situation. Chicago, June 1.—W. K. Hackett, of Fort Wayne, who arrived this morning from Ottumwa, in an interview, said last night at 7 o'clock the tracks at the city hall were flooded. Reports of people were homeless. Citizens were arranging to care for the families who have lost their homes by the flood in the city hall and other buildings. The water in the city hall was 20 feet deep. No trains were running on the Burlington west of Ottumwa. The water supply is shut off. There has been no deaths reported.

More Deaths. Emporia, Kas., June 1.—The north fork of the Neosho has fallen eleven feet, but the south fork of the Cottonwood is now six inches higher than at any time in 30 years, and another two foot rise would mean a total rise of 13 feet. Since the Neosho river water level has begun to rise, reports from the country have begun to reach here, and indicate that the valley of the Neosho above here is a desolate waste. No loss of life is reported here yet, but Council Grove reports four bodies found in houses since the water subsided.

Driven to House-Tops. Keokuk, Ia., June 2.—The Egyptian levee below here is broken in twenty different places and the water is running through the streets of Alexandria, territory ten by twenty miles in the Clark county, Missouri, is submerged. Inhabitants are on the roofs of the houses firing guns for help. A government boat and men have been sent to the scene from here. No loss of life is reported.

ALMOST COMPLETED. Cable Steamer Anglia Has Arrived at Guam. Manila, June 2.—The British cable steamer Anglia, engaged in laying the Commercial Pacific cable, arrived at Guam at midnight. She had good weather throughout and her trip from this port was entirely successful. It is said that the Guam end of the cable will be spliced to-day, completing connection between Manila and Guam.

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Atlanta, Ga., June 2.—A Constitution special from Gainesville, says: "A car has just come in from New Holland Springs, and the conductor states that 20 dead bodies have been recovered so far, and that there are 117 injured there."

By a long distance message from Gainesville shortly after noon to-day, it was learned that that city was struck by a terrific tornado, killing probably 200 persons, unroofing the city hall and other large buildings, and destroying the Gainesville cotton mills. The death list will not be known until the debris is cleared away. The greatest loss of life is reported in the destruction of the cotton mills, where about 80 are believed to have been killed, and a score injured. Eighteen persons were killed in the city between the centre of the town and the railroad station, where four large stores were blown down. The storm had driven many people into the stores for refuge and they probably all were killed.

There were 500 at work in the cotton mills when the storm came. The mill was a three-story building. The roof of the city street car barn was blown off. The tornado struck the town in the southern portion. It came with a frightful roar and the day was turned into night. As people fled from the storm they were caught in the wind and bodily blown in all directions. Some houses were torn into fragments, others were lifted from their foundations and carried intact for quite a distance. Roofs sailed like leaves in the air and several persons were carried over three blocks in a house by the wind.

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The Journal to-morrow will say: "The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy passenger train No. 3, from Chicago to Kansas City, due here at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, has been lost track of. It is not deemed possible, nor the thought entertained by the railway officials, that the train has been wrecked. Nevertheless, General Agent Harmon was notified yesterday from the Chicago offices, and Supt. Mulhern was urged to expedite every possible effort to locate the missing train and relieve its passengers at all costs. A tug was chartered and a voyage made down the Missouri river to Birmingham. Nothing was to be seen of the train. Men have been started on horseback to Liberty with orders to keep as close as possible to the track, and to carefully investigate what is known as a great washout two miles east of Birmingham. The possibilities of the train having tumbled into the washout are remote to a degree, because many people are constantly along the railway route, and they would have seen some parts of the wreckage. The water is 35 feet deep, however."

At Topeka. Topeka, Kas., June 2.—The flood situation in Topeka to-night can be briefly summarized thus: Known dead, 48; river falls three feet, and is now receding at the rate of two inches an hour.

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The annual convention in 1904 is to be held in this city, and it is expected that the Victoria branch will be represented in the neighborhood of two thousand delegates, as it would be natural that the convention would choose a meeting place at the city showing the greatest interest in the work and having the largest membership.

The Victoria branch is showing great activity, being inspired with the hope—highly creditable to its members—to secure the future sittings of the convention, and eventually the headquarters of the provincial association, for Vancouver.

It is therefore behooves the citizens of Victoria to enroll themselves as members of their local branch, and contribute to its support, in order to secure for the city all the benefits to be derived from the permanent establishment of a live, active industry, which would exercise great influence in promoting mining and its many kindred industries.

You are, therefore, earnestly requested to forward your annual membership fee to the treasurer, and to invite your friends and neighbors in the good work of the association.

FRANK I. CLARKE, Secretary.

The questions which the local branch will discuss at their general meeting are contained in the following circular, copies of which were mailed to the various branches by the executive of the provincial association:

To the Officers and Members of the P. M. A. of B. C. Branch.

Gentlemen—Since the convention, which was held here in February, you will be glad to hear that a considerable amount of work has been done by your duty elected executive, the results of which will reach you in a few days in the shape of the Convention Number of the B. C. Miner.

This, as you will see, on pages 10-13 is concluded with a report from your constitution committee appointed to endeavor to settle the Fernie strike, and on whose successful efforts the executive desire to congratulate you.

Your delegates will doubtless have told you of the determination of the executive to keep in close touch with each local branch of the organization, and for which purpose your member of the executive, with the consideration of the various statements upon which your opinions are desired, so that we may all work in thorough accord and harmony. It is only in this way that our organization can live and be effective.

In pursuance of the above, you will be glad to hear that in our common interests, I am instructed to bring to your notice the various matters set out below, and to ask that you will consider them in your next meeting and return to me with your answers and opinions, to be considered by the executive, which will sit again during the next two or three months.

The executive feels that its work is of first importance to us all, individually and collectively, and it relies on you to bring to its assistance all your powers, your local knowledge and your concentrated endeavors to co-operate with it in perfecting the outside branches and bringing you to me with your answers and opinions, to be considered by the executive, which will sit again during the next two or three months.

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In this connection I am instructed to state that the desire of the executive is that the convention shall meet one week prior to the meeting of the legislature, so that it may be in readiness to have your views laid before the members of the House.

You will observe that the government accepted many of the suggestions made by the convention, and have already acted upon several, notably, the Conciliation Act, the six months time allowed for the redemption of crown granted mineral claims sold for delinquent taxes, the more thorough advertisement of public notices in local daily and weekly papers instead of the B. C. Gazette, and the readjustment of the taxation of mines. The amendments to the Placer Mining Act are now before the House.

The executive desires to have the views of the local branches upon the best method of securing prompt local organization throughout the province. Two methods naturally suggest themselves; first, a salaried official organizer employed by this executive; and secondly, a local organizer, whose remuneration shall be determined by the local branch, which, either of these do you favor, or can you suggest another and better plan?

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Your attention is called to the fact that every branch is entitled to select from its members one representative on the finance committee. Please select your representative and notify the secretary of his name and address.

The executive committee will be pleased at all times to receive suggestions from you, and upon any matter affecting the mining industry, to answer all questions upon any matters within its province, and to interview the government on matters which affect your locality generally.

A. L. BELVEA, Secretary.

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JAMES BAY CREW WON AT SEATTLE

DEFEATED UNIVERSITY BY FOUR LENGTHS

Finished First Without Any Efforts—Were Successful in the Canoe Contests.

Seattle, June 4.—The regatta under the auspices of the University of Washington opened here yesterday. Preceding the race between the University crews, the James Bay Athletic Association Juniors (Victoria) were called out for the race with the second crew of the University of Washington. Owing to sickness Horner, the second crew's bow oar, George Dickinson, an old Yale oar, was substituted.

The Victoria four were the first to take the water, and were roundly cheered as they headed for the starter's post. The second crew of the varsity boys were also accorded applause, but while the elements of rowing were to be distinguished in their stroke, it was a foregone conclusion that they would have no show against the experienced and trained men from the north.

The gigs got away together, but the visitors gradually crept ahead until they were leading at the half-way stake by a length. Just at this juncture, Brackett, the second crew's stroke, caught a crab, and the James Bay four were three lengths to the good before Washington could recover the stroke. But the Washington boat did not quit, and although Dickinson and Brackett were in an almost exhausted condition they pulled like demons to the finish, crossing the line about four lengths behind the Victorians, who won without effort.

Immediately preceding this race was a four-paddle contest between a crew from the university and one from the James Bay Athletic Association, over a half mile straight away. Here, again, the Victoria club showed superior skill by spurring home a length to the good. It was not until after a good contest and held the last 100 yards of the race that the Victorians had it won, the university canoeists making game efforts.

The process of the James Bay Athletic Association on the water was again exemplified yesterday when every event in which the local oarsmen took part resulted in victory for the Victoria crew. Included in the programme were four events, and three of these were won by the J. B. A. Upon arriving at Seattle the boys were received with marked courtesy by the students of the University, and throughout their stay on the Sound everything possible was done to contribute to the enjoyment of their visit.

The junior four-oared crew had little difficulty in capturing the race with a similar crew from the University of Washington. Without exerting themselves to any great extent the Victoria boys crossed the line with a good lead, and were given an enthusiastic ovation by the many in attendance. The local four was somewhat different from that originally intended. The crew selected for the rowing committee was W. W. Wilson, stroke; L. Gill, three; T. Geiger, two, and W. Jesse, bow. The latter, however, was unable to get away, and Jones replaced him. The actual crew, therefore, was W. W. Wilson, stroke; Jones, three; T. Geiger, second, and L. Gill, bow.

The first event was the tandem Pefferboe canoe race. There were only two entries, and both of these were from Victoria. The contestants were T. Patton and Arthur Gore and Harry Austin and J. Bridgman. The result was the same as when the same two met in the Victoria Day regatta at the Gorge. The race was exciting, T. Patton and A. Gore got away ahead of their opponents, and in spite of all efforts the latter were unable to make good the distance lost. Messrs. Patton and Gore finished about a half a length in the lead.

Then the junior four-oared event of the lake took place, followed by the big race of the afternoon—that between the University of Washington and University of California. The latter was won by Washington, the contest not being as even as was anticipated. The visiting crew was apparently tired with constant travel and racing. When the Washington crew drew ahead the crowds cheered wildly, and the collegians were greeted most enthusiastically upon finishing the race.

The course was on Washington lake, and long before the first event was called grand stands were crowded, and the lake presented an animated scene, being dotted with many pleasure boats gaily decorated. The boat houses were also adorned with bunting and flags. Lap-streak boats belonging to the James Bay Athletic Association were used in both four-oared events. In the race between the crews of the Washington University and the James Bay Athletic Association some delay was caused by an accident to one of the oarlocks, which, however, was soon repaired. The J. B. A. oarsmen were accorded pressing invitations to attend a dance at the Washington University last night, and two accepted.

"Do you believe that room 13 in a hotel is unucky?" asked the clerk.

"Yes," sighed the hetepetec man, "that is where I first met my wife."

A RICH MINE.

The Tyee Pronounced One of the Greatest Properties in Province by John Keen.

There cannot be a doubt that Vancouver Island will yet be the centre of the greatest mining operations in this province. The force of this remark was W. T. Paterson in the House yesterday in contending for a grant of \$50,000 for roads and trails on the island is well borne out by the extraordinary rich showing in the Tyee mine. The management of that property have never done anything in the line of "boosting" their mine. They have not required to do so. The proposition has opened out wonderfully rich, and continues to show even larger bodies. It is only within the past two months that the best body of ore has been discovered. It is in the cross-cut of No. 5, the 100-foot level. The width of the body, which is of solid ore, is 20 feet, and assays about 4.93 per cent, copper, 3.9 ounces of silver and 0.13 ounces of gold.

John Keen, president of the Provincial Mining Association, has visited the property within the past week, and has come back to the city perfectly astonished at the showing in the mine. He is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the Tyee mine, and has urged that Vancouver Island in general. With stable government in the province for a few years and the removal of the unsettled conditions which have prevailed for so long a time he prophesies that matter respecting the Tyee mine will result in a population of 50,000 inhabitants. The richness of Vancouver Island would easily warrant such an increase in population.

After going through the Tyee's workings, Keen is prepared to say that in Rossland or the Boundary he knew of no such showing as there was at this property. There is in sight at the mine about three years' ore. The success of the Tyee mine will result in a population of 50,000 inhabitants. The richness of Vancouver Island would easily warrant such an increase in population.

When the next meeting of the Board of Mines is held, Mr. Keen will make public it is believed that the stock of this company, which is now worth about \$12 a share, will advance to \$25 or \$30 a share.

This is only one mine of one of the promising camps of the Island. As Mr. Paterson pointed out yesterday in the House, the interior of the Island is shut out from development by the lack of facilities for getting it out. This he contended was a disgrace.

