

CELEBRATION BY MASONS

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDER IN B. C.

Great Gathering of Members Here To-morrow—Dedicate New Hall.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Fifty years ago, when Victoria was but a small Hudson's Bay post, Freemasonry was first introduced into this section of the Pacific Northwest, and to-morrow, in celebration of that anniversary, Masons from many points in the province, from Washington and Oregon, and from Saskatchewan and Alberta, will assemble to do honor to that memorable occasion. The function will be of a dual nature, inasmuch as the handsome new home of the order in Victoria—the finest in the province—will be formally dedicated.

In December, 1859, a charter was issued to the first Masonic lodge to be established in British Columbia, a lodge being formed in Victoria. The hall in which this historic ceremony occurred occupied the site of the building now known as the Bank Exchange, on the corner of Yates and Langley streets; and from such modest beginning Freemasonry has grown and flourished in British Columbia until to-day there is no province in the Dominion where the order is more solidly entrenched, and in respect to Victoria there is no city in British Columbia which to-day possesses such a handsome and complete lodge building.

Preparations for the celebration of the anniversary to-morrow have been in progress for weeks past, and every detail looking to the success of the function has now been arranged by E. B. Paul, deputy grand master, chairman of the committee. Assisting him were J. S. Sellway, master of No. 1 lodge; W. J. Warden, master of Esquimalt lodge, No. 2; and T. A. Fox, p.m., the ceremony of former dedication of the new hall will be performed. The old building, which was erected in 1870, has been improved by the addition of a large wing, and is now transformed into the finest Masonic premises in British Columbia.

The work of effecting the alterations and improvements was entrusted to Messrs. Dinsdale & Malcolm, the contractors, and they are receiving congratulations for having made an excellent job. The undertaking involved an expenditure of \$17,000. The new wing, which is three stories in height, in conformity with the old building, has a frontage of 53 feet on Fisguard street, and is 50 feet in depth.

The contract, besides the erection of the new wing, called for the installation of a heating system and the remodeling of the old building. This latter work was executed in character, the original lodge room being entirely remodelled. The ante rooms were all abolished, and the entire area made available by this alteration was thrown into an apartment building of a strikingly handsome and spacious lodge room 63 feet by 45 feet in dimensions.

R. Dinsdale, of the contracting firm, this morning showed the plans for the new entrance, which has been changed from its former position, on the corner, to the centre of the block, facing on Fisguard street. This entrance is flanked by two solid granite columns carved in solid granite, twenty feet in height, the columns being capped with rich carvings emblematic of Masonry, a design of lotus leaves being surmounted by a globe.

Entering the building, the visitor is struck with the excellence of the design of the interior arrangements, as every inch of space has been utilized to the best advantage. On the ground floor are two spacious stores, which are to be let as business premises. Special attention has been paid to the lighting of the premises, and they are wide and spacious to an extent which will make them very desirable.

The second floor is utilized to provide a smaller lodge room, an office for the grand secretary, ante rooms, preparatory rooms and lavatories.

The third floor contains the main lodge room, banquetting hall and kitchen. The dimensions of the lodge room have already been mentioned. It

STEEL PASSENGER CARS FOR UNION PACIFIC

Road Has Decided to Do Away Entirely With Wooden Coaches.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.—Announcement is made to-day by the Union Pacific that all future orders for passenger equipment will be for steel cars. Recently these cars have been given a trial by the road, which has decided to do away entirely with wooden cars. Extensive orders for new steel cars already have been placed.

In adopting this policy officials of the road declare that it is merely in line with the general policy to do away with equipment which is susceptible to easy destruction in wrecks or fires. The new steel cars, it is claimed, will afford greater comfort to passengers.

THREATENS TO EXTEND STRIKE

SWITCHMEN'S PRESIDENT ISSUES ULTIMATUM

Will Call Out More Men if Railways Refuse to Grant Concessions.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.—President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America, delivered an ultimatum to the railroads to-day, in the shape of a public announcement which urged the striking members of his organization were back at work before Christmas under conditions satisfactory to them, every switchman west of Buffalo would strike before January 1st.

Hawley refused to make public what passed between him and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, at their recent conference. The results of their deliberations, he said, will be given out within three days. Before the proper time arrives, he declared, he would not discuss the matter.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.—The situation resulting from the strike of the switchmen on all roads penetrating the Pacific Northwest is little changed to-day.

At a meeting last night the strikers failed to agree upon a tentative proposition advanced that provided for their return to their positions until an amicable settlement of the differences with their employers could be reached.

The attitude of other bodies of organized labor here, it was stated, has exerted a dissatisfying influence, and had much to do with their failure to accede to the wishes of their members who advocated a temporary return to work.

Telegraphers' Dispute.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Charles F. Neill, commissioner of labor, arrived here to-day and went into conference with the committee representing the Order of Telegraphers and the Illinois Central railroad. He is acting as mediator. The railroad has agreed to improve working conditions, but has refused a demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages.

At the same time the switchmen's union began negotiations with the general managers' committee of the railroads entering Chicago. It is expected that the switchmen of these roads will strike unless their demands are granted quickly.

Filling Vacancies.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Northern Pacific railway is rapidly filling its yards with non-union men to take the places of the striking switchmen. The officials say they will be in a position to run fully by the last of this week without inconvenience, even if a settlement of the strike is not effected. The officials also declare that the strikers never will be given back their old positions.

PIONEER DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—One of the pioneers of Western Ontario passed away at Thornedale, in the person of James Laird, brother of Rev. John G. Laird, of this city, at the age of 83 years. He is survived by one son, John W. Laird, of Thornedale, and one daughter.

ACCIDENTS MAR

AUTOMOBILE RACE

Two Men Sustain Injuries When Records Are Broken at Los Angeles.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—In the six-hour automobile race at Ascot park yesterday, which was marred by numerous accidents to cars and serious injuries to two participants, the Stearns, driven by 293 miles, won the distance made being 283 miles. This establishes a new coast record for six hours, the former record of 267 miles having been made at Ascot park last May. The Pullman, driven by George Kussman, was second with 251 miles, and the Buick, third, with 249 miles. The Buick led until the sixth hour, and then withdrew on account of a breakdown.

In the 62nd mile the Apperson-Jack Rabbit, with Harris Hanshue at the wheel, turned over three times on a sharp turn, mauling the motor, but neither Hanshue nor his mechanic was injured. The Cadillac overturned at the same spot a few minutes later. The mechanic was slightly injured.

The Sunst was the next to go over, and in this spill the collar-bone of Driver Leonard McLarty was broken and Mechanic Bodin suffered a broken leg and probably internal injuries. He is in a critical condition.

AUSTRALIA'S WARSHIPS.

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—The federal cabinet has called the admiralty asking that it immediately commence the construction of the battleship cruiser which is to be the chief vessel of the Australasian unit of the Pacific fleet. The government proposes to proceed with the construction of the remaining vessels of the unit so that all will be completed simultaneously.



ONLY A QUALIFIED FAILURE. Spanish Farmer—"The reservoir a failure! Well, not as an irrigating scheme!"

HUNDREDS ARE HELD IN CHAINS

REIGN OF TERROR IN NICARAGUAN CAPITAL

Zelaya Ready to Block Entrance of U. S. Marines Into Corinto.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 13.—It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is maintained in the capital, and that not less than 500 persons identified with politics are in chains in the prisons.

A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending food to the prisoners, and these may starve to death, as they are allowed only two cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders.

Zelaya, to create an impression that the sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile towards America and Americans, and recently ordered Amador Estrada, a prominent Liberal and brother of the revolutionist chief, to organize a demonstration against the United States, but this he refused to do, and Zelaya held him on a fictitious charge.

Further authoritative dispatches state that 600 of Zelaya's forces have been entrenched to prevent American marines from passing over the bridge into Corinto.

Since last Thursday, when General Estrada became certain that General Vasquez, in command of a portion of Zelaya's troops was attempting to make a detour of Rama to seize an unguarded river point and descend upon Bluefields, forces of the provisional government have been acting with great energy. Rama has been occupied and other less important river landings have been strongly guarded. Preparations have been held in reserve to rush re-inforcements, to any point that may be threatened.

Revolutionists Confident.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Senator Castillo, representative of the Nicaraguan insurgents in this city, has received a cablegram from General Estrada, head of the revolutionary movement, which declares that the revolutionists are strongly entrenched at Rama and that the forces of President Zelaya are two days' march from the city.

The cablegram asserts that a revolutionary victory is certain but that following it, the revolutionists will take no definite steps until their programme is approved by the American state department.

This is presumed to refer especially to any decision that may be made in the case of President Zelaya should the insurgents win.

SLEET STORMS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Heavy sleet storms in the south and east have badly affected wires working with the east.

CRY OF "FIRE" CAUSES PANIC

THREE WOMEN CRUSHED TO DEATH IN THEATRE

Several Other Women and Number of Children Sustain Injuries.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—Three women were crushed to death and many other women and a number of children sustained injuries last night in a panic that occurred in the Majestic theatre following a cry of "Fire."

The dead: Mrs. William Richter, Miss Mary Corrigan and Miss Mary McCafferty.

The panic began when a woman fell downstairs from the balcony. Someone cried "Fire," and a wild rush immediately began for the exits.

Many persons were knocked down and trampled upon and others were crushed in the terrified crowd.

It required the efforts of several squads from nearly all fire and police stations to stop the struggling mob.

THREE AXPHYXIATED IN THEIR HOME

Thief Enters House and Rifles Pockets of One of the Victims.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 13.—John Richards, his wife and son are dead here to-day of asphyxiation. The three bodies were found by the two younger Richards, the fumes from a gas heating stove in their home having caused the deaths.

Indications are that some other person has entered the house, and covered the bodies and rifled the pockets of the older Richards.

INSPECTION OF GRAIN.

Calgary, Dec. 13.—Calgary has become such a grain centre that the Dominion government has decided to here establish a survey board for inspection of grain passing through here. The new board will probably consist of twelve members, six being appointed by the government and the balance by the members of the Calgary grain exchange. This new board will greatly facilitate the handling of grain here, especially that being shipped west. At present in case of dispute as to grade given by local government inspectors, a sample of the grain must be forwarded to Winnipeg before a final decision as to the grade can be secured.

FARMER KILLED.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 13.—Thomas White, a prominent farmer, living a mile and a half west of Sparta, was instantly killed while working in W. B. Cole's sawmill at Sparta by being caught in the fly wheel. The deceased was about seventy years of age.

TUG PICKS UP BARKENTINE

BENEZIA WAS HELPLESS SOUTH OF FLATTERY

Vessel Lost Deck Load and Had Nine Feet of Water in Hold.

(From Monday's Daily.)

A wireless message to the Times reports that the tug Tye picked up the barkentine Benecia at 10.30 this morning and is now towing the vessel to Port Townsend.

The Tye reports sighting a mass of wreckage 45 miles southwest of Cape Flattery.

The wreckage includes a mast and rigging, the former being painted red.

Lost Deck Load.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 13.—The life-saving tug Snohomish and the tug Pioneer are to-day searching for the barkentine Benecia, which was reported by the schooner Ethel Zane, arriving at Clallam bay at noon yesterday, to be in distress 170 miles south of Cape Flattery.

