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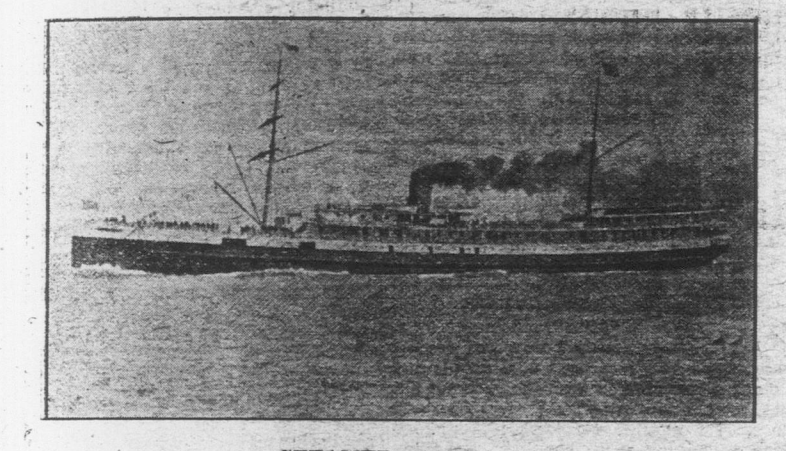
Dry Goods Destroyed—Effort to Check Flames—Damage Estimated at Over \$4,000,000.

chester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The worst fire in the history of Rochester since the burning of the Chamberlain Dry Goods Company's store...

A FATAL FIRE ABOARD THE QUEEN

'Frisco Liner Badly Damaged—Fourteen Lives Lost Through Accident Off the Columbia River.

(Special to the Times.) Port Townsend, Feb. 28.—After one of the most remarkable experiences encountered by any ship on the Pacific, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Queen arrived at this port shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.



STEAMER QUEEN.

awakened by the smoke, and he rushed his wife and two children to safety on the deck. He then went to work to awaken the passengers and crew, smothering in windows as he went.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT

Fire Broke Out in Dining Hall—The Heroic Conduct of Ship's Captain.

ADMIRABLE ORDER

The steamer Queen should have arrived in Victoria about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. No tidings arriving at midnight, considerable anxiety was felt concerning her.

Seattle, Feb. 28.—Steamer Queen, Capt. Cousins, took fire from some unknown cause at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning, 30 miles off Little North Tillamook light. Three stewards were burned to death in the glory hole aft, ten other lives were lost from a lifeboat, and one man died from exposure.

there was a tremendous sea rolling. Mr. Walker has crossed the Atlantic, but has never seen such a roll as there was at the time the accident happened early on Saturday morning.

A. H. BROWN'S STATEMENT

Tells of Giving the Alarm and the Fight with the Flames.

A clear description of the circumstances attending the discovery of the fire, the launching of the boats and the fight with the flames by the crew and passengers is given by A. H. Brown, who was the first to raise the alarm.

When all the water available was placed on the deck, the crew were left, giving the hose into the hands of passengers. They went away to assist in the launching of the boats, the captain having ordered to that effect.

Continuing, Mr. Brown said: "It didn't seem to me that the fire was very large. It never got away from the side of the ship, but kept dashing against it, and gradually working down towards the stern.

After about four hours' work it began to be evident that the passengers had been by the events of the day they were in a very bad way.

As an illustration of this, Mr. Brown told a story of an incident that occurred while he was in the eighth boat making developments. He says that one of the passengers took a cigar from his pocket, lit it and afterwards handed one to him.

MRS. LANGLEY'S ACCOUNT

The Gallant Work Done by Captain and Crew of the Ship.

Mrs. Langley also gives a graphic account of the manner in which the passengers were taken from the lifeboats and returned aboard the vessel.

MRS. MONTGOMERY'S STORY

The Only Survivor From Boat Number Six—Swamped by Large Wave.

The only woman who survived the foundering of No. 6 boat, Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, arrived in the city last evening. There were two women in this boat besides herself, Mrs. Adams and Miss Steiner.

NO CARGO LOST

T. Burns, of this city, one of the Queen's passengers, says that the vessel did not lose a ton of freight.

THE QUEEN'S CAREER

Vessel Had Only One Other Serious Disaster—Excellent Discipline Aboard.

A magnificent steamship is the Queen, of the Pacific Coast Steamship line. When she first came to the Pacific she was known as the Queen of the Pacific.

After entering service she was kept on the Portland route until 1883. That year, when en route to Portland, she met with the only serious disaster in her whole career.