THE LAW SIMPLIFIED.

Chief Commissioner Sargent Gives an Explanation of New Immigration Regulations.

F. C. Sargent, chief commissioner of United States immigration, was in the city yesterday on official business. He has been down to Honolulu, has visited San Francisco and Seattle, and is now on his return to Washington, via the C. P. R. From this city he has gone to Vancouver, where he will stay for a few days, with a view to getting acquainted with the railroad and immigration officials.

The United States' entry grant was placed at Mr. Sargent's disposal for the trip from Seattle.

Mr. Sargent was met on arrival here by E. J. Conroy, chief of the Canadian branch of the U. S. Immigration Service, and by W. I. de, of Port Townsend, Deputy Black, Mr. Huestis, the local immigration officer, and Mr. Clark, of Montreal. The two fast named have accompanied the steamer Rogo Maru to Seattle, where regulations regarding local trails, and the application of the law to the Japanese immigrants aboard. Mr. Sargent was on hand when the vessel arrived from the Orient last night, and was deeply interested in the regulations regarding local trails, and the application of the law to the Japanese immigrants aboard. Mr. Sargent was on hand when the vessel arrived from the Orient last night, and was deeply interested in the regulations regarding local trails, and the application of the law to the Japanese immigrants aboard.

When asked in regard to the application of the new immigration regulations regarding local trails, Mr. Sargent stated that the law was not intended to embarrass business. Any European who declared that he was a resident of Canada for one year would not be subject to the tax of \$2 imposed under the regulation on all foreigners entering the Canadian States or Cubans entering the United States. There has been considerable speculation on this point, and there have been various interpretations of the law, inasmuch as it did not stipulate that a man should be a resident of this country before he came under the classification of Canadian.

UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

C. H. Hopkins and Miss Elizabeth Nuttall Married Wednesday at St. James's Church.

At St. James's church on Wednesday C. H. Hopkins and Miss Elizabeth Nuttall, eldest daughter of Thomas Chancey Nuttall, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Sweet. The bride was attended by the Misses Nellie, Margaret and Gertrude Nuttall, sisters of the bride. She was attired in a gown of embroidered Indian muslin with veil and real orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids wore white organdie muslin dresses with Marfle Antoinette fichus and black chiffon picture hats. They carried shower bouquets of pink carnations. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold chain and pendant, and to the bridesmaids pearl crescent brooches. There were numerous and costly presents. An informal reception was held after the ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hopkins left for Seattle and the Sound cities by the Majestic.

TOOK POISON.

Vancouver Bookkeeper, Who Was Short in Accounts Ended His Life.

Vancouver, June 4.—Wm. Kyle, aged 21, bookkeeper for the B. C. Transfer Co. and McDonald Bros. took poison last night and was found dead at midnight. An investigation of his accounts in the afternoon Kyle confessed to Mrs. McDonald that he had embezzled small sums of money. McDonald arranged to come back to the office in the evening to straighten the short accounts, and agreed not to prosecute Kyle. In the evening Kyle did not turn up, a warrant was issued and at midnight a police detective found him dead in the bed in his room. He had taken poison. There will be no inquest. An expression was given that Kyle had induced him to steal, has been arrested.

THE PRESIDENT.

A SLAVE TO CATARRH. DR. AGNEW'S CATHARRAL POWDER RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES.

D. T. Sample, President of Sample's Installation Company, Washington, Pa., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Catarrh. Remedies and treatment by specialists only gave temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catharral Powder. It gave almost instant relief. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure is for the Nerves. Heart and Blood. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co."

THE FRASER RIVER.

Lillooet, June 4.—The river is rising gradually. It rose about three feet yesterday, but has not yet reached ordinary high water mark.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

Miss Placem—"Doctor, can you tell me the secret of being beautiful?" Dr. Gruff—"Sure. The first step is to be born handsome."

LIBERALS RALLY FOR THE FIGHT

CLOSING UP THE RANKS FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Conservatives View Their Action With Apprehension—A Warm Time in Committee on Estimates.

On Thursday night in A.O.U.W. hall a mass meeting of Liberals was held. The resignation of Mr. Martin from the leadership has removed what might have been the cause of party division, and a spirit is manifest on all sides to bury these differences and unite in a common effort to secure for this province for the next four years the advantages of Liberal rule.

The Conservatives view the evidence of Liberal union with marked apprehension, and there is a growing demand in their ranks for some similar action to give them the fighting chance, especially in view of the pre-eminence of the sentiment throughout British Columbia in favor of a Liberal regime. They are now pressing, or the disgruntled section of them are, for Mr. McBride to assume again a nominal leadership for this campaign, and then if he is successful they say he should step aside and permit the party to nominate its choice. It is probable that they would insist on their views, but Mr. McBride is now in the saddle, and if he is pressed too closely he may resign in favor of a Liberal. The beaten portion of the party have, therefore, to remain humble and simulate a contentment which they are far from feeling.

Mr. McBride has not yet announced his cabinet, but it is understood he adheres to his purpose to exclude both representatives of the old Conservative organization with the possible exception of Mr. Wilson, and also of representatives of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Houston, chairman of the Conservative Association for the province, regards the action of the Liberals yesterday as the most natural and rational step to take in view of the circumstances. He cannot understand the object of holding conventions, selecting a leader, and pledging candidates to a party who may have a seat in the next house. Evidently the Conservatives have learned their lesson under Chas. Wilson.

The committee considering the bill of fare for the legislature in the way of additional supplies and necessary bills to proceed with held a meeting Thursday. It was a stormy sitting, and members indulged in very plain talk. The contention centred around the additional grant to the Bessland riding. After a lot of discussion, at the earnest solicitation of Smith Curtis it was decided to make an additional grant of \$10,000 to Slocan, represented by R. P. Greaves, in lieu of his claims. The Kootenays wanted recognition also. Sloan was granted \$10,000, and other ridings similarly treated. T. W. Paterson urged the claims of Vancouver Island for trails, and was backed up by others. This could not be refused, and a grant of \$15,000 was given.

After further discussion all these were passed over, and to settle matters these supplementaries were all wiped off the slate.

The supplementaries to be recommended in addition to those of yesterday are not more than perhaps four or five thousand dollars altogether. Finally the committee also considered the question of what bills should be recommended to the House. It was decided to pass over the private bills altogether.

Coming to the public or government bills a selection was made of those which were non-contentious in character. These were recommended to be dealt with. There was then brought to the attention of the committee that a few bills were promised to be introduced by the late government, which might be very reasonably considered. Two of these called for a six months' extension of the time for signing the Vernon & Midway railway and the Coast-Kootenay railway. Hon. Mr. Tatlow took exception to the new government taking any responsibility for these bills. Others pressed for their consideration. The Premier did not agree with these bills being gone on with, and that he would refuse to consider them at this session. By a vote of 4 to 1 it was decided against these bills being proceeded with.

PERSONAL.

Miss Annie M. Reynolds, general secretary of the World's Young Women's Christian Association, arrived from Seattle on Monday afternoon by the steamer Majestic. Miss Reynolds is one of the most prominent officials of the association, and has been identified with the work since all her life. Entering the association of Brooklyn, she was selected as secretary, and some years after was called to Iowa and she became national secretary, and finally when the World's Y. W. C. A. was formed in 1884 at a conference between representatives of the body from different countries, she was selected secretary of the new organization. Miss Reynolds is an excellent linguist. Three times she has been around the world. It is now six years since she last visited the West. On this occasion she has come from attending the national biennial convention at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and more recently the Pacific Coast conference at Capitol.

Dr. Vida Redington and Miss L. Dunbar, of Oakland, Cal.; Miss Elizabeth Rothermel, of San Francisco; Miss G. Augustine, of San Jose, Cal.; J. C. Hunt and wife, of St. W. Hunt and wife, of Balfour, of Seattle; and C. E. Evans, of Balfour, of Seattle; and H. O. Olson and W. H. Nickson and wife, of Minneapolis, Minn., are among the tourists visiting this city. They are staying at the Dominion hotel.

A. C. Hugill, representing the Lewis Publishing Company of New York, is in the city to organize the work of publishing a new history of British Columbia undertaken by this firm.

Clara—"Did papa give me a hat?" Tom—"No. He said he had no objection to our getting married, but not a cent would he give us."

NOTE CLOSED AT 11 P.M.

Page Acme Poultry Netting. A bird cannot fly through as small a hole as it can crawl through, so Page Poultry Netting is made with small meshes at bottom and large at top. No 15 gauge wire and bottom—no one else. Get Page faces and gates—they're best. The Page Wire Fence Co., Limited, Walkerville, Ont. Montreal, P. Q., and St. John, N. B.

B. G. PRIOR & CO., General Agents, Victoria, Kamloops and Vancouver.

THURSDAY'S GAZETTE.

Three New Government Appointments Are Noted—Several Companies Incorporated.

The Official Gazette published Thursday afternoon contains the following appointments: To be justices of the peace, Richard Herbert Hall, of Valdez Island; Ashton W. Spilbury, of Whanook.

A Fred William Allen, of Kaslo, to be police magistrate for that city and a magistrate for the purposes of the "Small Debts Act" for the Alasworthy mining division, the flour mill, cannery, Ladsman, Cannery, Skeena River, and distilling at Walker street, has assigned to Henry Sea and Ernest Temple in trust for the general benefit of his creditors. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of Eberst & Taylor on June 5th at 3:30 p.m.

The following companies have been incorporated: British Columbia Distillery Company, Ltd., capital \$300,000, divided into 3,000 shares of one hundred dollars each.

The Columbia Flouring Mills Company, Ltd., capital \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares

THE SITUATION.

British Columbia is to be blessed with the inestimable boon of a straight Conservative government. That will be no new experience for the province. We have had nothing else for a dozen or fifteen years, and we have obtained the reward we deserved. British Columbia is where she is to-day because of the firmness of her adherence to Conservative "principles" as exemplified in the policy of a too long line of gruffers.

The new government will come into power in a manner worthy of the name it bears. It was born in treachery and deceit. Its leader is an unstable as well as a blundering figure in the Legislature. He had no part whatever in the defeat of the Prior government. That was accomplished by the men who are now commanded to take their places on the opposition side.

Our Conservative friends have gained a notable victory. They have at their head a man of whom they should be proud. Their own acts should make their hearts swell with pride in the glory of a great achievement. For a few months they will reap where others have sown. The thought of such a great moral and strategic victory should make their righteous bosoms swell with exultation. How they will be able to strut and plume their feathers as they tell the people of the country that they stood and watched the battle from afar—how simple John Oliver and enthusiastic Smith Curtis and their friends smote one member of the government after another from their seats, only to find when they had rubbed the dust of battle from their eyes that honest Richard McBride, honorable Robert Green, trusty R. G. Tatlow and other birds of the cuckoo kind had appropriated the nests of the vanquished.

While the militant members of the opposition party and the Times have ample reason for expressing disapprobation of the course pursued by the "strong" new leader of the rehabilitated party whose record in British Columbia is as strong as the striking personality of its head, none of us has any reason to grieve at the outcome. We have accomplished that to which we set our energies. One unworthy government has been killed. Its successor has come into existence in a regular, constitutional manner, whatever we may think of the subsequent conduct of its leader. To that extent the situation has been cleared. The battlements now be joined upon clearly defined issues.

When the Houses of Parliament are notified that the ministers of the Crown have resigned or have been dismissed from their offices, and that the administration is dissolved, it is customary for them to adjourn upon some occasion is usually and properly made by one of the ex-ministers, at the request of the person who has been entrusted with the formation of a new ministry. Any further adjournments that may be necessary before the new arrangements are complete should be proposed in a similar way. For, notwithstanding their resignation, the outgoing ministers are bound to conduct the ordinary business of the House, inasmuch as they retain the seals of office, and continue in full possession of their official authority and functions, until their successors are appointed.

Now if the successors of the Prior Ministry have not been appointed they should be. Until they are appointed the Ministers retain the seals of office and continue in full possession of their official authority and functions. We should like authoritative information upon these matters. It is time the farce was ended.

GROSSLY IRRREGULAR PROCEEDINGS.