According to the Ethel Zane, the deck load of the Benecia had gone and there was nine feet of water in her hold. Shipping men have little hope of the tugs finding the barkentine, because since she was reported severe storms have prevailed and she probably has been driven several hundred miles from her position at that time.

With sails gone and rigging demolished, the advance guard of the incoming fleet of sailing vessels are beginning to arrive, after having been tossed for the past ten days by the fierce gales that have prevailed off Cape Flattery and the Oregon coast. Masters of vessels reaching here to-day report the recent storms as the fiercest experienced about this coast in many years.

Schooner David Evans was towed here with 150 feet of her deck load gone and in a leaking condition. The Evans sailed from Grays Harbor. When she crossed the bar she encountered a severe storm, which carried away a portion of her sails, causing seams to open and it was found necessary to jettison a portion of the deck-load. In her crippled condition she headed for Cape Flattery, and succeeded in sailing up the straits as far as Dungeness when she was picked up by a tug.

Schooners Rosamond and Ruth Godfrey report having had a fierce battle with the elements. Both vessels had a portion of their sails carried away and rigging more or less damaged. These vessels sailed in as far as Dungeness when they were becalmed and were drifting toward the beach, when the life-saving tug Snohomish came to their rescue and towed them to an anchorage.

Schooners Oceana Vance and Ruth E. Godfrey have also arrived here. Both vessels bear evidence of being roughly handled by the elements. Portions of the sails were carried away and the rigging damaged.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

(Special to the Times.)
Belleville, Ont., Dec. 13.—Roy Ballard, of Chandos, was instantly killed while out hunting. He fell and the rifle was discharged, sending the charge into his body.

INDUSTRIALISTS TO RESUME FIGHT

Supporters and Contributions Coming From the East to Spokane.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who in Spokane is referred to as the Joan of Arc of the free speech movement, is to-day one of the most popular women in the city. The young woman who recently was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to serve three months in the county jail is out on a bond of \$5,000, pending her appeal to a higher court.

Miss Flynn yesterday addressed a huge crowd in a local hall, when she spoke in defence of the Industrial Workers of the World movement.

"The free speech fight will be taken up with vigor this week with an inflow of supporters from the East and contributions from the same sources," released from Fort Wright, having served their terms. They are too weak from the lack of food, according to leaders of the free speech movement, to resume the fight.

One hundred and twenty industrial workers are still confined in the Franklin school.

Attorney Sent to Jail.

The first arrest to be made in over a week was brought about to-day when Bruce Rogers, one of the attorneys in the employ of the Industrial Workers, was arrested and sentenced to serve 10 days in jail for "unlawful communication with the prisoners." Rogers delivered a letter to one of the I. W. W. prisoners confined in the Franklin school.

NINE MEN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

WERE MEMBERS OF CREW OF LAKE ERIE FERRY

Yawl Containing Bodies Picked up by Fisheries Boat and Towed to Erie.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Erie, Pa., Dec. 13.—With her flag at half mast, the state fisheries boat Commodore Perry, Capt. Gerry Driscoll, commanding, brought to this port last night the bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Conneaut, Ohio, on Tuesday morning carrying 32 men. The ferry has probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

For forty-eight hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring Lake Erie for traces of the car ferry, but until a tiny yawl was sighted, fifteen miles off this point, at 11 o'clock yesterday, the men in the little fisheries craft had almost given up hope of being able to learn even a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry.

As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water logged yawl, the men on the fish boat saw that they had arrived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 2," were frozen stiff. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam or this port.

News of the finding of the bodies reached this city, and thousands of persons swarmed the wharves. As soon as the fish boat made fast a force of men with tackle set to work raising the bodies to the dock.

Conneaut, Ohio, where most of the men lived, was notified by telephone, and a hundred residents of that city arrived in two hours.

The cook of the car ferry was the only man to wear an overcoat. The other eight men were dressed in overalls and jumpers, indicating that the departure from the car ferry had been hurried. In the bow end of the boat was found complete clothing for one man, and it is believed that the yawl originally contained ten men, and that one became crazed, discarded his clothing and jumped into the lake.

Albert J. Weis, of this city, treasurer of the Keystone Fish Company, and the Bay State Iron Works, was a passenger on the ill-fated boat. His relatives and friends had not given up hope until the yawl containing the nine was towed into port. His body has not been found.

Officers of the car ferry company gave up all hope Saturday, and since Thursday every available tug has been searching the lake for some news of the wrecked craft.

Storm's Toll.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—With the practical certainty that the crews of the steamer Clarion and the Marquette and Bessemer car ferry No. 2 have gone to their doom, the toll of death taken by wind and wave since the official close of navigation on the Great Lakes falls but five short of the official season's total. Sixty-three men were the count up to last Saturday week. Last week's death list—52 on Lake Erie and six on Lake Superior—totals 58.

This total of 121 lives lost in 1909, is not far from four times the total of last year, when 33 men found watery graves as the result of storm and stress.

Speaking of the recent marine disaster, President Livingstone, of the Lake Carriers' Association, said that this had been one of the most disastrous years in the freight carrying trade on the Great Lakes. "I think it would be better," he said, "for all interests concerned if this season of navigation were closed every year on December 1st. On an average of years the carriers would be men and money ahead."

Losses on Lake Erie.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—The terrible storm which passed over Lake Erie on Wednesday night and Thursday, reaped a harvest of human lives and more than \$1,000,000 worth of shipping property. Late reports show that 53 lives were lost, that four boats were destroyed and that one is a ground and badly damaged.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF LAND TAX IN JAPAN

Diet Will Also Deal With Tariff at Coming Session.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—That the coming session of the Japanese diet will be one of the most important in the history of the nation is generally accepted among those conversant with the national policies and problems. That the session will be stormy and marked by much debate, is considered a certainty.

Among the matters that will come before the law makers for the Mikado's empire are the proposed reduction of the land tax and the enactment of a new labor law. The proposed readjustment of the tariff and of the commercial laws under which business is transacted here, also may be effected.

Reform also promises to play an unusual part in the deliberations of the diet. Among the institutions which may be affected are the present educational system and the accepted plan of railway extension and harbor improvements undoubtedly will be proposed.

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GRAND TRUNK WANTS SUPPORT

PLANS OPPOSED BY RIVAL INTERESTS

Question Referred to Committee of Board of Trade.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of trade held Thursday afternoon...

The matter was referred to the harbor development committee...

Dear Sir,—You will recall, when I had the pleasure of meeting yourself and associates on the occasion of our last visit to Victoria...

I am advising you of the matter to place in the carrying out of our proposed plans...

Yours truly, CHAS. M. HAYS.

CONSERVATIVES MEET.

Officers Elected at Annual Convention at Kamloops.

Kamloops, Dec. 11.—There was a representation, embracing over two hundred delegates...

VESSELS SEEK SHELTER.

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 10.—The storm on the ocean is the worst that has been experienced off Coos Bay for a long time.

REQUESTS GRANT FROM THE DOMINION

Deputation Waits on Minister Regarding Selkirk Centennial Exposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A large and influential deputation from Western Canada waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier...

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BOX CAR ON FIRE.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 11.—Fire in a box car threatened rolling stock and buildings in the C. P. R. yards yesterday.

DOUGLAS STREET TO GET LIGHTS

MATTER HAS BEEN FINALLY DECIDED

Council Promptly Meets Wishes of Property Owners in Scheme.

The city will co-operate with the property owners on Douglas street for the lighting of that thoroughfare...

With reference to the matter of proposed system of cluster lighting on Douglas street I would say that the question of efficient street lighting has been the subject of considerable investigation...

The plan outlined in the petition is one that is generally adopted for street lighting purposes. The cost of distribution and maintenance of this system is still far in excess of the arc lighting system...

By arranging the wiring to permit of each alternate cluster being extinguished at midnight the cost per annum would be as follows:

Total \$2250.00

The above estimates are based on a rate of 2 cents per kilowatt hour, the actual rate will be determined from lighting plant, the reduction of 50 per cent. on energy supply provided for in the agreement recently entered into will, on the assumed rate, reduce the costs as follows:

Total \$1,778.00 per annum.

Mr. Hutcheson was questioned by a number of the members of the deputation regarding details of the expenditure and gave a full explanation of the lighting system in vogue elsewhere...

The deputation thanked the board for the prompt action in the matter and before withdrawing Mr. Chaloner asked that the city council should join hands with the owners in endeavoring to get the B. C. Electric Company to do everything possible to assist in the work of improvement.

It was hoped that the company will consent to carry the trolley wires on poles between the tracks.

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Seventy per cent. of all gold in the possession of man is in the shape of coin.



WELCOME, BUT UNNECESSARY. Kriss Kringle—"Here's one spot where they don't seem to need me."

FOUR MEN LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Stream of Molten Tar Cuts Off Their Retreat From Burning Building.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Escape cut off by a stream of molten tar that flowed from a vat that collapsed, four men were burned to death to-day in a fire that destroyed the plant of the McClintock Refining Company.

MINERS WILL AID WOMAN ORGANIZER

Western Federation Sends Money to Carry Appeal to Higher Court.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 11.—The Western Federation of Miners to-day notified counsel for the Industrial Workers here that their organization will stand behind the defence of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, convicted on Thursday of conspiracy in connection with the Spokane Free Speech movement...

NAVIES OF THE WORLD.

Close Race for Second Place Between United States and Germany.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The navy year book for 1909, compiled by Putnam Puffer, clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, shows that the race for second place among the navies of the world is still very close, as between the United States and Germany.

Of fighting ships (battleships and armored cruisers) built, building and provided for, the United States has 45 and Germany 46, but the aggregate tonnage for the United States is 559,241, as against 564,434, Germany, however, has a larger number of small vessels than the United States.

Germany also outnumbered in the matter of large guns, 208 against 180. Of the fighting vessels built and in operation the American tonnage is 73,200 tons in excess of Germany.

Great Britain is shown to possess 104 fighting ships, with a tonnage of 1,480,880. France has 46 fighting ships, but her tonnage is more than a thousand tons less than that of either the United States or Germany.

The American vessels are the only ones carrying 13-inch guns, and the German vessels the only ones carrying 11-inch guns. All the big guns on British ships are 12-inchers. Thirty-two of the United States are of the 13-inch calibre. The year book also shows a total appropriation of \$146,135,448 for the construction of the new navy since it began in 1893.

Of this amount only a slightly more than one-third has been appropriated in the last year, and was \$136,925,138. The largest appropriation for the Spanish war was \$31,541,654.

CASE OF BANKER.

New York, Dec. 11.—Judge Noyes in the United States Circuit court granted a stay of ten days to Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker facing a term of 15 years in the federal prison at Atlanta on conviction of misapplication of national bank funds, and referred counsel's motion for a new trial to Judge Hough, who originally tried the case.

ALLEGED PLOT TO ROB RENO BANK

Two Suspects Have Been Taken Into Custody by the Police.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—Detectives of the local police department to-day are searching for C. A. Smith, who is alleged in a telegram from the authorities at Reno, Nevada, of being an accomplice in what they believe to have been a clever plot to rob the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Reno of more than \$5,000. The scheme failed because of the amateurish methods of the plotters.