After the fire, the vessel was repaired and returned to service. She was again wrecked in 1892, but was again repaired and returned to service.

VICTORIAN HOME FROM OLD LAND

CHRIS. SPENCER VISITS COMMERCIAL CENTRES

Business Depression in the United Kingdom Attributed to Various Causes—A Quick Trip.

Chris. Spencer, of the Victoria's big departmental store, returned last night from his regular buying trip to the continent.

In the Old Land, Mr. Spencer found almost a depression in commercial circles. Different causes are assigned for this, many attributing it to the reaction after the war.

On the subject of tariff revision, the tradesmen are curiously divided, different men placing entirely contrary constructions on the same set of circumstances.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS

Canadians Who Fought at Paardeberg Entertained at Halifax and St. John.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 29.—A half-dozen members of H company, who took part in the engagement at Paardeberg, dined at the Queen's hotel on Saturday night.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 29.—St. John members of G company, who fought in the battle of Paardeberg, were entertained here at a dinner on Saturday night by Captain Fred. Jones.

SMITH—At Vancouver, on Feb. 24th, the wife of H. W. Smith, of a son. FITZMAURICE—At Vernon, on Feb. 20th, the wife of B. Fitzmaurice, of a daughter.

IN THE NAME OF THE LAW.

The courts of civilized countries are institutions which must be approached with becoming reverence. The majesty of the law is awe-inspiring, and the majesty of the law becomes more awe-inspiring as it recedes from the summary methods of historic times to the lengthy deliberation which is characteristic of the legal procedure of the present day.

ardor of their countrymen. Nor is that the sum of the nation's offending. The correspondents are gathered from the four corners of the world at Tokio, and there they seem destined to remain. Movements of tremendous importance are in progress, that is quite certain, and yet the only source of information upon the point of a news-thirsty world is completely dried up.

Columbia has indeed become intolerable. We are over-governed. There are too many officials drawing big salaries. There are vastly too many legislators making laws for the officials to administer. The education department, like every other department, is manned out of all proportion to the population of the province.

A resident of Seattle is being prosecuted for bigamy. He deserves the severest punishment the statute will permit of. So does any man or woman who would commit bigamy in a city such as Seattle, with the machinery of the divorce court constantly in motion.

THE NEW JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT

APPOINTMENT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED Sketch of the Career of L. P. Duff, Who Succeeds Mr. Justice Walkem.

NEWS OF DECK AND DOCKWARD.

The recent reduction of the Esquimaut station from a rear-admiral to a commodore's command and the corresponding limitation of the fleet to three cruisers and a corvette, there has been no small amount of curiosity among residents of the little naval village as to what all the change implied.

MINING MEN TO SEEK A SUFFICIENT EXECUTIVE TO DEAL WITH MINER

Important Matters Disposed of Provincial Mining Association Closing Up of Conventions

Local News.

The police intend rigidly enforcing the street by-law in regard to the accumulation of rubbish, on the thoroughfares and in empty lots. A batch of summonses have already been issued.

In the city of Victoria, at the residence of Rev. W. Leslie Clay, yesterday, Rev. E. G. Taylor, of Alberni, celebrated the marriage of Mr. Alfred Westberg and Alice Winnifred Johnston, both of Seattle.

Geo. Riley, M.P., and Mrs. Riley left last night on the Charming en route to the East. They will visit various points in Ontario before Mr. Riley takes up his duties in the House of Commons at Ottawa on March 10th.

E. B. Shaw, of this city, has had a trial shipment of ore brought from his mine on the Alberni canal for smelting at Ladysmith. The ore was transported down by the Queen City and transhipped from here to the Dryden smelter. It was taken from the Constitution mine.

The government has decided upon a course in connection with the department of mines which it is believed will work to the benefit of the interests affected. It is the exchange of territories now administered by the inspector of coal mines. Thus, Morgan, of Nanaimo, will be sent to Fernie, while A. Dick will move from Fernie to Nanaimo.

Dr. S. G. Clendenen has disposed of his handsome residence on Richmond avenue to Mr. Hall, of this city, who has also acquired the adjoining lot from Mrs. J. W. Moore. Dr. Clendenen contemplates in the immediate future the purchase of a handsome dwelling on Linden avenue, where he will reside. It is understood that the sales were effected by Messrs. Grant & Conroy.