Verily the politicians of British Columbia are a distinct and peculiar class. In manners and customs they are a cut above the fellows who believe in doing all things in decency and order. The statesmen who assume to "control the House" to-day have been so eager to grasp at power under the guise of "party lines" that they have not had time to bestow a minute's thought upon any demands the province may have upon their attention. The one dominant thought is the salvation of the great Conservative party—how to reconcile to the new order of things the many who have been left out in the deal. That is no easy task, as Hon. Richard McBride has no doubt already discovered. But we have no doubt some kind of a peace will eventually be patched up and the loyal Tories of the Interior will be found lined up along with the Colonel and the gang who have been dismissed for various "indiscretions" in support of the voracious and honorable gentlemen who are to-day profiting from the persistent operations of Mr. Oliver and a few of the aggressive Liberals in the Legislature. In the meantime, if Hon. Richard McBride and his exulting strategists can spare a few moments for the consideration of other matters than their good fortune in being temporarily in positions they have secured in dishonor and are bringing into contempt, we might call their attention to the gross irregularity of the proceedings of the House they control. When Colonel Prior was dismissed no announcement of that important fact was made in the Legislature. He was asked by the Lieut.-Governor to read the letter of dismissal to the members. He refused to do it. It was the ex-Premier's duty to officially and in a regular manner inform the House of what had taken place, to place the members of the Legislature in possession of full information upon a subject in which all the people are interested. The Colonel had no little regard for his own dignity and for the rights and privileges of the people and of the Crown that he churlishly refused to do this. The opposition assumed from the fact that Mr. McBride had been called into the councils of the Lieut.-Governor that His Honor's former adviser had been dismissed, and through Mr. Green proceeded to "take charge of things." One Minister has been sworn in, and that is as far as the recognized constitutional practice has been complied with. It is presumed—in fact it has been announced—that while the personnel of the Ministers has been decided upon, they will not be sworn in until they have assisted in the passage of supply. Surely there is something grossly irregular in this. It is a recognized principle of all constitutional forms that the King's government must go on. There must be continuity. Is it not laid down by authorities that ministers must hold office

until their successors are appointed? They may not perform any acts of administration, but nominally they are in charge of the departments. If that be the case, what is the position of affairs to-day? Only the successor of Mr. Wells has been appointed. All the other old ministers are in office. In any event, it is clear that the method which has been adopted of securing a majority is altogether indefensible. The Ministers should be sworn in at once and go before their constituents for a preliminary endorsement of the government's policy—if it has any policy save the idiotic declaration that its in favor of party lines and grab when the opportunity occurs. The evident purpose of the Ministers is to evade the constitutional practice and draw their salaries for four or five months without formally ascertaining the attitude of the electorate towards this new "principle" that has been so suddenly injected into our political life. The fact that it is a "new departure" makes the necessity of regularity but the more imperative. It would not be surprising if the Lieut.-Governor should draw the attention of another Premier to the haziness of his conceptions of Ministerial responsibility. Perhaps he may call upon Mr. McBride to give his attention to the works of a gentleman named Todd, who is generally admitted to be an authority upon constitutional procedure as applicable to the colonies.

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AN INTERESTING DENOUEMENT.

The line-up of the members of the Legislature after the latest upheaval should be interesting. Will the Colonel turn around and support Mr. McBride, and thus confirm the truth of all the accusations that have been made against the expelled Premier by the members who have been told by his successor that now they have completed the work of lifting him into the saddle they may retire and do some thinking upon the ways and good faith of Tory politicians? (who can no more resist the temptation to grab the honors and emoluments of office by fair means or foul than the leopard can change his spots.) Will Mr. Prentice still insist upon the putting that motion of his that "this House has no confidence in the hon. member for Dewdney"? Will the members who have been fighting so ardently to defeat the government turn around and go to each other hammer and tongs? Or has a set of brand new principles sprung into existence with the creation of this government of true, faithful and honorable gentlemen? Will Mr. Eberts emerge purged and politically reformed under the new deal? There is a wonderful, almost magical, cleansing power about the name Conservative. This is the second resurrection of British Columbia, and little though it might be expected from the manner in which the great party was raised from the dead, the political millennium must be at hand. Will Mr. Dumsmuir's acts under the new dispensation explain definitely whether he is henceforth to be classed as a Liberal or a Conservative? Hitherto he has been claimed by both parties. Will the Colonel support the man whom it described a few days ago in effect as an infant in capacity and intellectual power? Some extraordinary changes have occurred in the political life of British Columbia, but none quite so revolutionary as that which is proposed by the "Honorable" Richard McBride. And he is not a strong man either—that is, not in character—but he has managed to rank himself pretty "high" in a very brief period.

RICHARD'S GENEROSITY.

After all there is something attractive about the character of what the Colonel a few days ago called the "infantile mind" of the new Premier of British Columbia. Mr. McBride in his ministerial inaugural expressed the deep gratitude and the depths of the obligations that he was under to the Liberals who accomplished the defeat of the Prior government and enabled him to attain a power he could never have gained by his own energies or abilities. If his duty to the Conservative party had not pressed so strongly upon him as to obliterate all his sense of honor as a man he would have been pleased to recognize in a substantial manner the debt he owed to his

"Liberal colleagues." That sentence may be interpreted as meaning that Mr. McBride had been a true man who would have played the part of a man rather than that of a traitor when he was called by circumstances to play a part he is by nature, disposition and capacity, as events have proved, utterly unfitted to play.

But Mr. McBride is not utterly lacking in gratitude. By no means. Speaking in the name of the great Conservative party, he is prepared to grant an unheard-of boon to the Liberals. He will not countenance any such procedure as was adopted in the days when his friends were supreme at Ottawa. Hon. Richard McBride will not pass any franchise act or gerrymander act for the purpose of hampering his opponents, the Liberals of British Columbia. Not at all. He will give them a fair field and no favor—for this once—let the Liberals come out and defeat his government if they can.

Probably it has not occurred to this astute and ambitious leader of a very hungry party that much more is implied than is said in this generous declaration. It is practically a confession that wherever the Conservative party has the power it is not in the habit of meeting its opponents upon fair terms. The gerrymander and disfranchising mood is the normal condition of our deliquently candid friends, the Tories. Mr. McBride is an abnormal development from abnormal conditions. Upon that point there cannot be a great deal of doubt. We would advise the friends of the new leader to seal him up. He is much more impressive in silence than in speech. Besides, he is so prone to say the wrong thing.

The medical men of Victoria, who have gained a wide reputation for their scientific attainments, will be interested in the following from the Scientific American: "M. S. Leduc recently explained before the Academy of Sciences in Paris his method of inducing sleep and anesthesia by electrical currents. He employs an interrupted current in a low resistance circuit, and sleep is induced by gradually augmenting the E. M. F. in the circuit. From further information we have received it seems that the frequency of the current used is from 150 to 200 periods per second. Besides the interrupter, there is also placed in the circuit a milliamperemeter, the period of oscillation of which is much longer than the duration of the interruption of the current. Under these conditions, when the instrument is traversed by an intermittent current the needle undergoes a permanent deviation, which enables the intensity of the currents having the same intermittence and the same duration to be compared. Leduc has experimented with currents of varying degrees of intensity, but those which gave the best results had from 150 to 200 interruptions in the second with a tension of from 12 to 30 volts. The cathode is made of hydrophilous cotton impregnated with a solution of sodium chloride of the strength of 0.60 per cent, and covered with a plate of metal. This is placed on the shaven head of the animal to be experimented on, while the anode is placed on the hinder part of the back, which is also shaved. The E. M. F. is increased till convulsions take place, and the animal falls on its side and respiration ceases. The handle of the regulator is then brought backward till respiration returns, and with a certain strength of current, tranquil, ordinary sleep is induced. The duration of the sleep is variable, in many instances lasting for two hours or more without any ill effects upon the subject. The return of consciousness is effected by the removal of the current, and no injurious consequences are said to follow.

Now look out for a great Tory rush to British Columbia! The news that a Conservative government is in power here will travel fast. There are such a number of office seekers out of "employment." The governments of the Dominion and of all the provinces save Manitoba and British Columbia are Liberal. The prairie province is on the eve of an election, and it will soon be Liberal, too. This is the only haven for the "grafters." Watch them pour in in great multitudes!

Are the claims of Arthur Wellington Smith, M.P.P., the old war horse, to be overlooked in the formation of this strong Conservative government?

And Mr. McPhillips is in the latest nest of traitors. We should have expected him to spurn such a sop with scorn and indignation.

BOATING PATALITY.

Bristol, R. I., May 31.—While trying to reach a sail boat anchored in Mount Hope bay this afternoon a party of six Fall River men capsized and three of them were drowned. Two of the others were in a serious condition when rescued from the water.

THE ICEMAN'S TROUBLES.

"My business," says John Gray, the dealer of Wingham, Ont., "is one of the most fertile fields under the sun for sowing the seeds for rheumatic suffering. For five years I was a great invalid, words cannot convey the extent of my sufferings. I was in a constant pain I endured, 6 bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure permanently cured me." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—146.

BOUGHT PROPERTY FACING JAMES BAY

C. P. R. ACQUIRE A FURTHER INTEREST

Reported to have Secured Four Lots on Waterfront for Warfare Accommodation.

Next to the proposal on the part of the C.P.R. to build a new hotel on the James Bay flats no information that has been published regarding the movements of that great corporation in its relationship to this city is more significant and interesting than the announcement, yet unauthoritatively made, that property has recently been acquired fronting on James Bay for the erection of a wharf and other facilities.

The Times has learned from a number of sources that this report is absolutely correct, but in the absence of Captain Troup, the manager of the company's coasting service, who is on the Mainland to-day, the news could not be officially verified. The land allotted to adjoint the property formerly owned by the C. P. R. Company and recently transferred to the C. P. R. Company with the formal passing of the former's assets to the big railway concern. It includes four lots facing the water and the wharf building known as the Boat estate. The sale is said to have been effected through Arthur Wolfenden, but that gentleman when asked for a confirmation or a denial of the report, declined to give any answer other than, "In fact he requested that nothing be published regarding it."

The deal, if rumor is correct, was consummated a few days ago, and indicates no uncertain manner, if further proof was necessary, that the pledge of President Shaugnessy regarding a new hotel, the present attitude of the C. P. R. Company towards Victoria. It is at once recognized that if the company erect a wharf in this city that the structure will be in keeping with the beautiful surroundings—the parliament buildings, the post office, the proposed hotel and the imposing retaining walls—and with the other great works of thoroughness in all their undertakings. A wharf would necessitate the construction of warehouses, and possibly other buildings, and would add to the general attractiveness and architectural beauty of the harbor front.

The primary object for the new wharf is that of affording accommodation for the steamer Princess Victoria, which is now being completed at Vancouver, and which will shortly be ready for service. This vessel, as is well known, is larger than any ferry steamer that has yet been in service on the Vancouver run, and while it is possible to berth her to berth, where the Chalmers at present ties up, the fact remains that at the new landing she could approach the wharf with much greater ease and in much less time, and without the jarring and rattling to make after rounding into the harbor. Furthermore the depth of water after the harbor has been dredged out will, it is thought, be greater at the new landing than at the old. At present the chart indicates a depth of 15 feet at either place.

Still another advantage which might occur to the company is the convenience of such a location to their hotel if erected. The hotel, if the other would take but a few minutes, it being little more than the length of the parliament ground square.

The property which the C. P. R. Company formerly owned, and which they have in the past been tying up their idle feet, is immediately beyond the James Bay boat house. It was acquired by the company some ten years ago. That the price paid for it was a large sum on the water front on the north side of the old custom house, but that which they have been bringing into every day usage belongs to the Hudson Bay Company. The price paid for it has been paid for the new estate is said to be about \$12,000.

Seen Wednesday regarding the report published in last evening's Times to the effect that the C. P. R. Company had lately acquired four new lots fronting James Bay and adjoining a property previously owned by the company, Capt. Troup said that what had appeared in print was substantially correct. He said that H. J. Cambie, chief engineer of the company's works, Vancouver, was down to Victoria last week on business in connection with the construction of the new wharf, and that he had seen the lots to be erected thereon, and has been instructed to prepare plans for the same. These will shortly be submitted to the company, and if passed on it is understood construction work will be begun without delay. There is a special feature about the location of the property for the purposes referred to, which Capt. Troup pointed out this morning, but which he did not care to mention, that is its sheltered situation from the strongest winds known to frequent this city. This matter had been carefully considered before any action was taken by the company, and it is understood that the Princess Victoria will be when all her house work has been completed, it would, providing she berthed at the wharf, be necessary to have a vessel when a very strong westerly wind would be blowing some auxiliary means to assist her leaving shore. With the proposed new wharf this will be avoided.

With the addition of their new property the company will have a frontage of 460 feet, and from a harbor standpoint will obliterate from view all the old shacks between the club house and Strretter's new premises. The new wharf, offices and sheds are to be built of wood, and will be keeping with the handsome surroundings. Not only this, but the appearance of a great big ship, such as the Princess Victoria, all lighted up with electricity, will present a very attractive appearance, and she will be in view of the whole city in that locality. The Times has been in-

THE TRIUMPHS OF PE-RU-NA INCREASE.