INSURANCE BILL BEFORE LUMBERMEN

Convention Condemns Proposals of Canadian Board of Underwriters.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Condemnation of the proposals of the Canadian board of underwriters, which is attempting to secure legislation to shut out the American insurance men, the adoption of the odd lengths system of measurement for the higher grades of lumber, and the passage of a resolution for traffic protection on lumber and shingles, were features of the Western Canadian Lumber Manufacturers' convention here yesterday of the Fraser Mills Company, and a short business discussion on market conditions. J. E. Tucker occupied the chair, and the conference was participated in by Messrs. Otto Lachmann, A. D. McEae, E. F. Harris, A. Leitch, R. P. Alexander, P. Lund, A. R. Cavanaugh, S. H. Bowman and E. J. Palmer. In the afternoon the delegates discussed "Fire Insurance Legislation," "Odd Lengths" and "Duty on Lumber and Shingles."

TOLL OF STORM.

Fifteen Lives Lost, While Property Damage Amounts to Fifteen Millions Dollars.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11.—Fifteen lives and fifteen millions in property loss on land and sea is the toll known to have been taken by the storm which swept over Newfoundland and its waters last week in addition to the Gloucester, Mass., fishing schooner, many Newfoundland vessels were wrecked. All the victims of the storm were Newfoundlanders.

PERISHED IN STORM.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Not the slightest trace has been reported of the five men who set out in a whaleboat from the U. S. S. Marietta in a rowing race with five other men from the wharf off Port Limon two weeks ago. The ship's crew was later picked up, but the rescue in the whaleboat are now believed to have left their lives in the storm into which they ran.

ELECTROCUTED IN STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO

Special Police Officer Killed by Live Wire.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—In an attempt to remove a live wire from the street where it had fallen, Special Officer Theodore Canham was electrocuted early to-day. The accident occurred at the corner of Fillmore and Lombard streets. Canham, while on his way home, saw a crowd watching a hissing wire. Believing that his gloves would protect him from the current of the electric wire he grasped it and was hurled several feet. He was picked up and taken to the emergency hospital, but died on the way.

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GIRL MURDERED.

Body Found Under Truck in Yard of Cartage Company.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—The discovery of the body of Helen Brown, a 13-year-old girl, under a truck in the yards of the Whitman Cartage Company to-day revealed a crime that has aroused the citizens to a high pitch of excitement in that part of the city.

The little girl had been strangled to death and horribly abused. She disappeared from her home yesterday. So far the police have no clue to the identity of the brutal murderer.

BATTLESHIPS COLLIDE.

Vessels Not Seriously Damaged—Court of Inquiry to Investigate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Preparations are being made to-day for the calling of a court of inquiry to investigate the collision between the battleships Georgia and Nebraska off the Virginia Capes on Thursday, while the vessels were engaged in tactical exercises. The effects of the collision were not serious, and the two ships were able to return to Hampton roads with the fleet. Rivets in the armored sides of the ships were strained, but the plates themselves were not injured.

FIRE AT MANITOBA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dairy Building and Machinery Destroyed—Loss Amounts to \$55,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Fire which broke out at 3 o'clock this morning in the dairy building of Manitoba Agricultural College, which is situated three miles west of the city, completely destroyed it, together with valuable machinery it contained, causing a total loss of about \$55,000. No one was sleeping in the building and the flames gained headway before they were discovered.

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FOURTH MAN FOR MAYORALTY

VOTERS' LEAGUE WILL BRING OUT CANDIDATE

Meeting Friday Night Delays Taking Action—Morley May Be Nominee.

At least four mayoralty candidates are now assured. Who the fourth man will be has not been definitely announced, but it will be a nominee of the Victoria Voters' League. The league met on Friday in Pioneer hall for the purpose of deciding upon a candidate, but a committee which had been previously appointed for the purpose of making a preliminary selection was not ready to report, and asked leave to sit again and complete its work.

Speaking on behalf of this committee, Mr. Parsons said that two well-known men had been approached, either of whom the committee felt sure would be acceptable to the league, but neither of these were in a position to give a definite answer.

While the league has been careful to mention no names, it is desirous that all those in sympathy with its aims and objects should clearly understand that they will have a large number in the field, and that the man they will choose will not be one of those at present announced. The name of ex-Mayor Morley is freely discussed out of meeting, and it is generally thought that he will be the man whom the league will eventually decide upon.

At last night's meeting Capt. Gould presided, and there was a large and representative attendance. The discussions were of rather a disjunctive nature, but there was no mistaking the sentiment of the gathering. This was that none of the candidates so far in the field met with their approval, and that another candidate would be nominated on whom they could all unite.

The committee reported that several of the aldermanic candidates had already been endorsed, and that a pledge had been prepared which these were asked to sign.

R. L. Drury gave a long address on the present condition of affairs, and discussed at some length the proposal to have a board of control which he favored very strongly.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members resolved themselves into district committees to consider the matter of aldermanic representation.

OTTAWA FEELS SHOCK.

Windows Rattled and Beds Shaken in All Parts of City.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10.—A sharp distinct earthquake lasting exactly five seconds was felt in all portions of the city to-day. Windows rattled, beds were shaken, and particularly in the southern part of the city the shock was severe.

Dr. Klots, of the Dominion observatory, said the oscillation was one three-hundredths of an inch of the earth's particles and moved in easterly and westerly and northerly-southerly directions. He said it was due to readjustment in strain of the earth crusts and took place along the weak lines of the district.

Reports from surrounding towns indicate that the disturbance was local.

BEATERS COLLIDE.

Body Found Under Truck in Yard of Cartage Company.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—The discovery of the body of Helen Brown, a 13-year-old girl, under a truck in the yards of the Whitman Cartage Company to-day revealed a crime that has aroused the citizens to a high pitch of excitement in that part of the city.

The little girl had been strangled to death and horribly abused. She disappeared from her home yesterday. So far the police have no clue to the identity of the brutal murderer.

BATTLESHIPS COLLIDE.

Vessels Not Seriously Damaged—Court of Inquiry to Investigate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Preparations are being made to-day for the calling of a court of inquiry to investigate the collision between the battleships Georgia and Nebraska off the Virginia Capes on Thursday, while the vessels were engaged in tactical exercises. The effects of the collision were not serious, and the two ships were able to return to Hampton roads with the fleet. Rivets in the armored sides of the ships were strained, but the plates themselves were not injured.

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INSURANCE BILL IS DISCUSSED

MATTER REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

M. B. Jackson Rescues Board of Trade From Labyrinth of Discussion.

A long and very complicated discussion took place Thursday afternoon at the regular meeting of the board of trade over the question of insurance. This discussion ended by the adoption of an amendment to an amendment, which provided "that the subject be referred to a select committee to be nominated by the chairman, and that such committee report to a special meeting called to consider the same."

This was moved by M. B. Jackson and seconded by George Carter. The committee appointed by President Leiser was as follows: Messrs. Jackson, Carter, Shallock, Day, Prior, Forman and E. M. Johnson.

The discussion was opened by the secretary reading communications from eastern boards which showed that Winnipeg and Montreal boards were against the proposed legislation.

J. J. Shallock moved first, "That this board is of opinion that insurance companies should not be subject to special taxes which necessarily increase premiums and form a contribution from those who insure for the benefit of those who do not insure." This resolution was carried with only Alderman Henderson dissenting.

Mr. Shallock then moved a similar resolution to that carried by the board on a former occasion, when similar legislation was proposed and which reads as follows:

"Whereas section 71 of Bill 97, 'An Act Respecting Insurance,' now before parliament, will have the effect of creating a monopoly and combine of the fire insurance business of Canada: "Whereas it is admitted even by the Fire Underwriters' Association that companies licensed in Canada cannot handle the total fire insurance business of the country:

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W. E. OLIVER MEETS ELECTORS

HE EXPLAINS VIEWS ON WATER QUESTION

Mayorality Candidate Proposes to Deal With Subject Permanently.

The mayorality campaign was opened Thursday, when W. E. Oliver addressed a gathering of citizens in Pioneer hall and outlined his policy in regard to what he looks upon as the two most important civic matters demanding attention at this time.

The hall was filled with a thoroughly representative audience and Mr. Oliver's remarks were given an appreciative hearing. His plan for the settlement of the water question, which he looks upon as the largest and most pressing problem the city has, was received with applause and apparently struck the citizens present as a good thing. Mr. Oliver's plan would be the formation of a water board, representing not only the city but the whole southern end of the island, which would obtain a reserve on all available sources of water supply and undertake the furnishing of water to all the municipalities in this district.

The other matter which Mr. Oliver was that of the condition of the city streets. He believes in having competent officials to look after this, as after every branch of civic work, make them responsible and leave them to their duties without constant interference from mayor and council. Further civic matters will be treated by Mr. Oliver at meetings in James Bay, Spring Ridge, North Ward and Victoria West.

Beaumont Boggs was called to the chair by the voice of the meeting and briefly explained the object of the meeting. He pointed to the very excellent showing made by Oak Bay under Mr. Oliver, and foresaw great advantages for Victoria if it woke up and placed a man of Mr. Oliver's ability in the chief magistrate's chair.

"All have come out for in this election is to be of use to the city of Victoria, and for no other reason," said Mr. Oliver.

"It seems to me that Victoria is not to the times, that it is not blessed with the prosperity it should have. If there is any place where prosperity should come it is Victoria, the most attractive spot on the face of the globe. I blame no one for the fact that prosperity goes from us rather than comes to us, but it is plain to all who come here that the city is out of date. Owing to its position, without railway terminals, it cannot hope to be the business centre other cities are, but there is no city in Canada with a brighter future in prospect as a residence city, or a business city for those who are not absolutely given up to the dollar hunt. But with all that nothing happens. We get no further forward.

"People who would willingly take up their residence here turn away in disgust. What is the reason? I think the chief reason is civic management. Those in office may try honestly to do their best, but the result is failure. I believe that is because the members of the council are content to look on and treat this place still as a village. They do not seem able to realize that it has become a fair-sized place which ought to be a great city in the midst of a fine district. Victoria is part and parcel of the surrounding country. I believe it only wants careful and firm management to make this a great and prosperous city. (Applause.)

Mr. Oliver went on to speak of the opinions expressed by tourists in regard to Victoria's civic management and the reasons given by many people for settling here. The clouds of dust and absence of the water works, things which struck tourists from better-managed cities the moment they landed in Victoria. There was no use winking at the facts. Visitors could not understand why with so much water lying all about in the hills at the city's door it had never been made use of.

"The chief plank in my platform is that the first thing we should do is clear up this question, settle it finally," said Mr. Oliver. Before going into the how of it he repeated the explanation he has already given as to having disposed of his Esquimalt Waterworks Company shares for good and all. The whole matter of the water situation, all the schemes propounded, should be put before the ratepayers in such a form that they could really understand it and have all the essential facts before them.

If they wanted to settle the matter once for all there were only two ways—by the Esquimalt Company out or go to Sooke. If not they would have to make temporary arrangements. One way was to extend the watershed at Elk Lake, which everybody turned down. Another way was to buy from the Esquimalt Company till the city was in a position to settle the problem finally in either of the only two ways he had mentioned. His idea was that no settlement would be satisfactory which did not provide for the whole south end of the island, and therefore it would be wise to have a water board appointed by act of the legislature, as in England, representing all the interests concerned—so many members for Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, Esquimalt and the municipal governments representing the unorganized districts. This would be the best and fairest manner.