Last evening His Worship Mayor Barnard entertained at dinner officers of the Provincial Mining Association, the aldermen and the heads of civic departments. There were present John Keen, president of the Mining Association; J. B. Hobson, D. W. Higgins, Roland Machin, A. C. Galt (Rosland), Ald. Gramme, Ald. Hill, Ald. Beckwith, Ald. Oddy, Ald. Stewart, City Barister W. J. Taylor, City Solicitor Bradburn, Jas. Raymur, W. J. Dowler, C. H. Topp, T. Watson, M. Hutchison and J. M. Langley.

One of the prettiest specimens of ore ever received in the city was brought down by Harry Smith, of Duncan. The specimen was taken from the Bismarck Hill, last evening, and removed to Duncan early this morning by Manager Dickie. It is from the 500-foot level towards the east, where a ledge has been mineralized that the specimen assayed by Mr. Carmichael a few days ago, which went \$265 to the ton. The provincial assayer is making an assay of the new specimen this afternoon.

Messrs. A. & W. Wilson, of Broad street, are testing the new hard coal recently discovered at Comox. It has been found to be splendid fuel, partaking of the character of anthracite. It burns freely with a good draught, particularly in hot heaters, and is free from smoke or gas to any extent, thus proving a boon to householders who are troubled with soot choked flues. Actual test showed that it will hold fire over night. It burns slowly and with a bluish flame. Mr. Dunsmuir inspected the test yesterday, and expressed himself thoroughly satisfied.

Through the efforts of Trustees at the school board has decided to install complete fire alarm systems installed in all school of over two stories. As the High school is already equipped this means that the Boys' and Girls' Central, the South Park and the North Ward schools will have to be supplied with alarms. Mr. Mowat explains that the teachers or pupils in any of the classrooms of the schools mentioned will be able to alarm the whole building at a minute's notice. Bells will not be used, it being considered that "buzzers" will give better satisfaction.

A recent arrival from Adin says that plenty of work is there going on, and a good many of the smaller claim operators are wintering their claims as they go, with very good results. A syndicate has secured from the French company, represented by E. Janne De Lamar, a lease of some of the ground they own on Boulder. Winter work has been pushed, and a steam-hoist put in to raise the dirt. Very good luck has followed the operations of this syndicate, one clean-up having netted them \$1,600. They had the luck also to strike the pay-streak when they sunk to bedrock.

The Presbyterian home mission committee of British Columbia, Alberta and Yukon, met in the house of Rev. George A. Wilson, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The committee is composed as follows: Rev. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton, convener; Rev. Dr. Herdman, superintendent; Rev. Dr. McLaren, general secretary; Rev. C. McKillop, Calgary; Rev. J. C. Stewart, Kamloops; Rev. W. Fontaine, Cranbrook; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Victoria; Rev. G. A. Wilson, Westmin-

ster, Presbytery. This committee has the supervision of all the home mission work of Peace River, Alberta, the Yukon and British Columbia. The following churches were presented to the committee by the different Presbyteries for the past half-year: Victoria, \$704; Westminster, \$1,290.40; Kootenay, \$3,531; Kamloops, \$2,218; Edmonton, \$4,161.50; Calgary, \$3,163. The missionaries in the Yukon are Rev. J. Pringle, whose work is to visit the men of the creeks; Rev. G. Pringle, at Hunter and Gold Region and adjacent creeks; Rev. J. J. Wright, White Horse, and Rev. E. Turkington, Atlin.

The Chinese Empire Reform Association is to hold its annual convention on March 10th, in Vancouver, where permanent buildings for the society have recently been erected.

Last evening the annual ceremonial of the Mystic Shrine was held at the Victoria hotel. Representatives were present from Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo. After the transaction of the usual business the visitors were entertained to a banquet.

The Aberdeen Association acknowledges with thanks donations of magazines from Mrs. Warwick, Mrs. T. Patterson, Mrs. G. A. Taylor, Miss Olive Hietteman, Miss Carr, and the Badminton Club.

K. Nakashima, editor of the Japanese paper in Seattle, known as New Japan, is in this city for a few days. He says that the visit of Baron Surenzaki to London is on a mission similar to that of Baron Kuroki to Washington. Each of them is charged with special duties from the court of Japan.

According to advices from Montreal the C. P. R. purposes to put on a double daily passenger service between Montreal and the Pacific Coast during the coming season. Two trains will be operated one of which will be known as the Imperial Limited. Both will make equally rapid time. The new service will go into effect in June next.