Thousands of Chronic Ailments of Women Cured Every Month—Disguised Internal Catarrh the Enemy of Women—Pe-ru-na the Only Internal Systemic Catarrh Remedy Yet Devised—Prominent Cases in Illustration.

Nervous Depression.

Summer months are peculiarly the months of nervous diseases, especially nervous prostration and other depressed states of the nervous system. People who are not at all inclined to be nervous or suffer from weak nerves find this time especially trying. Sultry heat and electrical disturbances of the atmosphere are probably the cause of this.

Invalids need to be particularly careful to fortify the nervous system by the use of Pe-ru-na.

Miss Helen Rolof, Kaukauna, Wis., writes: "Several times during the past two years my system has been greatly in need of a tonic, and at those times Pe-ru-na has been of great help in building up the system, restoring my appetite and giving me a restful sleep. I know a great number of women who are using it for the troubles peculiar to the sex, and with the best results."

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A newspaper contributor was lately admitted into the extensive suite of offices which constitute the headquarters of Dr. Hartman, who treats catarrh patients by the thousand. Among the busy swarm of assistant doctors, clerks, stenographers and bookkeepers, Dr. Hartman stopped long enough to say a few words.

"A large number of female patients visit me every year, but the number who are entered on my books as regular patients and are treated by correspondence is very much larger. Hundreds of letters are received and answered free every day. A yet greater multitude take my catarrh remedy, Pe-ru-na, and are cured, of whom I never hear. Some of this latter class write me years after their cure."

"I never allow a name published except by the written consent of the patient. We make no charge at any

formed that the whole eight lots which have fallen into the possession of the company have cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

When asked when he thought the Princess Victoria would be complete and ready to enter the Victoria and Vancouver service, Capt. Troup replied this morning that he would not like to guess on such a matter. The work of erecting her house was being advanced apace. The first section was now on, and the second had been started. This would be an important one, for on it would be located the observation room, which would require special attention. The steamer, Capt. Troup explained, will be very high out of the water. Compared with her the Yosemite would be small.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Business of Importance Dealt With at Weekly Meeting Tuesday Afternoon.

Important business was dealt with at the regular meeting of the Tourist Association on Tuesday Messrs. Hayward, McQuade, Ker, Forman, Fraser, Clarke, Henderson and Herbert—Outhbert were among those present.

It was reported that all arrangements had been made for the inauguration of a service to the Gorge. The schedule showing the number of runs per day and the time of leaving the city and Gorge is in course of preparation, and will be announced in a couple of days.

The committee having in hand the seabathing proposition asked for an extension of time in which to report.

Mr. Outhbert announced that preparations for the continuance of evening concerts at Douglas Gardens during the summer were being made, and would probably be completed in a week's time. A proposal to erect a small canopy store opposite the post office was drawn to the attention of the association. Such a move was strongly condemned, and a resolution was carried requesting the city council to take steps to prevent the erection of a store there.

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Miss Lucy M. Riley, 33 Davenport street, Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "I wish to add my thanks to Pe-ru-na for curing another woman who has been cured through the use of Pe-ru-na. I suffered for five years with severe backache, and when weary or worried in the least I had prolonged headache. This ailment had cold and was advised to take Pe-ru-na for it. I imagine my astonishment and pleasure to find that after taking two bottles not only was my cough gone, but I had no more backache or headache. I am now in perfect health, enjoy life and have neither an ache or pain, thanks to Pe-ru-na."

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Friendly Help.

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time. The medicine only is obtained by the patient at her own drug store. Those desiring to become regular patients have only to send address, duration of disease and treatment previously received, and directions for the first month's treatment will be sent at once.

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Automobiles and steam launches might be added to the list. One of the former, the White Company automobile, was recently sold to A. E. Todd, who demonstrated its power by a fast trip to Shawanigan Lake and return the other day.

Mr. Seabrook, the sole proprietor of the business, has been connected with the Albion Iron Works for twenty years, serving as manager. His extensive experience he has gained in this connection will enable him to make the wisest selections in the stock he offers for the consideration of the purchasing public.

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THREE BURGLARS ESCAPE FROM DUNCANS ON MOUNTAIN

RENCH LEAVE FROM DUNCANS ON MOUNTAIN

Far Without Success—Several Are Scouring the District.

Posses are scouring the Island of Duncan for three daring burglars and house breakers who escaped the jail at that place Monday night. The burglars are Harry Smith, Charles and George Williams, and up to-day they are still at large, a fact deeply regretted by the residents of the district and the authorities, who are sending an array of charges to the police.

For several days past houses in the vicinity of Duncan have been burgled, and their hauls have been considerable. The burglars were seen on Monday night about 10 o'clock, and they managed to escape. Several men were sworn in and every effort is being made to locate them. It was impossible to get a morning when the escape was made, so the extent of the damage cannot be estimated.

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THE LADY MANAGERS

Protestant Orphanage in Their Meeting—Donations for May.

At the first meeting of the reorganized lady managers of the Protestant Orphanage on Tuesday afternoon the house committee reported that they had paid frequent visits to the home during the month and had found the children well cared for and that could reasonably be desired.

Accounts amounting to \$72.15 were approved and passed for payment. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. F. McLeod; Vice-president, Mrs. W. Higgins; Treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Higgins; Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Goring.

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The Special Surveys Act, 1899. "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act, 1881 and the General Land Office Winding-up Act, 1898," all passed their third readings.

The House then adjourned.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The House yesterday afternoon proceeded to the orders of the day, but the following bills through their third readings: "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay"; "An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Development & Tramway Company"; and "An Act to amend the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Railway Company Act, 1891," all passed to amend the New Westminster Act, 1888, and "An Act to amend the Police and Prison Regulation Act."

Mr. Houston objected to proceeding with any further bills until the committee reported upon them. There had been relegated to a committee the right to go through the bills and select those which might be gone on with. He objected to proceeding with "An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act," on this ground alone. The committee would be ready to report in the morning, and they should wait for that report.

This was passed over, though Hon. Mr. Tatlow thought that a wrong impression seemed to prevail with this matter. Mr. Neill and Mr. Rogers wanted to have the amendment to the "Liquor License Act, 1900," proceeded with. The objection was pressed and Hon. Mr. Tatlow consented to considering the estimates.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow in moving that the House resolve itself into a committee of supply, said he had not much to say. The estimates had been brought in by the late government and had been recommended to the House by a committee of it, with a recommendation that the salaries be revised.

Coming to the financial condition of the province, he said the revenue last year was estimated at \$2,140,751. The amount actually realized had been \$1,907,925. It had fallen short of the estimates by \$232,826. Under a number of heads the revenue had come short of the estimate, in all amounting to \$457,419. On other items it had exceeded the estimate, amounting to about \$106,057. These left a discrepancy of \$540,000. He gave these figures to show that it was possible to estimate fairly just what the revenue would be.

Taking up the estimates of 1903, the revenue, he said, was estimated at \$2,222,568. It was anticipated that this sum would not be reached on account of over estimates under certain heads, and that there would be a falling off of perhaps \$235,000. The expected amount would closely approach \$1,987,568.

The speaker then outlined the different heads under which it was anticipated there would be a falling off, and also those which would exceed the estimate. The total amount of the falling off under these heads would probably be about \$119,000. Under a few heads the revenue would exceed the estimate. This would be under the following heads: Dominion government per capita grant, \$1,000; land revenue, \$30,000; timber royalty and licenses, \$100,000; and other receipts, \$7,000; Chinese Restriction Act, \$45,000; making a total of \$184,000.

He then gave a statement of the approximate position of the financial condition of the province on June 30, 1903. The balance in hand on July 1st, 1902, was \$54,403; revenue for 1903, estimated at \$2,222,568. From this would be taken the estimated deficit of \$1,987,568, leaving a total of \$1,987,568.

The loan of 1902, deducting discounts and expenses, would amount to \$3,116,833, making the total receipts \$5,158,604. Under current estimates for 1903, the amount of the main estimates would be \$2,475,467; the supplementary estimates would be \$284,356; the payments on the New Westminster bridge up to April 30, 1903, would be \$272,984. The estimated requirement for the New Westminster bridge up to June 30th would make an additional \$175,000, which made a net expenditure of \$5,307,517.

From this would be deducted the amount of the main estimates, \$2,475,467, and the estimated surplus on hand on June 30th, 1903, of \$13,811.

The anticipated condition of the finances on June 30th, 1904, he described as follows: Estimated cash on hand, \$13,811; revenue, \$2,182,476; total to credit of province of \$2,207,287. The expenditure, according to the estimates, would be \$2,491,506.

The shortage on current account was estimated at \$122,110; interest on the sinking account, \$230,000. This, without the supplementary estimates, would bring the estimated debt up to \$697,000, which, with supplementary estimates of at least \$100,000, would make the total shortage something over \$1,200,000.

The estimates had been brought in by the late government. He assumed no responsibility personally or as a member of the government for these.

The estimates had been so hastily prepared that they could not have been considered as they should have. "We will not be bound by any item on the estimates if it be found not in the public interests," continued Mr. Tatlow. Mr. Melnes wanted to know who was meant by "we." Whether it was the government or his associates. Mr. Tatlow said he was speaking as President of the Council.

The heads got enough. Some of the wages paid was a disgrace.

Mr. Gilmour wanted the estimates increased.

It was shown that these estimates could not be increased. Hon. Mr. Tatlow promised to consider this in the supplementary estimates of 1904.

Mr. Houston held that the committee had decided not to recommend any changes in salaries at the present time. It was thought that the salaries could be dealt with by the government, not alone in this institution but in all departments. They should be adjusted. He was satisfied that for every man who quit his work there would be six applicants.

Mr. Gilmour held this was false reasoning. Because a man did not quit his job was no reason for saying he was sufficiently paid.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow decided to leave the matter open until the supplementary estimates were taken up.

Mr. Gilmour wanted an explanation of the item of \$4,000 for education of deaf and dumb and blind.

Mr. Tatlow explained that many of the deaf, dumb and blind had to take advantage of institutions in California and elsewhere.

Mr. Gilmour believed that they should patronize home institutions.

Smith Curtis drew attention to the disability under which those afflicted as described suffered. He hoped the government would seek out those children who had need of the advantages of these asylums and would see that they were sent to Canadian institutions adapted to those purposes.

Upon the vote for the reformatory for boys, attention was called by H. D. Helmecken and Mr. Curtis to the unsatisfactory condition with respect to the present reformatory.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow announced that it was the intention to change the name of that institution to that of the Boys' Industrial school. The change was therefore made in the estimate in that direction.

On the vote for school furniture, Mr. Gilmour wanted to know if this would include placing flags at the disposal of schools to be used upon national occasions.

Mr. Curtis said he had intended this year to have introduced the question of free text books in the schools into the legislature. If it would be impossible to do this session, he advocated the principle. It had been introduced into Manitoba. The only objection raised to it seemed to be that of the used books going to other pupils to be again used.

Mr. Tatlow announced that by leaving the books in the possession of the pupil first using them.

Upon an item of \$4,000 towards experimenting on clearing bush lands a question was raised. Mr. Neill advocated it. It was considered a wise expenditure by Farmers' Institutes. The proposal was for the government to purchase a stumping engine and practical licenses, \$100,000, for such machinery. He would welcome the test being made in his district, and he jokingly remarked that he had a hundred and sixty acres he would let the government experiment on.

Mr. Curtis wished the item of \$15,000 for Rossland district increased. He had been promised that it would be increased by over \$14,000 before the late ministry went out of power. He went fully into the claim of the riding, showing where the necessary expenditures in this riding were needed. It would require about \$42,700 to meet the pressing needs of that large and important district.

Mr. W. Paterson said that as a member of the committee appointed to consider the estimates he had watched the changes after member from the various parts of the province came and ask that appropriations be made for one road and then another. He had finally concluded that as all were pressing for this regulation, and as there was no estimate for any expenditure on new roads and trails for Vancouver Island, he had proposed \$30,000 for the purpose.

Mr. Houston held that Mr. Curtis had made the same speech as he had for four sessions. Had he pursued the same line of reasoning Mr. Curtis would have asked for \$100,000 for his riding. The requirements for the Rossland riding were not entitled to any more for roads and trails than the Nelson riding. The new roads referred to were putting these into prospectus alone.

helped him out in getting \$7,000 for the Kettle River road.

Mr. Dunbar acknowledged that Mr. Houston had assisted in this, but that road was not in his riding, it was in East Yale.