In England many communities had the same interest in the same water rights and the government made them come to terms by the appointing of a water board. In London, for instance, which was served by a dozen or more companies, the several companies got bonds for the value of their respective works. The security for the bonds were, first of all, the water rates, and if there was a deficit it was met by the municipalities concerned. In Victoria's case it seemed to him absurd, if the city was to go to Sooke

lake, that the cost should not be borne by all the municipalities which would be benefited. If the city went to Sooke lake it should be for the benefit of the whole of this end of the island; if it did not it should not hang on to it in a dog-in-the-manger style.

The water board would have the control of the water sources and supply of water and it should have a reserve of all the watershed of Sooke lake and should also keep Elk lake. There was no doubt the necessary legislation could be obtained, as members of the government and every one he had spoken to had agreed that this was the only way to settle the water question. Mr. Oliver disclaimed any credit for this proposition, which had been brought to his notice by J. J. Shallcross and had been tested by experience in the Old Land.

Mr. Oliver stated emphatically that he had no other interest in this matter than that of seeing the question settled once and for all in the best interests of the city. In the past history of the water question there had been nothing but bewildering and fogging of the issue and a telling of downright lies to the electors, for what purpose he did not seem to understand. There had been nothing done except the creation of prejudices which never ought to have existed.

"The streets speak for themselves," said Mr. Oliver, and the audience smiled in sympathetic appreciation. He did not blame officials, as many were so inclined to do, he said, and would not do so until he found they were to blame. Then he would deal with them in justice. In Victoria, instead of the council acting in union with the engineer they seemed to be in discord, and the result was unutterable confusion. Nothing was so hopeless as the interference of mayor and aldermen with permanent officials. They forgot they were there as directors and interfered in matters they knew nothing about. The result was apparent on every side.

Mr. Oliver said these two questions were the most pressing of city affairs. There were other issues which he would deal with at later meetings.

J. J. Shallcross asked whether, if a water board were created and its bonds guaranteed by the government, this would reduce the interest the city would have to pay.

Mr. Oliver replied that it would mean a saving of one per cent. in interest charges.

Mr. Shallcross, who was called on, said the occasion of his speaking to Mr. Oliver was the going to the Esquimalt company of outlying municipalities for water. If this went on a possible market which Victoria would have for water from Sooke would be greatly reduced. At present the city was burdened with a high taxation and the development of Sooke would add about \$75,000 a year to the interest charges. The best thing to do just now was to take out Elk Lake as far as it would go for two or three years and meanwhile develop Sooke Lake, for the water from which abundant market could be found. There had been good reasons for turning down the Esquimalt company by-law, for the people had not had the facts put before them and did not know what it would cost. In 2 1/2 miles there had been an increase of 40 per cent. in the number of water services put in, so that even with the helping out of Elk Lake's supply it would only be a short time before the people were confronted with the proposition of increasing the supply by other means.

One of the silliest things said in Victoria was that the purchase of the Esquimalt company would put money in someone's pocket. If the city were ever to purchase the Esquimalt company it would only be because it intended to benefit by it.

The formation of a water trust Mr. Shallcross approved of. If the government would guarantee the trust bonds it would mean a saving in interest charges of \$15,000 a year, and a reduction of a mill in the taxation. Whatever scheme was eventually adopted, whether Sooke Lake was developed or the Esquimalt company purchased, it was a business proposition, a matter of seeing where the best bargain lay and taking it. Whether people wanted to or not, if things went on as they were, the city would have to be buying water from the Esquimalt company in five years. It was a cold-blooded business proposition, whatever way it was taken, and it was for the city to secure an abundant water supply at the lowest cost it could, wherever it got it.

Mr. Oliver, asked by a ratepayer what he thought of the board of control proposition, said he did not approve of it as it stood. It was an attractive idea on general principles, but when one came to look into it a great deal of gilt came off the gingerbread. The controllers were to be voted for by the mayority electors, and it was really voting for three mayors instead of one. If the people had not been able to make a satisfactory choice of one mayor at a time they were not likely to do better with a choice of three. As things were the class of men who would make excellent controllers would have no chance against ordinary scallawags. If the controllers were to be appointed by the council it would be somewhat better.

Mr. Oliver will hold a couple of meetings next week, of which full notice will be given.



THE KIND OF "CONTROL" REQUIRED AT THE CITY HALL.

TIME FOR CHANGE.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.—"Give us a system of farming in the United States which will greatly increase the productivity of the soil," advised James J. Hill in an address before the national corn exposition here yesterday. He warned the Congress that the time is not far distant when the farms, as tilled at present, will not feed the people of the country.

REVOLUTIONISTS AWAIT ATTACK

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 10.—The revolutionists here are awaiting the attack of the Spanish troops. They believe the Zelayans will make it. Ozeja refuses to precipitate the fight, as it is thought the revolutionists will take the initiative.

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HAVE STRENGTHENED POSITION AT RAMA

Nicaraguan Army is Now Within Ten Miles of Estrada's Stronghold.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 10.—(By wireless to Colon).—Strongly entrenched at Rama, Estrada's revolutionary forces to-day are awaiting the approach of the Zelayans, confident that the crucial battle of the struggle is, but a few days distant.

Following their decisive victory near Rama last Tuesday, when General Vasquez's troops were repulsed, leaving 800 dead on the field and abandoning cannon and a large quantity of ammunition, the rebels retired into Rama and busied themselves in strengthening their defences. Earthworks have been thrown up on three sides of the town, in front of which has been strung a network of barbed wire. A towering hill behind the city safeguards an attack from that side.

Zelaya's army under General Ozeja is reported to have approached within

SIX DAYS' BICYCLE GRIND.

New York, Dec. 10.—As a result of the numerous spills during the night, the six leading teams in the six-day grind at Madison Square Garden, are about five miles behind the previous record to-day.

SUFFRAGETTES PLAN TO DISTURB ASQUITH

Thirty Women Found Hiding in Hall in Which Premier Will Speak.

London, Dec. 10.—Thirty suffragettes were discovered to-day hiding in Albert Hall, where Premier Asquith is expected to speak to-night. It is believed they had planned to make a demonstration when the premier mounted the rostrum. The women were taken in charge by the police and escorted from the hall.

Close guard will be kept on the building to-night to prevent the disturbers from returning.

WILL OPEN UP RICH COUNTRY

G. T. P. Proposes to Change Route of Branch Line to Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has abandoned its plan of building a branch line from the Yellowhead pass at the summit of the Rockies to Vancouver, paralleling the route adopted by the Canadian Northern. It now proposes to build by a slightly longer route, but one which will open up an entirely new country. This is indicated by an application just made to the Dominion parliament asking for an amendment to the company's act of incorporation and seeking for legislation authorizing the new route and an issue of bonds to the extent of \$50,000 a mile.

The branch line, it is proposed, will run south from a point on the main line between Moose Lake and Tete Jaune Cache, thence through the range to the Clearwater river, Bonaparte river, Seaton and Anderson lakes and Lillooet river, or the Squamish river, or between the last two rivers to Vancouver.

Those familiar with the route state that it has many points of superiority over the Canadian Northern route, in that it will traverse proven mining and agricultural districts like Cariboo and Lillooet. The line will run down the Clearwater, which in turn empties into the North Thompson. From the Clearwater a low pass will give an easy grade to the Bonaparte river, which will be followed south until the line will swing west across the Fraser and into the Lillooet country. Near Seaton and Anderson lakes the company will have the choice of three routes into this city. One will be via Pemberton Meadows and the Squamish river to the upper end of Howe Sound and thence along the coast to North Vancouver and via a bridge across the Second Narrows. The second route will be south via the Lillooet river and Harrison lake to the Fraser river, and thence west to this city. The third route, said to possess equal advantages, is from the Lillooet river south over a divide and thence into North Vancouver via the head of the North Arm of Burrard Inlet.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway originally proposed to build south from Fort George several hundred miles west of Yellowhead Pass. Later it sought to parallel the Canadian Northern route, its application being strongly opposed by the latter corporation, when the matter was dealt with by the minister of railways. In view of this opposition and the fact that an equally good route was available, the Grand Trunk Pacific seems to have concluded that the present route, built through northern Cariboo and Lillooet. The line will cross the Fraser below Clinton.

MISSING BOAT PROBABLY LOST

NO TRACE OF CAPTAIN AND TWELVE SAILORS

Nine Men Perished When Grain Steamer Richardson Foundered.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—Hope of rescuing Captain Bell and 12 sailors of the steamer Clarion, who are supposed to be drifting on the lake in a small steel boat, practically was abandoned to-day.

The Clarion burned off Point Pelee yesterday, two sailors losing their lives and five being rescued by the steamer Hanna. Captain Bell and the remainder of the crew tried to reach shore in one of the ship's boats.

Throughout the night a watch was kept along the beach, but no trace of the boat was found. The lake has been whipped by a succession of stiff gales, and exceedingly high seas are running to-day. Experienced lake navigators are of the opinion that no small boat could have lived long in the storm.

Early to-day a large steam barge, supposed to be the Charles Gubard, grounded off Point Pelee, near the spot where the Clarion burned to the water's edge. She was reported to be in no immediate danger and tugs were sent to assist her from her position.

Nine Men Drowned.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Fourteen survivors of the wrecked grain steamer W. C. Richardson, which foundered yesterday, were brought to this port to-day by the freighter Payne.

Nine of the Richardson's crew, according to the survivors, were drowned when the vessel sank. The Payne was anchored near the scene of the wreck and succeeded in transferring fourteen of the crew of the doomed ship to her decks.

Goes Down at Sea.

New York, Dec. 10.—The British steamer Joanna, loaded with a cargo of sugar from Ierik, Philippine Islands, for Philadelphia, sank at sea off Santo Domingo, according to a cable message received here from the island to-day.

The message came from Captain Nickerson, of the Joanna, who announced only that he had saved himself after his ship had foundered. The fate of the crew of twenty-five is unknown.

Tug Goes on Rocks.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 10.—The ocean-going tug Portland has gone on the rocks near Portsmouth, according to a report received here early to-day. Her crew of six men were said to be in grave danger.

ALLEGED SWINDLE

Man Arrested on Suspicion of Being Connected With Fake Pool Room.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 10.—William O. Belay, a man of 76 years, was taken into custody yesterday by the police and held on the suspicion of having been connected with a fake pool room. The officers are seeking to discover his confederates.

The complaint, which resulted in the arrest, was made by Frank J. Curran of San Francisco.

A search was made of the rooms occupied by the gang, where paraphernalia was found in the form of an unattached telephone, which was rigged with a bell, some bookmakers' cards bearing the name of Clark & Co., Seattle, and a coin bag from the Syndicate bank. This bag was labelled \$500, and when opened was found to contain iron washers.

It is believed by the police that a number of people have been fleeced by this gang.

FIRE AT WINNIPEG

Six-Story Block Destroyed—Loss Estimated at \$125,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—A fire which broke out yesterday afternoon completely gutted the six-story block of W. B. Sterling & Co., wholesale furniture dealers, on south Main street. The other tenants of the buildings besides the Sterling Furniture Co. are the Lewis Furniture Co., Barrel, Shewman & Co., wholesale liquors; Smith & Bruce, architects, and the Storage Co. The total loss is \$125,000, insurance \$75,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, the flames being discovered near the roof at the rear end of the building. A fireman was injured during the progress of the fire and was removed to the hospital.