Private advices received in the city from Wm. Clarke, the well-known mining man of White Horse, contain information of a new strike recently made at the Bullion gold fields. They state that the big pay has been struck on No. 23 below, on Bullion. A Seattle party is on the scene buying Bullion claims from discovery anywhere to 90 below. The Bullion gold fields, which have been struck on No. 12 below, on Bullion, the writer says, is that \$8 per pan has been obtained.

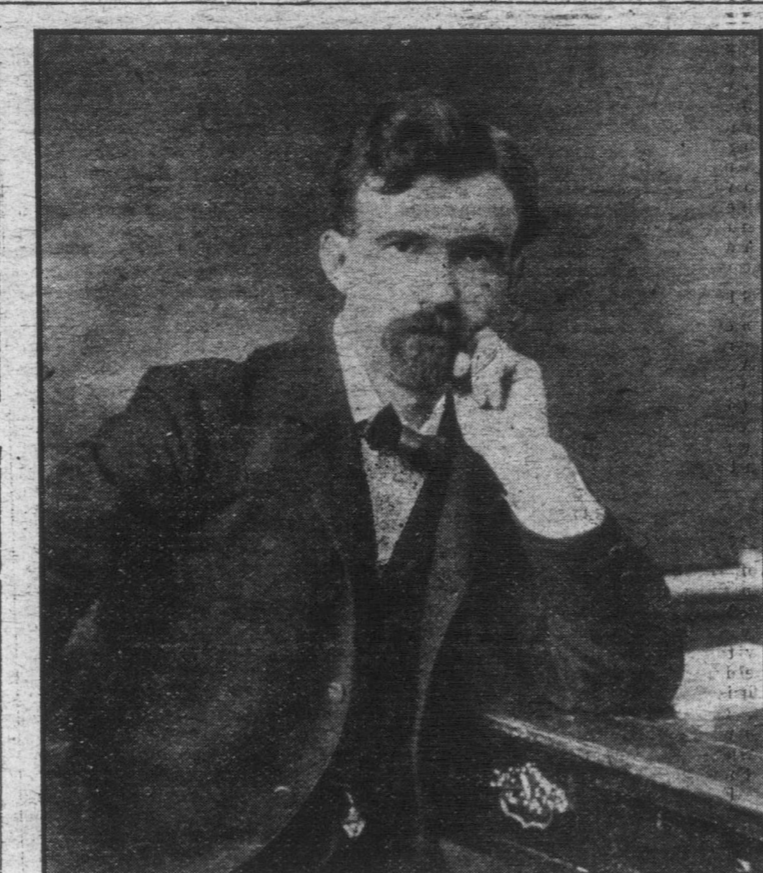
Alexander Robinson, superintendent of construction for the city, has commenced the erection of a modern dwelling on Linden avenue, opposite the site purchased by Dr. Clendenen for his new residence. The superiority of Victoria winter weather over that of other parts of Canada is well illustrated by the fact that while transportation is impeded elsewhere by frost and snow, workmen are hurrying the new foundation for Mr. Robinson's dwelling without any trouble.

In the course of his conversation with the Times on Wednesday afternoon, Baron Surenzaki, the Japanese statesman who is en route to London to negotiate a war loan, expressed some apprehension of Chinese interference in Manchuria. He said that there was a possibility of the Chinese giving the Russians considerable trouble along the railroad line. He hoped, however, that this would not occur, for it would likely entail hostilities between the Japanese and the Chinese. He said that the Japanese government, therefore, had urged the Pekin authorities to restrain the ardor of their courtiers.

Now that the school board has definitely outlined a plan of school extensions, the architects to whom has been delegated the task of making the designs have entered upon their work. The plan for a new school building in Victoria West will be prepared by Ridgeway Wilson; Mr. Keith will design the Central school extension and Mr. Woodgate will attend to the repairs. There seems to be little doubt that the by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers will pass, but the architects for the new buildings understand that should it fail, they shall receive no remuneration. However, there is a general feeling abroad that Victoria should have a sufficient number of adequate school buildings, and the trustees anticipate but little difficulty in securing the passage of the necessary enactment.

A happy event was solemnized by Right Rev. Bishop Oridge on Thursday evening, when Mr. John Gilbert Duval, second son of Mr. Louis Duval, of Lake district, and Miss E. Louise Daley, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Daley, of Burnside road, were united in the bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parent, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ethel Daley, and Mr. Louis Duval supported the bridegroom. The house was prettily decorated in honor of the occasion. After the ceremony about 75 guests sat down to an inviting supper, where the usual toasts and congratulations were exchanged. The happy couple received many handsome presents. Their honeymoon will be spent on the Mainland, after which they will return and make their home in the Lake district.