Mr. Houston maintained that that road was nearly altogether in Mr. Curtis's riding.

Mr. Curtis said it was not. It was nearly altogether in East Yale. He pointed out that many of the improvements reported for were for roads already begun.

Mr. Houston said he was not actuated by personal dislike to Mr. Curtis. He was in the country long before that man had come here, and he would probably be here long after him. He had done much to help that member out of holes which he had gone into, and into which Mr. Curtis had got the people of Rossland into. He had gone to ministers and interested in that way.

W. W. B. Melnes said he took exception on the ground that Mr. Curtis had promised that the government would promise this \$14,000 additional. The government had done no such thing. Mr. Curtis then said before the committee that Mr. Killen had promised it, but that he also denied it.

Mr. Melnes said that through an error he had come through an error to hear the remarks of the member for Nanaimo city. There was not a word of sectionalism in Mr. Paterson's remarks, and that no such construction should be put upon his speech.

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LORD PORTMAN'S NEPHEW. THE GUEST WHO CAME UNBIDDEN TO THE FEAST. BY D. W. H.

And all our yesterday's have lighted foot The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more.

On a pleasant evening early in April, 1861, the Hotel de France, on Government street, in this city, was a scene of unworldly interest, brilliancy and activity. A prominent citizen of Yale, a man who had been foremost in works and ventures of public utility, was on his way out of the country with the object of visiting his undertakings in California. Fortune had favored the man in all his doings. On leaving Yale he had been presented with an expensive gold watch, a gold chain, and a heavy gold chain.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite stated he would be glad to contest Nanaimo city with Mr. Melnes when he would promise the latter the best thrashing he ever got in his life.

Mr. Melnes said that Nanaimo after the next election would be properly represented in the House, and further the House would be rid of such a member as Mr. Hawthornthwaite during the last session.

Mr. McPhillips called attention to the fact that he recollected Mr. Hawthornthwaite having introduced a bill into the House in 1858, the object of which was to solve the problem of steamboat navigation to Yale. None of the steamers of the regular transportation lines below Victoria above Port Hope, 16 miles below Yale, where freight was discharged into

canoes and barges and towed by manual labor to Yale. John Kurtz—for he was the enterprising citizen in whose honor the steamer had been named—had long conceived the idea that a steamboat might be built that would make the passage from Victoria to Yale with ease and in perfect safety.

He recalled the fact that in 1858 the steamer Umahilla had made the passage two or three times during high water, and he argued that what had been done once could be done again. So he set to work and was soon engaged in the formation of a company, with a capital of \$40,000. The money was quickly raised, and the new steamer was built at Laine's ways, Victoria.

Mr. Kurtz was quick at raising the money, and he was finally successful in getting all the money he needed for the project. He was in the habit of going to the bank and getting out of his pocket a roll of bank notes, and he would show them to the people who were interested in the project.

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GENERAL MEETING OF GAME ASSOCIATION. The Proposal to Place Fish Ladders in Shawigan Lake Discussed—Other Business.

At the Tourist Association rooms last evening a meeting of the Fish and Game Association was held, there being a good attendance. Geo. Weiler, president, and the first business taken up was the report of the committee, who went to Shawigan for the purpose of inspecting the falls and deciding on the possibility of constructing ladders in order to allow fish to come up to the lake more freely.

Mr. Fox explained the character of the falls, and Mr. Topp pointed out that it would be possible to blast the falls and construct steps of concrete. Mr. Fleming, one of the committee, had taken pictures of the falls, which he exhibited. After a thorough discussion it was decided that in order to accomplish the desires of the association it would be necessary to blast the falls and install ladders.

It was judged that the total height of the falls was about 45 feet. Mr. Fall held that if what blasting had been done by Mr. Koenig had cost \$500 it would cost the association about \$1,500 to carry out their intention. It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until a report had been received as to the cost from Mr. Topp.

H. Cuthbert then read the following notes of the interesting lecture delivered by J. P. Babcock, inspector of fisheries, at the last meeting of the association: "Mr. Babcock referred to being connected with a club in San Francisco, which had only one hundred members, and a waiting list of over sixty, in which one of the chief rules was that no fish should be killed less than 10 inches long, and only ten of 12 inches by any angler in one day, and suggested that fisherman in British Columbia. He also stated that before anything was done with any particular waters in the way of ladders, it should be ascertained that fish were attracted to those waters. He was of opinion that trout fishing could be better cultivated on the Island than on the Mainland. There are many waters on the Island where trout fishing could be cultivated to which would not interfere in a commercial sense, much more so than on the Mainland. He does not favor the building of ladders at Shawigan before the blasting of the obstructions in such a way as to make it possible for the fish to get up.

"With reference to fish hatcheries he did not believe that it would be feasible for us to establish any hatchery at Shawigan or anywhere else, particularly on account of the large expense entailed in such preparations, but he suggested that we might endeavor to secure trout eggs from the hatcheries at New Westminster, and that we could do so by applying to the Dominion government, especially if we promised to pay for their delivery, and strongly advised the association to follow that course in endeavoring to propagate trout for Shawigan or any other lake or stream on Vancouver Island. He certainly emphasized the fact that he did not care to see trout propagated in streams frequented by salmon.

"He could not say that cat fish destroyed trout, and at the same time there was a great demand for cat fish for table purposes. So far as he knows, they do not enter into the spawning ground of the trout, and therefore eat their fill, still he maintains the putting

of cat fish into Shawigan lake was a great mistake. In closing he was particular to impress upon the association the fact that the policy should be to kill all the big trout possible, but not to kill any small ones."

The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following: C. Hayward, president; Mr. Mann, vice-president; P. C. MacGregor, treasurer; H. Cuthbert, secretary. The following executive was also elected: Geo. Weiler, W. N. Lenfesty, O. C. Bass, E. Musgrave and H. Fleming.

The secretary presented for the approval of the meeting the following proposals to be submitted to the executive committee: 1. To place before the provincial legislature for the protection of fish in the inland waters, and game of Vancouver Island.

2. To consider the advisability of appointing an officer of the association as salaried to act under the aforesaid proposal. 3. To take immediate steps to procure "trout" from the Fraser river hatchery to be placed in Shawigan lake, and other waters of the Island.

4. To prepare a leaflet for the purpose of educating the fishermen as to the size of a fish that should be taken, and to act in general in a sportsmanlike manner, and to inform the authorities of any breach of the laws that comes under their notice. 5. To ask Mr. Pinto and Mr. Topp to be kind enough to prepare a report on the best means of removing the obstructions in Shawigan river, and report at the executive meeting to be held on next Wednesday evening.

WEEKLY WEATHER. Victoria Meteor. 27th May. An rather unseasonable ocean storm across of the province caused fresh to strong southerly winds on the Coast, and part of the week showed signs of high barometric on the Lower Mainland delta. Vegetation is still portions of the province tending to check growth but the snow is melting the temperature reaching 48 at Kamloops and 84 at Kamloops weather followed again. Fraser river is still as the water is low though and the snow is melting very slowly. At the end of rain is falling both at Kamloops.

During the last two or three days there have been American plateau, across Washington, but the right. East of the Rockies during the whole week Alberta, while further Territories and a storm of high barometric predicted that entire region, and fine summer weather has sections.

At Victoria, 26 hours a bright sunshine, wind, temperature, 64.4 on the 26th; on 1st; rain, 0.06 inch, 0.06 inch.

At New Westminster, 26 hours a bright sunshine, wind, temperature, 70 on 26th; lowest, 60 on 27th; 0.06 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 84 on 26th; lowest, 74 on 26th; 0.70 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 84 on 26th; lowest, 74 on 26th; 0.70 inch.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 27th May to 2nd June, 1903. The weather during the past week has been rather unseasonable...

During the last two days thunderstorms conditions have prevailed throughout the American plateau region in Oregon and Washington...

At Victoria, 20 hours and 42 minutes of bright sunshine were registered; highest temperature, 64.4 on the 23rd; lowest, 44.4 on 1st; min. 0.66 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 70 on 30th; lowest, 44 on 27th; rain, 0.06 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 84 on 30th; lowest, 44 on 29th; rain, 0.02 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 66 on 31st; lowest, 36 on 27th and 28th; rain, 0.0 inch.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 64 on 2nd; lowest, 34 on 25th, 29th, 30th and 2nd; rain, 0.04 inch.

At Port Simpson, highest temperature, 58 on 2nd; lowest, 30 on 1st; rain, 0.08 inch.

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Edgar, and they were charged with the usual offence, drunkenness. They were fined \$5 and \$1 costs or in default ten days imprisonment. They paid their fines. Five boys, George Leonard, Gustave McKinnon, Wm. Stewart, Wm. Bartlett and E. P. Bartlett were charged with the theft of a boat from E. Crow Baker's boat house. All were dismissed with the exception of the first named lad, who was convicted and allowed his liberty on suspended sentence, his father, however, being bound over in the sum of \$50 for his son's good behavior for twelve months.

Mr. David Moir and Miss Leta Tingloy, both of Vancouver, were married Tuesday morning by Rev. R. B. Blyth in the presence of a few friends of the bride and groom. They return to Vancouver, where they will reside.

Wm. D. Snyder, an assayer known in this city, died while at San Diego, Cal. The deceased studied assaying in this city and passed his examination as a provincial assayer. His death resulted from his having been burnt by gas-fumes while engaged in his work. He was 43 years of age and came to British Columbia from the East.

Baxter Hive, Ladies of the Macdonalds, met on Tuesday in Victoria West. There was a large attendance among those present, being a number of visitors from Hive No. 1. A concert will be held in the near future, the men of the Hive having volunteered to furnish a programme in return for the entertainment given them by the ladies.

As the 12th of July, the anniversary of the death of the "Boys" fell this year on a Sunday, the celebration will take place on Saturday, the 11th. It will be held in Vancouver, and members of Victoria Orange Lodges as well as those of Nanaimo, Port Moody, Ladner, Sapperton, Steveston, Chilliwack, Mission and other points will participate.

Details of the organization of the Fish and Game Club will be completed at a meeting to be held in the Tourist Association rooms. The report of the sub-committee which went up to Shavnigan to investigate the obstructions in the stream was submitted. All interested in the preservation of fishing and shooting on the Island are requested to attend.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital on Tuesday of John Green. He was seventy-three years of age and a native of England. The remains were conveyed to the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Home, 1125 Broadway, by the arrival of Mrs. Green, who is expected on the Charming this evening. Besides a widow Mrs. Green leaves a son, resident at Quatsino, to mourn his loss.

There were issued from the city library in the month of May 1,603 books, ladies taking 806 and gentlemen 797. About 114 was the highest number issued in any one day of the month. The average number. Eleven members joined the library, 5 ladies and 6 gentlemen. Sessional papers, 3rd session 9th Parliament, Department of Agriculture 6th Report, British Columbia, 1900, were the reports placed on the shelves.

Preparations are being made by local T. O. F. lodges for an excursion to be held some time during the summer. Committees have been appointed from each of the three lodges with the power to use every endeavor to make satisfactory arrangements. James Wilby, of Columbia Lodge, is the present chairman, and James Ball, of Dominion Lodge, secretary. A report from a sub-committee of three selected for the purpose of interviewing transportation companies will be reported at a meeting to be held to-morrow night.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Cornelius Booth, which took place on Tuesday, June 2, 2:30 o'clock from the residence, No. 65 Chamber street. Rt. Rev. Bishop Crigge conducted the services at the residence and Rev. H. J. Wood officiated at the grave. Among those present were members of the Pioneer Society, who attended in a body, and many government officials. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. A. Anderson, C. M. Roberts, B. H. John, J. B. McKillop, E. B. McKay and T. E. Woodridge.

The installation of the water meters has commenced, and the operations are being the eastern section of the city, the area on the hills from a portion of which came the cry last year. As this is a pretty extensive district it is altogether likely that the supply of meters will be exhausted there. There will be no more secured this year, as there are not sufficient funds available, but if the council adhere to its determination to apply the meter generally, another instalment will be forthcoming next year, that is, of course, if the temper of the public will permit.

The Cumbria miners of Cumberland who have been asked to go out on strike in sympathy with members of the Western Federation are now idle in that town, and have written to their friends in this city seeking advice on the matter. The latter have responded by advising that the Chinese should continue their work, explaining that in event of a compromise being reached with the white miners they would be in an altogether different position in relationship to their employer to the white miners, and a strike would simply mean a complete surrender of work.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee, which is in session, held a meeting on Tuesday and dealt with a number of matters which had been referred to them. Among these was the letter from Vice-President Wood, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, regarding their application for a lease of the market building. Another communication laid over for the committee's consideration was the schedule of rates for insurance of the employees of the sewer extension and the Point Ellice bridge works, submitted by W. A. Ward. The result of the committee's deliberations will be embodied in their report to the council next Monday evening.