SIX MEN DROWN AT PORT ARTHUR

Loss Their Lives When Dredges Sink—Nine Rescued by Tug.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 10.—Six workmen were drowned late yesterday when a dredger being towed across the harbor sprung leak and went to the bottom. Nine men who leaped from the sinking barge before it was engulfed were picked up by the towing tug.

THREE CRUSHED TO DEATH

Ambridge, Pa., Dec. 10.—Three employees of the American Bridge Company were killed and two others seriously injured to-day when they were caught beneath a pile of steel girders which collapsed.

Two of the men were killed instantly by the accident, the third died on the way to a hospital. The accident occurred at the company's plant.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

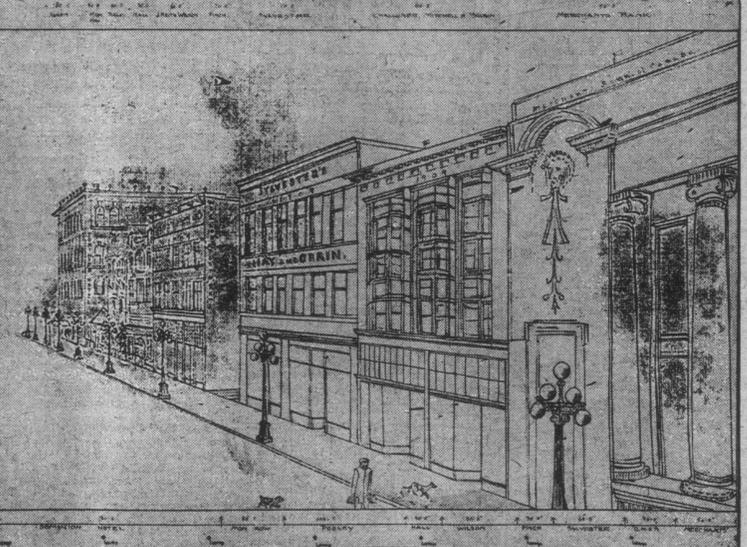
Madras, Ore., Dec. 10.—News reached here to-day that one man had been killed and three others fatally injured by the premature explosion of a dynamite while blasting on the Deschutes railroad, 12 miles north of here.

TO BUILD THROUGH PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

Company Secures Charter for Road From Edmonton to Fort George.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The House of Commons railway committee yesterday granted an extension of time to complete the construction of the Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen railway and the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass railways.

The Pine Pass Railway Company was granted a charter for a line from Edmonton through Peace River district and Pine River pass to Fort George on the Fraser river.



ENTERPRISE SHOWN BY PROPERTY OWNERS

The above sketch shows a section of Yates street that will soon rival any other section of the city from a business standpoint. It extends from Douglas street to Blanchard street on the south side of the street.

Within the past few months there has been most marked enterprise shown by the owners of real estate. Realizing that there was a pressing need for more business blocks, the vacant lots in that section have been

built upon with structures of the most modern and substantial type until to-day the street is one of the finest built sections, three and four stories being the rule.

The owners of property have shown enterprise in the matter of lighting the street. Within a few weeks' time they will have installed eight ornamental standards shown in the above sketch, on the outside edge of the sidewalk, each carrying five globes burning a 32-candle power Tungstead lamp,

which will make the street the finest in the city.

Realizing that it is one of the coming retail centres of Victoria the street is to be paved with wooden blocks, the by-law having been passed.

A petition is now being circulated to have the next block paved at the same time, and also to have lights established so as to carry out the ideas of the lower block by paving to Cook street. The street would then be one that the citizens might well be proud of, being 75 feet wide between curbs.

WOMAN AND FOUR CHILDREN PERISH

Explosion of Stove Starts Fire Which Destroys Home.

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LIBERALS AND HOUSE OF LORDS ABOLITION NOT AIM, SAYS THE PREMIER Asquith Again Declares in Favor of Irish Home Rule.

London, Dec. 11.—At a monster meeting last night in Albert hall, Premier Asquith laid down the policy on which the Liberal government is appealing to the country. He repeated what had been said by other ministers, that if they were returned to power, the government would demand the limitation of the power of the House of Lords, and then went a step further and pleaded the Liberal party to grant self-government to Ireland. The meeting was marked by the greatest enthusiasm. The audience which filled the vast hall, greeted Asquith and the ministers who accompanied him with round after round of applause. The audience was entirely male, women having been excluded in the fear of demonstrations by suffragettes. They managed to get two male supporters into the meeting who interrupted Mr. Asquith momentarily with cries of "votes for women." They were promptly ejected. Mr. Asquith pointed out that just four years ago Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, when prime minister, had outlined in Albert hall the policy of a new Liberal government, which included many reforms. The representatives of the people in the House of Commons had labored faithfully to carry into law the measures promised, but they had been nullified, one by one, by the House of Lords. He had fallen to his lot to take up the burden. The last time, he said, the government had reckoned without their host, but it was not going to make that mistake again. The Liberal Task. "I tell you in the name and in behalf of the Liberal party," Mr. Asquith proceeded, "we have at this moment laid upon us a single task—a task which dominates and transcends because it embraces and involves every great and beneficent social and political change upon which our hearts are set. That task is to vindicate and establish upon an unshakable foundation the principal of representative government." Referring to the education and licensing bills, the premier said that the government stood, in the main, on the principles of the bill which the House of Lords rejected. The franchise law, he added, was still encumbered with artificial distinctions and impediments, for which there was no justification. On woman suffrage, Mr. Asquith said his views were well known, and he had no reason to alter them despite the suicidal excesses of a small section of the advocates for such a change. Ireland. Mr. Asquith, turning his attention to Ireland, said he had been fortunate for once, because the measures set up in her behalf did not come violently athwart the prejudices of the House of Lords. "Speaking last year before my accession to the premiership," Mr. Asquith continued, "I described the Irish situation as the one undeniable failure of British statesmanship. I repeat tonight what I said then, and on behalf of my colleagues, and I believe on behalf of my party, I reiterate that there in one way—only by a policy, which while explicitly safeguarding the supreme, indivisible authority of the Imperial parliament, can set up in Ireland a system of full self-government, as regards purely Irish affairs. "There's not, and cannot be any question of separatism. There is not and cannot be any question of rivalry or competition for supremacy. Subject to these conditions, that is the Liberal policy. For reasons which I believe to be beyond question, the present parliament was disabled in advance from proposing any such solution, but in the new House the Liberal government at the head of a Liberal majority will be in this matter entirely free." Defends Budget. Mr. Asquith defended the budget as necessary to social reform and in this respect old age pensions were the first step. The budget, he continued, had been thrown out by the House of Lords after weeks of debate, and the government as a result was confronted with three constitutional innovations, first the claim of the House of Lords to control the levying of taxation; second the claim of the same House to the right to compel dissolution of the popular chamber; and third the assertion of the House of Lords of their power to make and unmake the executive government of the Crown. "What has been done," declared Mr. Asquith, "may be done again. It becomes our first duty to make it recurrence impossible. We shall therefore demand authority from the electorate to translate an ancient, unwritten usage into an act of parliament and to place upon the statute book recognition explicit of the settled doctrine of our constitution, that it is beyond the province of the House of Lords to meddle to any degree or for any purpose with the national finances." House of Lords. The Premier said that neither he nor any other Liberal minister supported by a majority in the House of Commons was going to submit again to the rebuffs and humiliations of the last four years. They would not assume office unless they could secure safeguards which experience showed to be necessary for the legislative process. The Liberal party, Mr. Asquith declared, was not promoting the abolition of the House of Lords, or the setting up of a single chamber, but it asked the electorate that the House of

Lords should be confined to the functions proper of the second chamber, and that the absolute veto must go. The government was unanimous in its demand for the absolute control of the finances by the House of Commons, the maintenance of free trade and an effective curtailment of the limitation of the power of the House of Lords. The meeting carried a resolution declaring unabated confidence in Mr. Asquith's leadership. David Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who moved a vote of thanks to the chairman of the meeting, received an ovation.

JAPANESE OPEN PORT ARTHUR EXPECTED TO RESULT INCREASE OF TRADE

Steps Taken in Connection With Colonization Policy in Manchuria.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—The Japanese foreign department to-day admitted that a decision has been reached to open Port Arthur to foreign trade, placing it upon the same footing as the port of Dairen. This step was taken, it was explained, as a necessary procedure in the furtherance of the Japanese colonization policy in Manchuria. Dairen was made a free port at the time of the Russo-Japanese war and following this move in the direction of commercial freedom, its trade increased by leaps and bounds. The decision on the part of the Japanese foreign office to open Port Arthur on the same terms provides two free ports along the Southern Manchurian peninsula, and is expected confidently to result in an enormous increase of Oriental trade with the commercial nations of Europe and the United States.

GIRL INJURED IN COASTING ACCIDENT

Sleigh Collides With a Delivery Wagon at New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec. 9.—Miss Laura Lavery, second daughter of A. L. Lavery, of this city, is confined to the house at the present time suffering from a badly sprained and crushed ankle, the result of the first coasting accident of the present winter. Miss Lavery, in company with Miss Thelma Innesley, was coasting down Sixth street when the accident occurred. The sleigh, which was traveling at considerable speed, had just reached the corner of Agnes street when a delivery rig crossed the street. Neither the driver of the rig nor the two young ladies on the sleigh had time to do anything to avoid the collision, and the sleigh crashed headlong into the back wheel of the rig. Miss Lavery, who was seated in front, got her foot caught between the wheel and the front of the sleigh, and when extricated from the wreck was found to be suffering from a badly injured ankle. Miss Innesley escaped with a bad shaking up.

WANT WOMEN FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Vancouver Local Council of Women Agitate for the Change.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—At the regular meeting of the Local Council of Women the important question of women on school boards was again discussed. It was found by the committee appointed at the last meeting to make inquiries concerning the matter, that the law in vogue prevented the election of married women as school trustees. In view of this, the council finally authorized the committee on laws, consisting of Miss Bowes, Mrs. Kemp, and Mrs. Northrup, to prepare a resolution to be submitted to the national council at the annual meeting, with the request for permission to appeal to the city council, for the readjustment of laws concerning the election of municipal trustees in order to secure the right of selecting women as school trustees. This it was stated, had been successfully carried through in other places, and the members of the council were unanimous in their decisions to proceed with the matter.

MAN MISSING.

Lillooet, Dec. 9.—Word comes from Bridge river that a young man stopping at the Big Horn ranch is supposed to be lost. He had just come to this part of the country and was looking after the Big Horn property for the Burdettes, the people he had come here with, they having recently purchased the property from B. S. Swanson. It is supposed that the young man was away before any passerby noticed anything wrong, but it seems that he only intended to be gone a short time as his dog was left in the house. He may have come through the ice trying to cross Bridge river, or he might have slipped over some bluff while pursuing mountain sheep or goats.

IMPORTING CHINESE.

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 10.—In the Federal Court here yesterday eighteen indictments for conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into the United States in violation of the exclusion law were returned by the grand jury. Investigation revealed a concerted plan along the gulf coast for importing Chinese.