The board of horticulture is sending out a circular letter touching upon the changes in the statutes by which license to sell nursery stock will have to be



DUNCAN ROSS, Liberal Candidate For Yale-Cariboo.

Victorians are more than ordinarily interested in the choice of the Liberal Candidate for Yale-Cariboo in connection with the approaching Dominion campaign, for Mr. Ross will bear the Liberal banner in that district, which was formerly a residential district. He came to this province in 1890, and taught school for four years, quitting that profession to take up journalistic work on the Times. From the Times Mr. Ross went to Greenwood, where he has ever since been the base of his journalistic and political activities. He purchased an interest in the Boundary Creek Times in 1907, and later on

acquired the property, which justifies his boast that "like every other great politician, am now the proud possessor of a personal organ."

Mr. Ross was an alderman of the city of Greenwood for four years, and during the recent provincial elections organized the Liberal party in twelve constituencies of Kootenay.

The Liberal candidate is a native of a county to which British Columbia owes much of its population—Bruce. He was born in 1870, and will be in his fortieth year on the 23rd inst. He has a wife and three children, and is a member of the Liberal party in the approaching fight.

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BREAD ADVANCES. Owing to the extremely high price of flour it has been unanimously decided at a meeting of the master bakers of Victoria to advance the price of bread on and after the 1st of March to six cents per loaf, or 16 leaves for a dollar. Tickets will be issued and in this way the price will be obtained. Flour took another advance to-day of 20 cents a barrel.

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damage was done. The Zillah May, Fawn and Effie were at Encluelle, and the Allis L. Agar was at Uchuckleat. Two barrels of oil had drifted ashore at Hesquiat and aroused apprehension that a wreck had occurred. There was no way of ascertaining from where they came. The lumber schooner Emma Uter, the Queen City reports, went to pieces the day after the one survivor of her crew left her. Her lumber was piled up on a beach by Indians, but a high tide swept it away again.

A lecture on the cathedrals of England by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, illustrated by magnificent slides, in connection with the Church History Society of St. Barnabas's church, will be given this evening at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school. All members of the society are requested to be present. This lecture will also be opened to the public.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association on Saturday night, J. B. Hobson was elected president and appointed to look after the printing of a report of the proceedings of the convention. The secretary was instructed to obtain from various states of the union, provinces of the Dominion and foreign countries, copies of the taxation laws.

Last Friday evening a very sociable and enjoyable dinner was given at the Craighower public school house, which was largely attended. The programme consisted of songs, piano solos, recitations, readings, and concluded with an entertainment by the Craighower Amateur Dramatic Society. Those taking part acquitted themselves very creditably. Another entertainment will be given about the 25th of March.

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FATAL ACCIDENT. Jack White Meets Tragic Fate at Beaver Lake. A fatal accident occurred on Sunday morning at Beaver lake, the victim of which was Jack White, son of Wm. White, proprietor of the King's Head saloon, Johnson street. It was the outcome of a duck-hunting expedition. Decoys had been placed on Beaver lake and White had taken a small canoe and proceeded to Elk lake for the purpose of frightening the birds to where the other members of his party were stationed. Not long after he started two shots were heard. G. W. Fuggle, who was on the opposite side of the lake, not only heard the shots but saw a splash. He hastened to the spot and found the canoe that White had started off in empty. The party left Victoria early yesterday morning and comprised besides Jack White, J. W. Henley, B. Gouge, G. W. Fuggle and several others. Some decoys out and others took the train. They all met at Beaver lake and preparations were immediately made for a day's hunting. Decoys were set out at a favorable point and White was requested to take the canoe and chase the ducks from Elk lake. Soon after he was out of sight two shots were heard by Bert Gouge and others who were near the decoys. As he could not be seen, however, it was not thought anything of. Mr. Fuggle's suspicions were aroused by the splash and he hastened to ascertain the trouble only to find an empty canoe. No one was in a position to see exactly how the accident occurred, but it is supposed that White fired at a bird and, missing at first, shot again. In doing this he overbalanced and was precipitated into the lake. He was loaded down with cartridges and no doubt sank immediately.

OLD-TIMER DEAD. James Todd Passed Away on His Farm at Cedar Hill on Saturday. Another pioneer settler passed away on Saturday afternoon in the person of Jas. Todd, son of the late John Todd, a well-known figure in the corner stone period of this province. Mr. Todd was born in Manitoba about the place where Winnipeg now stands, and came west with his father in the early forties in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company. Not long afterwards he went to Ontario, but returned in 1850 to settle on a farm at Cedar Hill, and has dwelt there ever since. He was 80 years of age. He leaves a widow, nine sons and two daughters.