An attempt was made to rob the Esquimalt canteen about 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The bluejackets who were there were aroused by noise in the

bar. Springing up he was just in time to see a man, wearing the artillery uniform, disappear through the window. Investigation discovered that nothing had been stolen, although several bottles of porter and a box of cigarettes had been placed on the window ledge preparatory to the clean-up. Entrance was obtained through the window, which had been broken. The affair was reported to the provincial police yesterday morning, and is now being looked into. An artilleryman is in the custody of the military authorities at West Point, and proceedings may be instituted against him.

A meeting of the congregation of the Methodist church, Strawberry Vale, was held on Tuesday, when it was decided to beautify the interior of the church. Half the cost of the improvements was subscribed by those present.

Rev. Samuel Lyle, D. D., of the Central church, Hamilton, Ont., confederate of the general assembly's meeting on augmentation, is expected in this city this week, and will preach in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and in St. Andrew's in the evening.

A dispatch from Peterboro, Ont., says that Mr. Harold Bruce Robertson, of this city, son of the late Hon. Alex. Rocke Robertson, was united in marriage yesterday to Miss Helen MacGregor Rogers, daughter of Lt.-Col. H. C. Rogers.

The Victoria Teachers' Institute held a meeting on Tuesday, when important business was discussed. F. H. Eaton, city superintendent of schools, was selected to fill the post of hon. president. The constitution was so revised that hereafter the Institute will meet quarterly. Under the new regulations country teachers, resident near the city, will be able to join the Institute.

Old William Keeler, disgusted at what he considered the discourteous treatment to which he was subjected by some of his fellow inmates in the Old Men's Home, yesterday afternoon packed up his bag and baggage and took his departure. His wardrobe includes three hats, a soft and two hard ones, and to avoid inconvenience he wore them all at once. He slept Wednesday night in the bush somewhere, and Thursday morning turned up at the police station.

When riding over Point Ellice bridge a few days ago Ald. Yates extinguished a blaze which had got a little further headway than he had intended. The flames were found between a couple of planks, started from a lighted cigarette. After passing with a friend some remarks were made, and Mr. Yates determined to investigate. He found that he could not stamp it out. A bucket of water, however, was then procured, and with this the fire was extinguished.

The remains of the late Jno. Roderick O'Connor were laid to rest on Thursday. The funeral took place from the family residence, No. 7 Coburg street, at 9 o'clock, at 9:30. Solemn requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father Larterne. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father Golin at the church and at the grave. The interment was testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The following acted as pallbearers: R. Carter, M. McTier, J. W. Murray, P. Giger, sr., H. P. McDowell and E. Ball.

As previously mentioned the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club and the James Bay Tennis Club have arranged for a series of later-championship matches. The series commences on the grounds of the former club on Belcher street on Monday at 5 p. m. Following is a list of the players representing the two clubs: For V. L. T. C. H. Pooley, B. Bell, Lient, Whyte, A. Martin, D. M. Rogers and F. T. Cornwall. For J. B. A. T. C. H. Hilton, J. Leeming, J. A. Rihet, F. Macrae, L. York and H. Russell. The list of the matches arranged will be published later. All those interested in the event are cordially invited to attend.

In anticipation of the meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Vancouver this month the issue of The Presbyterian of May 30th gives special attention to British Columbia. Various parts of the province are described and illustrated, are given many of the most prominent clergymen of the Presbyterian church in British Columbia, also appear among the illustrations. Two pages are devoted to a separate write up of Victoria, the capital city. This article is illustrated with half-tones of the parliament buildings, First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, M.A., St. Andrew's church; Rev. D. McKee and Rev. Alex. Fraser. The beauties of the city are fittingly described by Rev. Mr. McGregor. This assembly number of The Presbyterian is a highly creditable one.

A Port Townsend pleasure party, while on an outing down the Straits a few days ago, was overtaken by the U. S. cutter Grand and their sloop, the Onida, was taken in tow. The sloop was commanded by one John Wilson, who makes his home on Discovery Bay. The party with him at the time was composed of John McBride, his wife and two small children, Win McBride and Charles Harvey, recently arrived from Colorado. The party had started out for a sail, and sighting a beach that looked promising for a bountiful supply of clams, went ashore and enjoyed a clam-bake. It was at the conclusion of this social meal that the troubles began. For sooner had the party returned to the sloop, anchored near by, than the vigilant watch being maintained of late by the revenue forces was demonstrated. The customs officers had received information that John Wilson, the owner of the craft, had just returned from a trip to British Columbia, and which no notice had been given of the authorities of clearance papers obtained, and it was further supposed that the trip had been made for the purpose of smuggling Chinese.

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DAWSON FATALITIES.

Series of Deaths Resulting From Accidents—Yukon Navigation—Big Clean-Ups.

Special correspondence to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, under date of June 2nd, says: Increased in ice up to the neck the dead body of John Henessey was found in an abandoned mining shaft near Dawson to-day. It is believed that all through the winter the body has been frozen solid in the ice, as Henessey undoubtedly fell into the hole late autumn and perished in the freezing water, unable to attract attention.

Three other violent deaths to be added to the Klondike's list of victims have just come to light. They are Owen Connelly, Fred Fields, and Fred Fields, while in addition on the Yukon Thomas Heron was killed. Owen Connelly, a native of Ireland, was suffocated by gas in his quartz creek claim. Fred Fields, a resident of Oregon, was found on the roadside at Hunker with a bullet in his head and a pistol by his side. A second bullet had been fired into his chest, while in addition on the Yukon Thomas Heron was killed. Owen Connelly, a native of Ireland, was suffocated by gas in his quartz creek claim. Fred Fields, a resident of Oregon, was found on the roadside at Hunker with a bullet in his head and a pistol by his side.

The Yukon is open with the exception of Lake La Barge. The ice in Lake La Barge, forming the last impediment in the navigation of the Yukon, is expected to break by the end of the week. Boats are plying everywhere from Eagle to Lake La Barge. Fifty stoves which are expected to cross Lake La Barge on the ice and arrive in Dawson early are still delayed above the lake.

Fifty thousand dollars' worth of glittering, potent, golden wealth was the clean-up from the sluice boxes of No. 28 above on Bonanza, May 20th, by the four lucky boys who were taking the run that yielded this sum lasted only three or four days. This is perhaps the biggest sum ever taken from the sluice boxes of any claim in the country at a single clean-up. It is reported that the winter dump on No. 28, at the present rate, should yield \$150,000, and give to the four laymen at least \$70,000 to \$75,000 clear money. The claim is owned by the North American Transportation & Trading Company, which will get a good share of the money, and perhaps will work the claim on its own account after this. At one of the clean-ups several days ago \$48,000 was taken out. Other clean-ups have netted \$20,000 and more each. Only half of the dump is washed. The laymen on No. 28 are W. S. Washburn, J. H. Fisher, E. H. Nelson, and F. Bonner. The river Washburn was foreman on No. 28. Fisher was paymaster for the company's mines and the two others were employed by the company. The present showing of No. 28 is considered a very good one, although Bonanza may have been mined for years and have produced millions, new ground of great wealth remains above the stream as an "other streams in the camp, which offers some inducements for the operations of claim owners. Other upper Bonanza claims also are producing heavily this season. The claims in the district are doing exceedingly well. On No. 15, 165 ounces were washed up one day last week from dirt that would have required one man 70 hours to shovel into the sluices.

LEGAL NOTES.

Cases Before the Supreme Court—Applications in Chambers.

In the criminal case reserved of Rex vs. Coote, the Supreme court sitting in banc allowed the prisoner leave to appeal. The appeal will be argued this week, and based on a claim of improper rejection of evidence. The case is Stove vs. McDonald—An appeal from judgment by Judge Harrison was argued Wednesday, the appeal being dismissed with costs. E. M. Farwood for appellant, L. P. Duff, K. C., contra.

Mr. Justice Walkem granted the following orders in Chambers this morning: Wilson vs. Canadian Bank of Commerce—Contract order for \$25,000 for costs granted. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, Chas. Wilson, contra. Dempster vs. Salmo—Order confirming registrar's report and directing bank to deliver up crown grants allowed. C. H. Hamilton for plaintiff, J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

Attorney-General vs. Griffiths—Leave to appear granted, judgment set aside, and the case referred to the court. A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff.

PRESIDENT LOUBET.

No Arrangements Yet Made Regarding His Visit to Rome.

Paris, June 4.—Nothing has been decided regarding President Loubet's visit to Rome. It has been indicated unofficially that the Pope will not receive him, if he goes to Rome, not on account of the relation between France and the Holy See, but in accordance with a settled policy of declining to receive Catholic states who visit the Quirinal.

FAST BATTLESHIP.

Vienna, June 4.—The speed trials of the Austrian second-class battleship Arpad at Pola proves her to be the fastest battleship in the world. Her maximum speed is 20 knots an hour, and she runs at an average of 18 knots in a six-hour run. She was constructed by the Trieste Shipbuilding Company.

UNPOPULAR IN ROUMANIA.

Bucharest, June 4.—At a meeting of the Liberal assembly of the government yesterday Premier Ionidon and Finance Minister Costea spoke strongly against allowing Americans, who they said "have rendered themselves unpopular here," to secure a foothold in Roumania, oil fields, and urged that the Roumanian people should refrain from treating the American exporters. The ministers also argued that an abundance of British and continental capital is available to develop the Roumanian fields.

TORNADO AND FLOOD.

Number Killed in Georgia is Placed at One Hundred—Kansas River Falling.

Gainesville, Ga., June 3.—The 6,000 inhabitants of this city have tonight just begun to realize the extent of the appalling disaster of yesterday. Figuring from an available source and giving credence only to the reports which are believed to be trustworthy, the following is a summary of the effects of the tornado in Gainesville and its suburbs: One hundred killed, 150 injured, of whom probably 20 will die; 800 homeless, their residences having been wiped out of existence; property loss of about half a million dollars, some of which was covered by storm insurance.

The death list so far compiled includes 92 at the Paocet cotton mills at New Holland, all of whom were killed in the demolition of the company's cottages, and 36 at the Gainesville cotton mills, near the Southern railway station, where the tornado first struck.

Water Falling.

Kansas City, Mo., June 3.—Flood conditions were materially better during the night and this morning, owing to the intense strain of the past four days had for the first time been relieved. Communication by steamer with Kansas City having been opened up permanently, and the vessel that departed yesterday is known, no further feeling of anxiety was felt for the sufferers in that locality. At 7 o'clock this morning the Missouri river registered 94.4 feet, a fall of nearly 12 inches in six hours, and the Westber Bureau predicts that from now this point will fall gradually, but steadily. The Kansas river continues to fall at the rate of one inch in an hour, and the tops of submerged buildings are beginning to show above the water level. The sun shone to-day, and this fact was for the good.

Two Drowned.

Nez Perce, Idaho, June 3.—A terrific cloudburst, accompanied by a heavy storm of wind and hail occurred at the head of Lawyers canyon about three and a half miles southwest of Nez Perce, yesterday about 5 o'clock. Hail fell to the depth of 20 inches in places along the canyon, and delayed grain over an area about two miles wide by six miles long. The water rushed down the canyon as a solid wall 12 to 15 feet high, sweeping away the houses of William Sears and C. H. Hoxie. Mrs. Sears escaped to the hill with her 4-year-old boy by wading water waist deep. John Dempsey and his sister Isabella, occupying the Hoxie house, were both drowned, their bodies being found about one-half mile below their home this morning with clothing stripped from them by the fury of the water. The body of Dempsey was about eight feet from the ground in a tree. He leaves a family of five children, the youngest a boy of 14 and a sister of 15, who were at home at the time, but escaped to the hillsides.

CANADIAN NOTES.

The Fire at Hull—Suit Against Montreal For \$18,000.

Ottawa, June 3.—Twenty-four dwellings were destroyed by fire this afternoon, and at once time the entire city was threatened, but the great efforts of the fire department saved the situation.

Another Fire.

Montreal, June 3.—News reached the city this afternoon that a fire had destroyed 16 houses at Coteau, Que., 37 miles west of Montreal.

Swing City.

Quebec, June 3.—Bush fires are raging along the line of the Lake St. John railway, and traffic is suspended. The village of Portuluis is on fire. Twenty-five houses have been burned. The name of Harold Kennedy of this city have been destroyed.

Orange Lodge.