ZELAYA'S ARMY IS ON MARCH

PREPARING FOR ATTACK ON BLUEFIELDS

Panic Reigns in Nicaragua City—May Fall Into Hands of Government.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.—Zelaya's army, strengthened by several hundred recruits from the interior, are marching upon Bluefields to-day, according to a cablegram received here. The city is said to be panic-stricken. Estrada has thrown out his outposts to meet the attacking army, but it is rumored that the revolutionary force is inferior in numbers to the army Zelaya has mobilized. Estrada sympathizers apparently are consumed with a fear that the city is doomed to fall into the possession of the Zelayas. All the houses in the city, they claim, is the landing of marines from the American vessels. Reports from the front heretofore, have indicated that the revolutionists were superior in most of their equipment to the dictator's troops. It is said, however, that Zelaya's agents have been exceedingly active during the last two weeks and many conscripts have been added to their ranks. For more than two weeks Zelaya's army has been lying in the vicinity of Rama. Estrada's forces, expecting an attack, had erected fortifications and dug trenches about the town, which were interspersed with barbed wire. Several minor engagements took place, in which the revolutionists were signally victorious, led the defenders to believe that the dictator was planning a massed attack in the near future. That Zelaya was covering his actual intent to move upon Bluefields is now evident. The defenders of the city are said to have been woefully weakened by the removal of most of their forces to Rama, where it was believed Zelaya would centre his attack. The cunning of the former president was illustrated by his strategic move on Bluefields. Couriers have been dispatched to Rama, and the impending attack. It is deemed doubtful that they can break through the line Zelaya is reported to have thrown in the van of his main force. Zelaya's army, numbering 4,000 men, is expected to be within rifle range of Bluefields by nightfall and a night attack is expected. Hundreds of women and children, including many Americans, have been crowded aboard the American battleships in the harbor for protection. Estrada, according to reports, was completely outwitted by the unexpected movement of the Zelayas, and it will be several hours before reinforcements can be rushed to Bluefields. General Vasquez's negotiations with the revolutionists near Rama yesterday, in which he intimated that he might surrender if he were given generous terms, is now believed to have been a part of the strategy the dictator planned. The report that the soldiers will be permitted free range when the city is captured has created consternation in Bluefields. Every effort to take the women and children to places of safety is being made.

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REPORT ON PLAGUE CONDITIONS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Attention to the plague conditions on the Pacific coast is given by the surgeon general of the Public Health and Marine hospital service in his annual report, which was made public yesterday. No cases of human plague occurred in San Francisco during 1909, he says, and there were but four cases of rat plague. The effect of the inspection by the service in San Francisco he continues, has been to place the city in a satisfactory sanitary condition.

SAWMILL WILL BE BUILT NEAR MIDWAY

Logging Operations to Begin Soon—Plant Will Be in Operation Next Year.

Greenwood, Dec. 10.—The Boundary Mining & Exploration Company has sold a tract of land comprising about ten acres, to the owners of the Ingraham creek timber lands. It is understood that the consideration was \$100 per acre. It is the intention of the purchasers to erect a mill immediately on this site, and it is planned to have the mill in operation by the coming summer. A. G. Lambert & Co., of Nelson, are said to be interested in the deal, being associated with some Ontario mill men. They hold an extensive body of excellent timber on Ingraham creek and logging operations are expected to begin at an early date. The Ford land project is being pushed by successful issue, the coal developments are daily growing in importance, and the new mill will add another industry.

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EXPERT ARTHUR ADAMS WANTS THIS DONE

Sends Important Letter to the Council—Mayor Maintains Silence.

Mayor Hall did not make his promised statement respecting the Smith's Hill reservoir at Friday's meeting of the city council, but the letter from A. L. Adams, the water expert, came to hand with information which puts a new light on the whole controversy surrounding that piece of civic work. Mr. Adams points out that the city should have emptied the reservoir and examined the bottom, as he repeatedly suggested. Why this action was not taken was explained to the press after the meeting by Water Commissioner Raymond. A few days ago Mr. Raymond had, at the instance of the council, sent the following telegram to Mr. Adams: "People much worked up over reservoir. Council also feels very strongly on matter. Leakage three-quarters of an inch at seven feet nine inches. Council thinks you should come, report and advise without payment either for fees or expenses. Reply. "The reply was as follows: "Dear Mr. Raymond: "Your message of the 4th inst. is at hand, to which I have replied as follows: "Will leave both compensation and expense to be adjusted when defects are ascertained and responsibility placed. "It seems evident enough that the council, and perhaps yourself, have wholly misconstrued the spirit of my recent letter. I am just as fervently convinced as I have ever been that fundamentally there is nothing the matter with the Smith's Hill reservoir, that is so far as the plans and specifications under which it was built are concerned. I fully appreciate, however, under which the members of the council and yourself rest, and my reason for offering to come to Victoria without compensation other than expenses, was to give my sincere desire to do anything in my power to ascertain the defects leading to the leakage of this reservoir and to advise you to the most effective and cheapest remedy. "I had no thought of placing, much less assuming, any responsibility for the present leakage until the facts necessary for the determination of its cause had been forthcoming. "I have no objection to whatever I may properly attach to me, nor on the other hand have I any thought of accepting responsibility which investigation should show to be properly placeable elsewhere. "My reply to your message is again dictated by an earnest desire, compensation or no compensation, to render any aid that I can, but neither this nor the preceding letter must be construed in any other way. "I have frequently asked for some definite statement as to the results of the examination of the bottom of the reservoir, and from your message I take it that the reservoir has not yet been emptied for the purpose of ascertaining them. It is evident that it is useless for me to come to Victoria if this leakage is due to the formation of openings through the asphaltum joints of the lining. Such a difficulty is too easily remedied to warrant the expense of a trip, whether borne by the city or myself. "I am at present on the stand as an expert witness in important litigation here and shall be for several weeks. But I want the council and yourself, and the honorable mayor, to feel that I am ready to do everything in my power to overcome the present difficulty. With kind regards, "ARTHUR L. ADAMS."

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Ratepayers to Vote on Proposal to Raise \$1,546,400.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—The money by-laws to be submitted to the civic electorate on January 13th next, have been formally passed by the council and, as finally decided upon, mean an expenditure of at least \$1,700,000 more than was recommended by the special meeting of the finance committee. The increases briefly are: The Coal Harbor bridge will be made 150 feet wide instead of 100 feet, and the by-law therefore jumps from \$85,000 to \$135,000. The sum of \$10,000 has been added to the parks improvement by-law, to provide for the improving of Hastings park other than exhibition grounds. Nearly \$50,000 extra has been put on the property purchase by-law, with which to acquire the block of land between the General hospital and the High school, and the gate at the intersection of Westminster avenue and Westminster road, as far up the hill as the south side of Eighth avenue. The firehall by-law of \$35,000 has been increased to the original \$50,000. The sum of \$10,000 extra amount is to be used for the construction of a new hall in West Keesling. A new by-law, in so far as amount is concerned, was added in the adoption of a measure calling for the expenditure of \$30,000 in acquiring property to widen Robson street at its intersection with Cambie street and thus provide an easy approach to the Cambie street bridge. The Old Folks' Home and police extension by-laws have been dropped. The school by-laws of \$42,000 for new school buildings has been unchanged, as did also the exhibition by-law for \$85,000. Ald. McSpadden tried to have the permanent grading work brought under the by-law of \$250,000 to open and rough-grade streets, but it was allowed to remain under the other one of \$150,000 for macadamizing and grading. The total amount on which the ratepayers will be required to pass reaches \$1,546,400. About \$30,000 annually will be required to provide the interest and sinking fund for this amount.

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Hunter Falls to Rally From Effects of Accident.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 11.—Henry LaBrash, who was shot by his dog while hunting near Gibbon a few days ago, died at the hospital in this city. An operation was performed in which his leg was amputated, and the shock, together with great loss of blood, caused his death. LaBrash had leashed his loaded gun against some bushes and walked a short distance away, when his dog jumped into the bushes and his gun to the ground and causing it to explode. The bullet entered LaBrash's leg.

ENGINE HUNG OVER PRECIPICE

Grand Forks, Dec. 9.—A C. P. R. freight had a close call near Shields. A rockslide had torn the track and the engine left the track and was stopped in such a position that it was hanging over a sheer drop of over one thousand feet. The train had to be transferred twice while the damage was being repaired and the engine hauled from its dangerous position.

ALBERTA WINTER WHEAT

Calgary, Dec. 11.—Grain experts and farmers are carefully noting with reference to winter wheat all conditions of weather, system of soil culture adopted, etc., that may affect the crop. Weather conditions at present must materially aid the crop, and it is now generally conceded by experts that those who irrigated wheat lands this fall secured a stand which excels in every way fields of grain that were dependent for their moisture upon the natural rainfall.

WILL ASSIST JEFFRIES.

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Jack Root, ex-pugilist, who is now running a theatre here, has been asked to assist training Jeffries in his fight with Johnson's style, the negro having trained him for several fights ten years ago.

AN UNNATURAL MOTHER.

Held Son's Hand Against Red Hot Stove to Punish Him for Disobedience.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—Found guilty on a technical charge of battery, Mrs. Lillian Hooper, who held her baby son's hand against a red hot stove to punish him for a childish disobedience, was sentenced to-day to spend 30 days in the county jail. The child was brought into court to-day and the seared little hand exhibited as evidence against the unnatural mother.

NEW GOVERNOR IS SWORN IN

HON. T. W. PATERSON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Ceremony Took Place on Saturday and Was Simple.

Hon. Thomas Wilson Paterson was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia at 11 o'clock on Saturday by Rodolphe Boudreau, clerk of the Privy Council, who came out from Ottawa for the purpose. The simple ceremony took place in the executive council chamber at the government building and was strictly private, not even the press being admitted. Hon. Price Ellison, Chief Commissioner of Lands, represented the government, and the only other present were Hon. James Dunsmyre, the outgoing holder of the office, and H. J. Musket, private secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Boudreau read the King's commission appointing Mr. Paterson, and then administered the oath of office, after which the new Lieutenant-Governor signed the list of governors which is kept in the Privy Council office at Ottawa. At the request of the Premier the table of the chamber was beautifully adorned with flowers. At the conclusion of the ceremony a flash-light photograph was taken of the little group.

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Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 11.—Henry LaBrash, who was shot by his dog while hunting near Gibbon a few days ago, died at the hospital in this city. An operation was performed in which his leg was amputated, and the shock, together with great loss of blood, caused his death. LaBrash had leashed his loaded gun against some bushes and walked a short distance away, when his dog jumped into the bushes and his gun to the ground and causing it to explode. The bullet entered LaBrash's leg.

ENGINE HUNG OVER PRECIPICE

Grand Forks, Dec. 9.—A C. P. R. freight had a close call near Shields. A rockslide had torn the track and the engine left the track and was stopped in such a position that it was hanging over a sheer drop of over one thousand feet. The train had to be transferred twice while the damage was being repaired and the engine hauled from its dangerous position.

WILL ASSIST JEFFRIES.

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Jack Root, ex-pugilist, who is now running a theatre here, has been asked to assist training Jeffries in his fight with Johnson's style, the negro having trained him for several fights ten years ago.

FAIR DEFICIT IS GROWING

STATED IT MAY AMOUNT TO \$15,000

Facts Not Available Until Auditor's Report Has Been Made.