DIPHTHERIA ON TRAINING SHIP. San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 25.—An outbreak of diphtheria has occurred on board the United States training ship Monongahela. The entire crew have been ordered ashore and the ship will be disinfecting. No fatalities are anticipated.

Mortgage Sale. Under and virtue of the powers contained in a certain indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 28th day of June, 1894, and duly registered in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Charge Book Volume 18, folio 97, No. 16,385B, tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., until noon of the 11th day of March, 1904, for the purchase of the following property, viz: The east 70 acres of section 7, and the east 40 acres of section 8, range 1, and the west half of section 8, range 1, Nanaimo district, British Columbia, containing 100 acres, excepting thereout that portion, being the southeast corner of section 7, range 1, as shown on the plan registered in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Absolute Fee Book volume 14, folio 89, No. 13,972B.

NOTICE. Pursuant to the by-laws of said Company, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, No. 2, Broughton street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1904, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors and transacting any other business that may be brought before said meeting. E. J. PALMER, Secretary. March 1st, 1904.

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FREIGHT TARIFF FROM THE EAST

COMPARISON BETWEEN OLD AND NEW RATES

Also Between Those From Eastern Canada and American Points to Coast.

Reference has already been made in the Times to the advance in freight rates from Montreal, Toronto, etc., to Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and other points, which came into effect on February 10th.

In this connection Industrial Canada, the magazine issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, says: "It cannot be held that the new rates are in themselves exorbitant, nor are they high compared with other Canadian rates for equal mileage."

It will be observed by comparing the rates to Vancouver, Victoria, etc., from Eastern manufacturing points in Canada and the United States, that the United States manufacturer has an advantage in rates, ranging, generally speaking, from 20 cents per 100 lbs. to 8 cents per 100 lbs., according to the classification of the commodity in the Canadian freight classification.

"If the Canadian Pacific were not actually contracting through its agents in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc., freight for Vancouver, etc., on the lowest rate basis in force from these cities, it would be necessary to ask if the service from Montreal, etc., were a more expensive one than that of the United States roads from the Atlantic seaboard and interior cities."

"The Canadian Pacific does not strongly compete for business from the eastern and central United States on the lower basis to Vancouver, Seattle, etc., as it does actually carry its freight from its junction point at the lower rate, still further reduced by the proportion of its connections, and that it even goes further than that."

"Rubber boots and shoes from Eastern Canadian cities, old rate, 145 and 210; present, 155 and 210. From United States cities, 140 and 190."

"Rubber clothing, from Eastern Canadian cities, old, 175 and 225; present, 185 and 245. From United States cities, 165 and 225."

"Sewing machines, from Eastern Canada, old rate, 143 in carloads; present, 158. From United States cities, 145."

"Cooking stoves, heating, etc., from Eastern Canadian cities, old, 145 in carloads; present, 140. From the United States cities, excepting Chicago, it is 140; from Chicago it is 130."

"Stoves, sheet iron, air tight, etc., from Eastern Canadian cities, old, 150 in carloads; present, 160. From the United States cities it is 150."

"Furnaces, radiators, etc., from Eastern Canadian cities, old, 145 in carloads; present, 155. From United States cities, 145."

"Farm wagons from Eastern Canada, old, 128 in carloads; present, 138. From the United States cities, 130."

MOUNT SICKER WAS A SURPRISE

MINING MEN WERE DELIGHTED WITH IT

They Expected to Visit a Backwoods Camp and Were Agreeably Disappointed Yesterday.

The visit to Mount Sicker yesterday by the delegates to the Provincial Mining Association was a revelation to the visitors, and is fraught with great possibilities for the Vancouver Island mines.

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NOTICES OF MOTION ON BULLETIN BOARD

City Fathers Going in for a Number of Changes—New By-Laws to Be Introduced.

Janitor Creed is seriously contemplating the enlargement of the city hall bulletin board. This contingency is suggested by the pressure on the space of the board in consequence of the activity of the aldermen.

The same alderman will move that the rice mills on Store street be included on the assessment roll. He has also a resolution on the board providing for the extension of Bay street to Work street.

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, sent on receipt of stamps to pay for the medicine. Send 21 one-cent stamps for book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for cloth-bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N.Y.

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