Winnipeg, June 3.—Local Organism are preparing for the annual meeting here next week of the Supreme Grand Lodge of British North America. Dr. Spruille, M. P., supreme grand master of the order, will preside.

Newspaper Man Dead.

A. P. Mulvey of the Rat Portage Miners was well known Western newspaper man, is dead. He had been ill for several months.

PENNSYLVANIA MINERS.

There May Be Further Trouble Over Recognition of Union Officials.



LACROSSE.

VANCOUVER OBJECTS.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser in a recent issue says: "The intermediate club of the Capital City is evidently under the impression that it has a chance of winning the provincial intermediate championship without even being a member of the league. The clubs in the league would not stand for this under any consideration. One reason for their not allowing this would be that while they are under a certain amount of travelling expense to and from the other cities in the league, the Victoria club would practically have no expense. It is doubtful whether the league will concede to the Capital City's request."

Shown the above paragraph, a prominent official of the Victoria Lacrosse Club expressed surprise. He explained that several Vancouver senior players had been consulted in this matter. It had been pointed out that the expenses of a Victoria intermediate team in contesting the provincial league would be almost double that of any other twelve of the league. The intermediate team had not sufficient funds to meet the transportation expenses involved, without considering the numerous incidental expenses attached to the running of a team. Under these circumstances, a number of Vancouver players were willing that an arrangement, namely, that the Victoria intermediates play off with Kamloops for the local championship, and later with the winning team of the Mainland for the provincial championship, should be carried out. If, however, the contention of the News-Advertiser that the league will not agree to such a proposition is correct, the decision will be accepted.

CHALLENGED VANCOUVER.

The Victoria West Intermediate team has written to Vancouver asking for a match with a local intermediate team for Dominion Day. No reply has yet been received.

GOLF.

CAPTURES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Harvey Combe was the only Victorian who participated in the annual tournament of the Seattle Golf and Country Club. He, however, covered himself with glory, and in all accounts of the tourney which have appeared in Sound papers his playing in the final match, when he captured the championship, received every praise. One of the Sound papers says: "In the men's open championship, Herbert S. Griggs, of Tacoma, and Harvey Combe, of Victoria, B. C., played one of the most magnificent games ever seen here. Both are fine players and were in excellent form today, and the contest hung in doubt to the very last moment. At the end of the regular eighteen holes the score was a tie. The nineteenth hole decided it. Combe led off with a magnificent drive over the green, landing right on the green. He made no mistakes, but quickly holed out, winning the hole, match and championship after the finest exhibition of golf ever seen in Seattle. Combe is a strong driver, but his best point of play lies in his approach shots. He rarely makes a mistake with the iron."

The Victorian also took part in the driving contest for men, and the following is an account of that contest: "The driving contest for men was disappointing, though there were one or two fine individual exhibitions. F. C. Newton won the long drive with a magnificent effort of 217 1/3 yards. Combe also competed in this event, but was out of luck, several magnificent drives going either to the right or left of the boundaries. His longest recorded drive was 202 yards. E. A. Strout had an average of 176, 170 1/3 and 171 1/3. The average for the four drives of 130 yards and a fraction."

Miss Anna Griggs, of Tacoma, one of the best women players in the Pacific Northwest, captured the women's open championship.

BASEBALL.

EVERETT REORGANIZED.

The Everett team is being reorganized with F. C. Schock as manager, he having left the Seattle team in the Coast league and decided to place the Everett team on an account of that league's having been two seasons this year recognized as the best independent nine in the Northwest, and no doubt, under proper management, they will soon have a strong team in the field. They have been offered terms here on the 15th and 20th of this month.

PHYSICAL WEAKNESS.

A Dangerous Invitation to Pneumonia and Fevers of All Kinds. With the increasing strain of modern life, the power and vigor which characterized our forefathers is growing less and less. Nervous wrecks so common in the generation were unknown in the olden days. Life was not so strenuous, and more attention was paid to the ordinary rules of health.

The average individual to-day is working to the limit of his power. When an extra strain is imposed the nerves get on edge, digestion goes wrong, and because there is no reserve to fall back upon ill-health is inevitable.

For a thousand reasons weakness is a sin against your own body and a sin against your family. The wise man will keep up his vitality by using Ferreroze. One tablet taken at meal times works wonders. It says to the stomach, "do your work properly," and assists that organ in doing so. It makes digestion just perfect and converts everything you eat into the kind of nutriment valuable in forming rich blood, the real secret of health.

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FERREROZE ASSURES HEALTH.

TENURE OF MINERAL CLAIMS.

To the Editor:—Upon reading your paper of the 4th instant, I noted with great surprise that a small majority of a quorum of the mining committee of the House refused to recommend to the House the amendment of the mining amendments proposed by the Provincial Mining Association, but recommended instead that they be not considered at this session of the legislature. It appears that Mr. J. S. Hunter, M. A. for Cariboo, a member of the mining committee, while expressing his opposition to the crown granting of placer claims, said he did not know of one single instance where money had been withheld from investment in this country on account of the inability of the investor to secure a good and sufficient title.

A statement of this kind coming from Mr. Hunter makes it appear to the residents of Cariboo that Mr. Hunter's memory may be getting exceedingly defective. We know that he is aware of the fact that several very large companies refused to take up hydraulic mining property of known value situated on the watershed of the Quessnel river for the reason that the title under leasehold was not considered sufficiently good and secure to warrant the investment of the large sums of money necessary to purchase, open and equip the properties for operation upon a large scale.

Mr. Hunter also appears to forget that only a few years ago he and his associates located miles of leases on the Lower Fork of the Quessnel river; and to add to this floating this large tract of claims held under lease, he bonded a well known party in the name of Stephen Cook for \$25,000, which latter property was also held under lease. It is well known that he sent his associate to London to float this property, but made a total failure in his attempt to secure capital in the London market. His failure, no doubt, was partially caused by being unable to present an acceptable title. The flotation of a certain sucker orange that was floated on the innocent English investors has done more to injure the district than has the whole province in the English market. When it is known by those who heard Mr. Hunter's arguments at the late convention of the Mining Association that crown grants of placer claims and favoring a continuation of the leasehold system—even to the extent of extending the leases to 50 years—that Mr. Hunter secured seven miles of the Quessnel river, together with 300 feet on each side thereof, under a lease, and held the same for fifteen years without doing a dollar's worth of work in development on the property, they will be surprised at his favoring a continuation of the leasehold system and opposing any amendment to the laws that will prevent the country from being locked up as it has been under Part VII. of the Placer Mining Act for 20 or 30 years past.

If the syndicate now holding traces of mining ground under leasehold were compelled to do their annual work in accordance with the provisions of the law, there would be a prosperous town at Quessnel Forks, with a population of 500 or 600 or perhaps a thousand people, with schools, houses, instead of a deserted village containing a few whites and Chinese, as it is to-day. The same conditions may be claimed for Quessnel, Stanley, Barkerville, Hoxley and other parts of the province that include territory under leasehold.

Many of the voters of this district do not forget the numerous promises made by Mr. Hunter before his election, and none of us here who supported him can call to mind one promise that he has kept since his election; and if I am not greatly mistaken the voters of Cariboo will not forget Mr. Hunter at the next election—when they hope will soon take place, so that we can show our hearty appreciation of Mr. Hunter's disloyalty to his constituents. Cariboo district is now almost depopulated through the failure of the leasehold system, and the prospector, the individual miner, and the investor, and it will be a great misfortune to this district, as well as other parts of the province containing deep rich mineral wealth, if the proposed remedial placer mining legislation is not adopted at the present session of the legislature.

JAMES MOORE, Black Bear Creek, 29th May, 1903.

RELEASED.

London, June 4.—The Italian who was arrested at Alexandria, Egypt, recently on a charge of forgery, was found to be Count Maurice de Boudry, who is wanted on a charge of forging the name of J. P. Moran for the purpose of aggregating \$150,000, has been released. It being proved that the man taken into custody was another.

HANBURY—At Revelstoke, on May 24th, the wife

REPORT WAS NOT READ TO COUNCIL IN REGARD TO FERRY STEAMER VICTORIAN

Referred to Streets Committee For Due Consideration—Other Matters Before Civic Solons.

The report of the city engineer regarding the ferry steamer Victorian was not read at Monday's meeting of the city council. He had a narrow escape from being made public, for the city clerk was just about to read it when it was hastily decided to leave the matter to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Hon. Senator Macdonald wrote a protest from Ottawa against the acceptance of the Victorian as a ferry steamer, on the ground that the company had not carried out the terms of their agreement with the city. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The Victoria Terminal Railway Co. communicated the following: Gentlemen—Our company's application for a lease of the market building has now been in the hands of the city for several weeks, without any definite action being taken thereon.

In conversation with His Worship the Mayor this morning, I was informed that the city's objection to the acceptance of the company's works as completed under the terms of their contract with the city, and to the granting to the company of the said lease of the market building in terms of said contract, was the condition or state of non-repair of the streets through which the company's railway line passes.

I hope that this proposal will be satisfactory to your honorable body, and that no further delay will ensue in your acceptance of the work and granting the lease.

V. T. BY, & F. CO. Per A. B. WOOD.

Mayor McCandless explained that the objection mentioned in the second clause of the letter was for those advanced by him. He also took up the question of the steamer. This likewise went to the streets committee.

A. J. Bechtel, of the Victoria Machinery Depot, asked for an extension of time for the completion of the contract for the superstructure of Point Ellice bridge. This took the same course as the previous communication.

The Shawigan Lake Lumber Co. applied for a hydrant at their yard on Discovery street, and the necessary water connection. Granted, provided the company bear the expenses involved.

F. H. Eaton, secretary of the school board, asked for the submission of the ratemakers of a by-law to provide for the borrowing of \$50,000 for two school buildings, one in Victoria West and another in the central portion of the city.

The city solicitor being called upon, explained that the council was bound to submit the by-law upon receiving the necessary petition. The communication was received and filed and the board will be requested to present the petition.

The secretary of the Board of Trade advised the council that a party of delegates to the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the Empire at Montreal would visit this city early in September, and asked for the council co-operation in entertaining them while here. The Mayor said this was an important body and the request should be complied with.

The government, doubtless, would also contribute to their entertainment. The Mayor's suggestion was adopted.

H. D. Helmeck, M.P.P., wrote that the hotel bill had passed the House, and only awaited the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor. The communication was received and the writer thanked for the interest he had displayed in the matter.

Andrew Gray applied for a large pipe on Pembroke street, and a hydrant. Referred to the water commissioner for report.

Thos. R. Smith complained of the dangerous condition of a drain at the corner of Cook and Richardson streets.

Referred to the city engineer with power to act.

W. A. Ward submitted a list of rates of insurance for men employed on the sewer extension and Point Ellice bridge works. Referred to the finance committee.

John Haggerty offered to supply 200 yards of trap rubble rock at 85 cents per yard. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The city clerk reported having referred to the city engineer J. T. L. Mergers' complaint of an open drain on Redford street and J. E. Smart's similar complaint of drain on Oak Bay avenue. Received and filed.

The same official reported that the requirements covering applications for passing the Clothiers' Early Closing By-law had been complied with. Received and filed.

The same official reported on the claim of Mrs. Parsell for damages to her property on Blanchard street through the operation of the Victoria Terminal railway. The city was not liable and he

recommended that the claimant be informed to this effect. Adopted. The water commissioner reported that there were no funds available to allow of the installation of a 4 1/2-in. main, 200 feet long, on Belleville street, fronting the Douglas estate, as applied for. Aid. Cameron thought some temporary relief should be afforded and moved to refer the report back to the water commissioner to see if something along this line could be done. This was carried.

Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, enclosed a petition regarding the hotel by-law. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The fire wardens recommended that hydrants be installed on Mary street, Victoria West; Esquimalt street and Topaz avenue; that an alarm box be established on Esquimalt road near Hitt Brook, and that the box on the corner of Springfield avenue and Esquimalt road be removed to the corner of Springfield avenue and Esquimalt street. Adopted.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$5,070.43 for the usual purposes. Adopted.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee reported the following: Your streets, bridges and sewers committee beg to submit the following recommendations to the council, viz: Recommended that the schedule of water rates, in respect of metered residences, submitted by the water commissioner to the council on the 25th instant, be adopted.

Recommended that a sidewalk be laid on the west side of Catherine street, between Esquimalt and Henry streets. Estimated cost, \$35.

Re extension of the sewer on Humboldt street. Recommended the sewer be extended westward from Vancouver street to a point opposite the Vernon property, on condition that the pipe necessary be furnished by the property owners interested.

Recommended that a gravel walk be laid down on Fernwood road, adjoining the High school grounds. Estimated cost, \$75.