It was reported to the Times Saturday on excellent authority that the amount to be met by the city in connection with the financial affairs of the late Fair under the auspices of the Agricultural Society would amount to a much larger amount than was previously mentioned—that the figure would not be \$7,000, as stated a few weeks ago, nor yet \$10,000, as given in another estimate, but in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The Times endeavored to get at the facts of the case, and interviewed J. E. Smart, secretary of the Agricultural Association, Mayor Hall and Ald. Henderson, chairman of the finance committee of the City Council. Mr. Smart would neither confirm nor deny the report that the total deficit would be in the neighborhood of \$15,000, pointing out that the financial statement had not been made public and he did not think he should be called upon to discuss the matter until that had been done. Ald. Henderson, when informed that rumor had it that the deficit would amount to the figure mentioned, said he was not surprised, though he did not care to say what he knew of the facts of the case until the auditor had made his report. He would say, however, that the directors were very much disappointed with the showing that had been made. "They had been led to believe that the deficit would not be nearly so large as it promised to be. Ald. Henderson said it should be remembered, however, that in calculating the deficit consideration should be given to the fact that the women's building, which would have to be paid for out of this year's funds, represented a sum of \$8,000, and this would lessen the aggregate of the shortage by that amount. Ald. Henderson added that an effort was being made to meet the amount of the deficit. Mayor Hall declined to discuss the affairs of the Agricultural Society at this time, saying that the report of the auditor would be ready in a short time and then the public would be placed in possession of all the facts. He expressed, however, that it was clear that there would have to be a change in the management of the association. J. L. Grimmson, the auditor, is now engaged in working over the statement and will have his report ready at an early date.

WESTMINSTER MAY ABANDON CHARTER

Its Citizens Will Vote on the Question on Monday Next.

New Westminster, Dec. 9.—In addition to the balloting for mayor, trustees and aldermen on Monday next, the electors of the city will be called upon to decide whether New Westminster shall remain under its present charter and allow itself to be governed along with the majority of the other cities throughout the province and all the municipalities, under the Municipal Classes Act. Just what the result of the balloting on the referendum will be it is hard to say, but it seems probable that the majority of the electors who have had neither the time nor the inclination to look into the details of the two systems of government will allow themselves to be guided by the opinion of the mayor, the city solicitor and the majority of the city officials and will vote for the change. It is practically the unanimous opinion of those who are conversant with civic affairs that New Westminster would be better off under the Municipal Classes Act. Those who have had experience in its workings state that it is cumbersome and unwieldy and that it unnecessarily hampers the process of city government. The change in the charter, which altered circumstances make necessary is a formidable task, while under the Municipal Classes Act the way is made comparatively easy for municipalities and cities desiring the passage of private bills.

J. A. MACDONALD PURCHASES HOME

Chief Justice Has Bought W. F. Burton's Residence on St. Charles Street.

Hon. J. A. Macdonald, chief justice of the Court of Appeal, has purchased the residence of W. F. Burton on St. Charles street. There is a large house on the property which embraces half an acre of land. The sale was put through by Helsterman, Forman & Co. The premises will be occupied by the purchaser shortly.

BUILDING ACTIVE

Kamloops, Dec. 8.—The growth of the city during the past year has been remarkable, particularly so in the matter of capital investment in building and civic improvements. A summary of the amount of building completed in the city during the past eleven months and those structures which will be completed during the close of the year reached the total of \$383,000.

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STANDS OVER FOR A YEAR

POSTPONES ACTION ON BOARD OF CONTROL

Amendments to Act Needed Before By-Law Can Be Submitted.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

No immediate action is to be taken by the City Council in respect to the creation of a board of control in accordance with the act passed at the last session of the Legislature. This decision was reached at a special meeting of the council held last evening, when it was decided to lay certain suggested amendments to the act before the Union of Municipalities.

Four amendments are to be made which will be made known at Monday evening's regular meeting of the council. The by-law which was prepared and presented last night was not considered.

Ald. Stewart, chairman of the legislative committee, as soon as copies of the by-law had been presented, submitted the following report:

"Your committee on legislation have considered the draft of the by-law to appoint a board of control prepared by the city barrister, and desire to point out that they experience the following difficulties:

(a) It is not clear whether two members of the board can act in the absence of the third;

(b) The salary to be paid to the members of the board and the additional salary to the mayor (if any) is not fixed;

(c) Mayor and aldermen have to make, under section 85 of the Municipal Elections Act, a statutory declaration proving that they are British subjects possessing the qualifications required by law; that they will not have, whilst holding any office, any interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or services connected with the corporation; that they have not employed any bribery, corruption or intimidation, to gain election, and that they will faithfully perform the duties of office, and will not allow any private interests to influence their conduct in public matters;

(d) No indemnity bond is prescribed.

The duties, although defined by the act, may be increased by by-law of the council, but no provision is made as to the time they are to devote to municipal affairs, or that they will give the whole of their time to municipal affairs during office hours.

"No provision is made for a recall of any member on the petition of a number of taxpayers.

The property-owners' list for 1909 does not appear possible to use the mayor's list which will be settled by the court of revision this month.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ald. Stewart, the chairman of the legislative committee, said the matter had been gone into very carefully, and it was felt that the question ought not to be dealt with now, as insufficient information was available. Reports ought to have been had from all the cities in Canada where the system was in vogue respecting salaries and duties. If the by-law was submitted at once the public would suppose that the council knew all the details. It was not fair to the council nor to the ratepayers to proceed so hastily. He moved that the report be received and forwarded to the Union of Municipalities, to be presented at the next session of the Legislature.

Ald. Mable seconded the resolution. The public would not accept the proposition at the present time. The act was defective and would require to be amended.

Ald. McKeown said a great defect was the absence of provision for recall, and another that there was no necessity for a controller to be a British subject. This report should be sent to the Union of Municipalities.

The city barrister forwarded the following letter to the city solicitors, which was read as follows:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter this morning enclosing draft by-law and recommendation of the committee on legislation. Dealing with the matters serially the committee suggests:

(a) It is not clear whether two members of the board can act in the absence of the third. A. The act makes no provision therefor. Where a municipal act declares that three shall discharge certain duties and makes no other provision, the council may not by by-law enable two to discharge such duties.

by-law, unless the by-law otherwise provided.

(c) Relative to statutory declarations of mayor and aldermen under sec. 85 of the Municipal Elections Act. It would be as well, I think, to omit this inasmuch as subsection 2, section 322B declares the practice relating to election of members of the board of control and we should not attempt to enlarge or limit the effect of such declaration. You will note that by this subsection the provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act providing for nomination and election for mayor shall except as otherwise provided therein, mutatis mutandis, apply to the nomination and election of controllers.

(d) No indemnity bond is prescribed. A. The act does not make provision therefor.

(e) Increase of duties of board and time of its members. A. There should not be any objection to the insertion of a clause covering this point as in the draft enclosed.

(f) No provision is made for the recall of any member upon the petition of taxpayers. A. The act does not enable the council so to do by by-law.

(g) Property owners. A. The list used for the election of mayor in the next election being the list in force at the time should be the one used.

Ald. Raymond also supported Ald. Stewart's motion. It should be looked into very carefully.

Ald. Bishop said the interests of the city would be safeguarded by deferring it for a time.

Ald. Fullerton did not think it would be possible to bring on the vote on the by-law at an early date; indeed he was informed that in order to get the recall power it would be necessary to get an amendment to the E. N. A. Act. Personally he was favorable to having the vote taken at the next elections.

Mayor Hall said he had not hoped to have the final vote taken before 1911, but the vote at an earlier date was necessary to give the people time to digest the proposal thoroughly. He had not supposed it possible to deal with the matter finally at the next elections.

To Ald. Fullerton he said a vote could be taken on a referendum in 1910, and then the act could be amended later.

Ald. Fullerton said it would be better to get the legislation passed first. Ald. Stewart said that people should know the act in its final form before putting a by-law before them, but he had no objection to a referendum vote.

Ald. Ross said he was opposed to a board of control. The present system was all right if the "machinery" was good.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Ald. Fullerton asked was it advisable to press the referendum now.

Ald. Mable said there would be ample time after the legislature had granted the amendments.

Mayor Hall thought it would be better to wait.

Ald. Henderson said it ought to be definitely stated what the amendments sought were to be. He saw few objections to the by-law, and defended the board of control system.

Mayor Hall promised a list of the proposed amendments on Monday evening.

After Ald. Stewart's motion to refer the matter to the Union of Municipalities had been carried and the debate had practically closed, there was some further discussion as to the wisdom of putting the referendum at the approaching elections, but it was finally decided not to do so.

TORONTO RIFLES TO VISIT ENGLAND

Arrangements Completed for Trip of Queen's Own to Aldershot.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is to be celebrated next year by the visit to England of 600 officers and men of the crack Canadian regiment as guests of the commanding officer, Sir Henry M. Pellatt. Sir Henry is bearing all the expenses of the trip of his officers and men.

All arrangements have been made by Sir Henry Pellatt through Earl Grey, the governor-general, and the officers of the militia department with the war office in London, Eng., and now nothing remains but to arrange a few minor details. The number of officers and men will be limited to 600, although the total strength of the regiment is 800. The brass and bugle bands will be taken along. If the present arrangements are carried out the regiment will leave Toronto on August 15th and proceed direct to Quebec, where ten days will be spent in preliminary training, after which the soldiers will proceed by an ocean liner to England, to remain until September 30th. The headquarters of the regiment in England will be the famous training grounds at Aldershot, and there a full course of instruction will be given to the Toronto soldiers.

LIKE CHEERFUL COLORS.

The commissioners in lunacy, reporting on the Surrey county asylum, express the hope that the wardrooms may be painted in light and cheerful colors.

LUMBERMEN ARE OPTIMISTIC

OUTLOOK FOR THE INDUSTRY BRIGHT

No Material Advance in Prices—Convention to Be Held Annually.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—The Western Canadian Lumbermen's Convention closed on Saturday and so successful was the gathering that it was practically decided to make the affair an annual one.

The discussion on market conditions continued Saturday morning and during the early part of the afternoon. The situation was agreed to be of the most optimistic nature, and all the delegates were unanimous in the opinion that the outlook for the industry next year was of the best. A number of amendments to the price lists, of a minor nature, were recommended, but on the whole these were practically left unchanged, and it was decided to recommend that no material advances be made. A resolution was adopted to have informal delegates attend the meetings of the two British Columbia conventions in order to discuss general trade conditions from time to time.

"Keeping after the officials from the top to the bottom" was the watchword which Mr. Tucker urged upon the convention during the car supply discussion. Messrs. Leitch and Lund took much the same view, the former suggesting that each man keep tabs on what he was short. A. D. McRae suggested that the associations adopt some systematic arrangements for notifying the railway company when cars were needed. He thought it would be a good idea for each member to notify the secretary 30 days in advance what would be his needs in the matter of cars. Mr. Leitch proposed that officials be appointed as in the wheat and cattle sections, to watch the tariff. Along this line, Mr. McRae moved that a committee be appointed to draft such a suggestion and forward it to Vice-President Whyte, of the C.P.R., and also that the 30-day report on needed cars be made. Messrs. McRae and R. H. H. Alexander were appointed to assume the task.

A committee was appointed to look into the insurance situation, and recommended some course of action to the lumber associations.

Owing to the similarity between the standard of finished sizes in the Coast and Mountain Associations, there was little difficulty in arriving at a definite basis upon which to work on one common standard. The two associations will work out the difference during the winter so as to have a complete scale within a few months.

"Uniform terms of scale" was taken up with the result that it was decided to allow 2 per cent. off for cash in 15 days, and 1 per cent. off in 30 days with a net price for 60 days. The general feeling of the meeting was that no business should be done with those retailers who refused to accept drafts. The code of trade ethics as drawn up by the American Lumber Trades Congress was adopted in the main, to be slightly amended by the secretaries of the associations.