Recommended that a drain be laid across Esquimalt road, west of James street. Estimated cost, \$120.

Recommended that a box drain be laid down from McCaskey street to Hereward street, Victoria West, provided that the necessary permission be obtained to lay the drain through private property, and that proper assurance be given that when the council may see fit to provide drainage for property contiguous, by utilizing the drain now proposed to be laid down, no objection thereto will be raised by the owner of the property through which the proposed drain will pass. Estimated cost, \$60.

Recommended that a box drain be laid down on St. Lawrence street between Superior and Michigan streets, for a distance of 275 feet. Estimated cost, \$100.

Recommended that the suggestions contained in the report of the plumbing and sewerage inspector to the city engineer, dated the 7th inst., be adopted.

The report was dealt with clause by clause and adopted.

By-laws were the next business on the order paper. Aid. Cameron moved the second reading of the early closing by-law, explaining its conditions. It simply changed the closing hour from seven to six. The by-law was duly read a second time, and then was considered in committee of the whole. The council then adjourned.

FAMINE IN KWANGSI.

Terrible Destitution as a Result of Suffering—Sale of Children.

C. Clement, who was sent to the famine stricken district of Kwangsi, to look after the distribution of rice in that Chinese province, has reported most interestingly on the result of his expedition. This report appears in recent Oriental papers. After stating that his reception in the district Mr. Clement says:

"The magistrate in person leads his troops to the fight, and as the result of the execution of some 2,000 robbers, bad characters have found it advisable to move elsewhere. But the result of robbers warfare, drought and flood, is now apparent in the direct destitution. In a village where I found the people living on grass, free leaves and the so-called wooden potato. Boys, girls and women are sold daily at the river side. I attended such a sale and saw babies and children handled and felt as though they were pigs come to market. Some are so thin and starved that no one will purchase them. The magistrate informs me that at first he wished to prohibit the sale, but when he saw that unless the children were sold both children and parents must starve he changed his mind and allowed the sale to continue. The city estimates that some 10,000 children boys and girls alike) have already been sold and that eight wives out of every ten in this district have also been sold.

As a view to the alleviation of this distress the magistrate and the gentry are making free distribution of grain. "In view of the fact that the Cantonese representatives have turned back at Kweishen, I have decided to push on as far as Nanning, although the country is in a disturbed condition. The Kweishen magistrate assures me that he is prepared to guarantee the safety of Hongkong rice transported up the river, and will forward it under such escort as will prevent any possibility of its seizure by pirates or robbers. Moreover, both the governor and the Kweishen magistrate declare that the distress in Nanning is most acute. I am therefore leaving tomorrow on horseback in order to reach the country as I go, and will report by telegram. The harvest in Kweishen district promises well; the weather is favorable; seasonable rain has fallen and continues to fall. It is probable that rice will only be required until the next rice harvest at the end of July."

OVER A WOMAN. Man Killed in a Quarrel With His Cousin.

San Bernardino, Cal., June 1.—Bicente Chavez was shot and killed by his cousin Juan Chavez, in the outskirts of this city last night, in a quarrel over a woman. After the shooting a brother of the dead man pursued Juan through an orange grove and shot him through the leg, inflicting a wound which will probably necessitate amputation of the limb.

Chavez asserts that Bicente attempted to kill him and he turned the revolver in his direction, discharging it in the scuffle.

CHASED HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER FROM MANILA NABBED

Fugitive Who Arrived on Tartar, as Told by Times, is Now in Captivity.

As told in the Times on Friday afternoon last, the steamer Tartar, which arrived from the Orient on that day, carried among her passengers a fugitive from Manila, a man who is charged with embezzling a large sum of money from a bank there. The steamer was met here by Deputy Marshal Stringer, of Seattle, who accompanied his quarry on her to Vancouver, the supposition being that he would proceed to New York. The fugitive, however, went down to Seattle and was promptly nabbed passing the border.

When the Tartar arrived it was difficult to obtain much information regarding the man and his crime owing to the secrecy which it was necessary should enshroud the affair until his capture. Now that he is behind the bars in Seattle, however, there is no further need of it. The Post-Intelligencer says of the case:

"Deputy United States Marshal Stringer arrived in Seattle yesterday morning, having under arrest the embezzler who was wanted in Manila for embezzlement. Waite left Manila on May 2nd, taking with him, it is alleged, \$9,000 of the money of Col. Newberry's bank, of which he was cashier. He was traced from the Philippines to Hongkong, where he boarded the steamship Tartar for Vancouver, B. C., and the authorities at Washington were notified.

"Deputy Stringer went to Victoria to meet the boat on Friday, and went on board, pretending to be an immigration inspector. He spotted his man all right, and officer and suspect both remained on the vessel until Vancouver was reached. Waite left the ship there and Mr. Stringer shadowed him, determined to arrest him the moment he set foot on American soil. Waite got away from him for a time Saturday, but Mr. Stringer watched all departing boats and trains and finally rewarded his duty on board the Canadian Pacific train, bound for Seattle. It was supposed that the fugitive would start at once for the Alaskan coast, and Mr. Stringer was prepared to go right on with him and arrest him as soon as he entered the United States.

When he saw his man get on the train bound for Seattle, however, Mr. Stringer's task was greatly simplified. The officer boarded the baggage car, while the suspected man rode in the sleeper. As soon as the international train crossed the border, however, Mr. Stringer went back to the sleeper, and fouching his man on the shoulder, informed him that he was under arrest.

"Waite is a tall young man of fine appearance, and put on a bold front and an injured air for a while until he was taken to the jail. He is now in the hands of the officer soon convinced him that attempt at evasion was useless, so he admitted that his name was Waite and that he had come from Manila.

"In fact, the prisoner admits everything except that he took the money. He says he worked in a bank in Manila and left there May 2nd, but denies most emphatically that he is an embezzler.

"Deputy Stringer thinks there can be no doubt of the identity of the man, and that he is the man wanted. He answers the description perfectly, and the fact that he was seen to get up to the boat on board the Tartar at Hongkong, and the further fact that he saw him himself on board the boat, he thinks makes the chain complete.

At any rate, Waite is now in the county jail and the deputy marshal has notified Washington that the man chased half round the world is in captivity. Waite has the appearance of a well-to-do young business man, and he is not giving out any information that he does not have to. Until the authorities at Washington are heard from, and the time is fixed for taking Waite back to the States, he will be kept in the county jail."

SNAP, PUSH AND GO Is What One Should Get From Food.

A young St. Louis lady learned a food lesson she won't forget. She says: "I suffered from indigestion for nearly 10 years and although I tried all kinds of food for breakfast I could not eat any more until one day I discovered Grape-Nuts, and now I wonder how I ever did without it.

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HOUSES ON FIRE. Another Outbreak at Hull and Much Damage May Be Done.

Ottawa, June 3.—Fifty houses are on fire in Hull and a stiff wind is blowing. Ottawa has been asked for aid.

THE BRITANNIA DEAL.

Plans of the New Purchaser of Mr. Boscowitz's Interests—About the Mine.

As announced a few days ago Mr. Boscowitz's interest in the Britannia mines on Howe Sound have been purchased by G. W. Robinson, of Butte. The new purchaser, Mr. Robinson, stated that as far as he was concerned he intended to secure all the available interests in the property and immediately commence work on a large scale. He would of course be subject to the approval of the other shareholders, but he expected that he would not experience any difficulty in that regard. He expected that if there was no hitch in the arrangements, work would be commenced by the middle of July, and by the end of that month he would have about 250 men at work. This force would probably be increased to 500 by the end of the year. It was the intention of the new purchaser to improve the road leading up to the mines. He regarded the location of the mine as an ideal one as far as shipping was concerned, and thought that the ore could be handled very economically by means of the aerial tramway that had already been surveyed.

"Where will the ore be treated?" Mr. Robinson was asked. "Well, for the first year after shipping operations are commenced I suppose we will have to send it to the Crown smelter. I think we will have no difficulty in shipping over 500 tons a day there. Later on, probably in about a year, if everything goes all right, the Britannia syndicate will erect its own smelter plant and treat its ore on the spot. The cost? Oh, the smelter plant will mean at least the expenditure of a half-million dollars."

A conspicuous feature in connection with the Britannia deal is the comparatively small number of times they have been in the centre of "a big deal," according to the Terminal City press. They were reported sold, resold and sold again so often that the "sensations" became stale, and the apparent authenticity of the present report is therefore markedly refreshing.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANUAL TRAINING

Another Meeting of the School Board to Consider Mr. Dunnell's Suggestions.

In the absence of Trustees Matson and Dr. Hall, the school board at the special meeting Monday came to no decision in adopting the recommendations of H. Dunnell in connection with the conduct of the manual training work in this city. It was the second meeting that had considered the question, the first business having been transacted by the Vancouver board. Mr. Dunnell explained in answer to Trustee Boggs, in just twenty minutes. With most of the recommendations Mr. Dunnell concurred, but in sticking point raising objection in the action of the trustees was the plan made to have the teachers of the new system placed in similar relationship to the board. Mr. Eaton strongly advised this. He did not wish to see anyone given charge of all the schools, as he thought this plan would not work out satisfactorily.

Mr. Dunnell, on the other hand, thought this would be very unwise, and recommended Mr. Waddington. He personally would decline an appointment if one was offered making no allowance for superior ability. He thought if any of these teachers could be secured if they believed that there was to be no room for advancement. The recommendations were the same as had been made to other boards, and by them approved. Professor Robertson was ill, otherwise he would have been here to look after the turning over of the equipment of the manual schools. Mr. Dunnell himself and three others could attend any further meeting called to consider the matter Tuesday. At Ottawa he would stay for a time, and would make a full report of what had been done to Prof. Robertson. After June the equipment of the schools would be handed over and the work would be virtually under the control of the board, but not until September 1st would the board be obligated to pay salaries. The trustees of these would come out of the Sir William McDonald fund. While pressing his approval of his recommendations, Mr. Dunnell pointed out that trustees would certainly have the management of the schools, and that anyone capable in manual training be given charge of the system who would be responsible.

After considering the question some members of the board decided that it would be unfair to the absence to pass on so important a matter without their attendance, and it was therefore arranged to call another meeting for Tuesday.

Before Mr. Dunnell retired his work in this city was enlivened both by Trustee Huggert and the superintendent, and the latter was instructed to prepare a statement of the board's appreciation in this regard, as also of their deep felt gratitude to Prof. Robertson.

At the opening of the meeting Monday night Supt. Robertson was present to confer with the board in respect to the payment of salaries to trustees appointed to take the places of the provincial teachers' institute meeting. He assured the board he had never any intention of interfering with the management of the schools.

Teachers had attended the institute meeting at Revelstoke whose intimation to the board of their intention to leave came in the form of a notice and it was at this kind of thing that the board had taken umbrage. A committee had been appointed to wait on the superintendent in order that a better understanding might be had of the various branches of matters, but it transpired that this committee had never waited on Mr. Robertson. The board, however, thought that until they had presented their report no action should be taken.

The only other business before the meeting was the report of the committee having in charge the improvement to the

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High school grounds, and they were asked to report at greater length for next meeting.

The board of school trustees held a meeting on Tuesday to further consider the question of the manual training school. Mr. Dunnell was present, and after some discussion the following resolutions were moved by Trustee Boggs and seconded by Trustee Hall:

"Whereas during the past three years manual training has been conducted in the Victoria schools at the expense of the McDonald manual training fund; and

"Whereas at a meeting held on the 20th of October, 1902, a resolution was adopted expressing the board's appreciation of the benefits of manual training and declaring that in the opinion of the board this subject should be continued as a permanent feature of our public school system; and

"Whereas the sum of \$2,000 was placed in the estimate for the current year for the continuance of the manual training after the first of September next; and

"Whereas, in a communication recently received by the board, the provincial director of manual training under the McDonald fund states that he has authority from Professor Robertson to donate to the board the whole of the equipment in position, without any other obligation than that the manual training shall be carried on in any way that seems best to the board; and

"Therefore resolved, That the board hereby declare its intention to continue the manual training as a permanent feature of the public school work, subject to such conditions as the department of public instruction may prescribe; and with that purpose in view the board accepts of the estimate for the current year for the continuance of the manual training after the first of September next; and

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Tract 2. Commencing at a post placed near the mouth of Lottie River and marked P. A. Hovelague & W. E. Norris's southeast corner post; thence (10) ten chains northwesterly; thence (10) ten chains southerly; thence (10) ten chains easterly; thence (10) ten chains southerly; thence (10) ten chains northwesterly; thence (10) ten chains southerly; thence (10) ten chains easterly to point of commencement.

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