SAANICH MEN MAKE MERRY

WORKERS FOR BRYDON GIVEN DINNER

Liberal Committeemen and Friends Entertained by Candidate.

About fifty friends and workers in support of Thomas Brydon, the Liberal candidate in Saanich in the last election, assembled Friday night at the Dominion hotel as the guests of that gentleman to talk the matter over, count the losses and drink mead out of the skulls of their political enemies. The spacious dining hall of the Dominion hotel was decorated for the occasion, and the tables were tastefully adorned with flowers and other accessories. The menu was a most inviting one, and so satisfactory did it prove and so congenial were the members of the company that it was past midnight before "Auld Lang Syne" was reached.

Mr. Brydon himself, although defeated in the past fight, was the happiest member of the whole company, and indicated in both voice and manner that the battle for the redemption of Saanich is not finished—it has just begun—and that with four years' instead of as many weeks to perfect organization, the Saanich Liberal Association will have a scalp at its belt when it next encounters its opponents.

The "whole Liberal party in the Legislature" was present, in the persons of Messrs. Brewster and Jardine, while Mr. Drury spoke for those who went down to defeat in this city. His speeches were full of a quiet confidence that a snap verdict taken under peculiarly advantageous circumstances for the ministry did not accurately reflect the sober second judgment of the people, and various plans were suggested to obtain, when another election comes round, a proper expression of opposition sentiment.

Speeches, songs and stories were given by the chairman and Messrs. Yates, Brewster, Jardine, Stevens, McNeill, Drummond, Chandler, McKay, Nelson, Watson, Grant, Colbert, Williams and Stewart. The toasts honored were "The King," the

NINE MEN SUFFOCATED.

Naples, Dec. 13.—Nine workmen were suffocated to death when working in a compressed air compartment in the harbor to-day. Three others were rescued.

PAPER SEIZED.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Charging that it was a libelous publication, the city authorities seized every copy of the Industrial Worker, the organ of the Industrial Workers of the World, as it came off the press Saturday. The papers were taken to the city hall, and it is stated they will be burned. The leading article is by Elizabeth Flynn, the young woman convicted of conspiracy, in which she relates her alleged experience in the county jail.

MURDERER ENDS LIFE.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—John W. Beam, a negro attorney, of Lima, Ohio, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs. Maud Dill, white, committed suicide by hanging in his cell in the penitentiary here.

"THE TORPEDO WITH A BRAIN"

Wonderful Weapon Which Tracks Sound in Hands of British Admiralty.

London, Dec. 13.—A wonderful torpedo, which picks up sound and tracks it down, is reported to be in the hands of the British admiralty, by whom it will be subjected very soon to exhaustive trials.

The "torpedo with a brain," as the new weapon has been dubbed, is fitted with a delicate mechanism, which is controlled by a microphone attached to the torpedo's rudder. When the microphone picks up a sound it deflects the rudder in such a way as to guide the torpedo straight to the scene of the sound waves.

Campbell THE FASHION CENTER



A Few Appropriate Suggestions From "The Fashion Center"

Oftentimes it is difficult to think of just what to buy and where to buy it, and we feel that the following items will be of interest to you. Our every department is replete—nothing has been forgotten, either for the Baby, the Miss or the Mother. Everything is moderately priced and some are at greatly reduced prices. Read our advertisements. They speak the truth and keep you posted with the best values at all seasons.

COATS

Those who study economy will find values here without an equal. For instance, we are offering a splendid line of coats, values up to \$20, for \$12.75. All our coats and suits have that regal air of exclusiveness.

SUITS

Our reputation for exclusiveness in suits is evidenced by the number of ladies that have bought their suits at Campbell's this season and by those who have dealt with us since we first started in business.

The lady who is desirous of being well and fashionably dressed at a moderate cost comes here where she inspects the latest productions from the world's leading fashion centres.

SPECIAL PRICES ON SUITS THIS MONTH

NECKWEAR

Fancy Chiffon and Net Stocks, with good quality silk and lace trimmings, \$2.50 to \$1.75

Spanish Lace Scarves, cream and black, all hand run, \$15 to \$4.75

Spangled Net Evening Scarfs, in colors, \$8.25 to \$6.50

Fancy Net and Chiffon Scarves, \$4.75 to \$1.75

Lace Boleros and Garnitures, \$6.75 and \$4.75

HANDKERCHIEFS

Plain hemstitched lawn, each, 5¢

Plain hemstitched, colored edge, each, 5¢

Plain white lawn, each, 10¢

Colored fancy handkerchiefs, each, 10¢

Colored fancy handkerchiefs, each, 12 1/2¢

Fine lace edge lawn, each, 25¢, 20¢, 15¢, and 12 1/2¢

Embroidered handkerchiefs, hemstitched, lawn and linen, each, \$1.25 down to 25¢, 20¢, 15¢ and 12 1/2¢

Initialed handkerchiefs, colored edge, each, 10¢

Initialed handkerchiefs, plain, white linen, each, 25¢

Colored embroidered, corner in holly, mistletoe and heather, each, 35¢

Hemstitched, fancy colored handkerchiefs, 50¢, 35¢ and 25¢

Genuine lace edge handkerchiefs, all linen, \$1.50, 90¢ and 75¢



KIMONAS AND BATH ROBES

Fancy Flannelette Robes in cardinal, pink, sky mauve and navy, fancy art designs, at \$3.25, \$2.75, \$2.25 and \$1.75

French Flannel Robes in cardinal, sky, mauve, purple and navy, at \$7.50, \$6.50, \$4.75 and \$3.50

Eiderdown Robes, in cardinal, old rose, purple, sky, pink, navy and mauve, at \$15, \$12.75, \$9.75, \$9, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$6.75 and \$5.75

Eiderdown Robes, in fancy stripes, red, grey, pink, sky and navy, at \$8.50 and \$6.50

Silk Kimonas, floral designs, \$10.75 and \$9.75

Flannelette Dressing Sacques, in fancy patterns, at \$1.50 and \$1.25

Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, in plain colors, cardinal, grey, sky and pink, 36 to 42 bust, \$2.75 and \$2.25

Eiderdown Dressing Sacques in fancy stripes, in pink, cardinal, reseda, mauve and rose, at \$3.75, \$3.25, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$1.75

French Flannel Dressing Sacques, in cream, cardinal, mauve, pink and sky, at \$3.75 and \$2.50

Cashmere Dressing Sacques, in sky, pink, cream, trimmed with lace, at \$3.50

FANS

Fancy colored paper fans, 50¢, 35¢ and 25¢

Fans, with ivory sticks and trimmed with sequin and lace, in black, white and other light shades, \$9 to \$1.00

COMBS

Barettes, plain and fancy, at 90¢, 75¢, 50¢, 35¢ and 25¢

Back Combs, plain tops, 50¢ to 25¢

The Ladies' Store Angus Campbell & Co. 1040 Govt St. Coat Sale continues to-day. Regular values up to \$20 for \$12.75

CHRISTMAS Will soon be with us. Make your choice while our stock is complete. BONBONS, per box, \$1.50 to 25¢. STOCKINGS, each, 75¢, 40¢, 25¢ and 10¢. SPECIAL JAPANESE ORANGES, per box 75¢. The Family Cash Grocery CORNER YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS PHONE 312.

ROWING TO \$15,000... Until Au- Has Been... MAY ON CHARTER... Vote on the Monday... Dec. 9.—In addition for mayor, school on Monday next, city will be called New Westminster its present char- shall abandon the self to be govern- majority of the out the province palities, under the act. result of the ballot- um will be it is seems probable of the electors who the time nor the into the details of f government will be guided by the or, the city selector of the city officials change. the unanimous opin- conversant with New Westminster bandon the charter. ald experience in its t. It is cumbersome that it unnecessarily as of city govern- the changes in it circumstances make mable task, while the Clauses Act the ratively easy for cities desiring the bills.

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NEW SCHEME TO CLEAR LAND

C. P. R. ADVANCES PLAN OF CO-OPERATION

Provincial Government and Farmers to Assist Company.

At an important meeting of the executive of the Vancouver Island Development League held Thursday in the board of trade rooms, E. McGaffey, the secretary, made a most interesting announcement respecting the problem of land clearing on Vancouver Island. Mr. McGaffey reported the details of conversation which he had with R. Marpole, of the C. P. R. Mr. Marpole had outlined a proposal on the matter which he desired to be considered by the league.

The C. P. R., who are very anxious to proceed to the great task of clearing land on Vancouver Island, have in mind the purchase of two steam plants which would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000 or \$6,000 each, and in connection with their utilization at various points on the island proposed a co-operative scheme, a share of the expense being borne by the provincial government and the farmers. The government could assist by appointing two engineers to run the steam plants. The salaries of these men would be approximately \$100 each per month. The farmers might be asked to supply the other help necessary in the operation of the plant.

This extremely important proposition elicited an animated discussion and it was agreed that the matter should receive thorough consideration and the league had every endeavor to further a scheme which promised so much for the development of Vancouver Island, and it was decided to have the secretary write and ask Mr. Marpole to outline his plans in detail when the matter will be taken up promptly.

An interesting discussion ensued in respect to the need of a city market, and it was felt that the premises on Cormorant street which shortly be vacated by the Victoria Terminal railway company the question of utilizing this building for the purpose for which it was originally intended should receive earnest consideration at the hands of the citizens. The conditions which prevailed at the time the market buildings were erected are entirely different. The city has more than doubled in population and the need for some central point where the farmers could dispose of their produce is apparent. The convenience to householders would also be very great.

Another matter which received consideration was the question of the scarcity of domestic help. This was raised by J. Shallock, who pointed out that it was apparent to all that the city was suffering from an insufficiency of that kind of labor, and he thought it would be well for the league to consider if it would not be a good plan to call attention to the situation. It was decided after some discussion to make a reference in future advertisements to the need of more domestic servants.

The very gratifying announcement was made that in spite of the small financial assistance which the league had received from sources which had promised larger appropriations its affairs were in a flourishing condition, there being a small surplus on hand. Mr. McGaffey was warmly congratulated on this excellent showing.

Aid. Henderson was questioned as to the \$5,000 which had been voted to the league by the council early in the year. The league had received but \$2,000 to date. Aid. Henderson, who is chairman of the finance committee, said he understood that there was a sum of about \$750 remaining of the \$5,000 which had been voted. The remainder having been used for entertainment purposes.

Communications were received from the proprietors of a number of British publications asking for a share in the league's advertising and these were laid on the table to be taken up later.

FIRST PAYMENT.

W. C. T. U. Secures Sufficient Money to Meet the Required Amount.

A business meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Thursday afternoon for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed to collect the first payment for the new mission, which was recently purchased. The report showed that \$2,500 in cash had been collected, besides \$500 from the city. In the bank there was a sum amounting to \$1,200, the mission board advanced a sum of \$300 and a loan of \$400 from a friend made up the required \$5,000 for the first payment.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Wellwood, Mrs. W. Grant, Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Gordon Grant was appointed to see that the new mission building is ready for occupancy by the new year. A vote of thanks was passed at the meeting to all those who had contributed to the fund and those whose subscriptions would enable the society to return the \$720 loaned.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, featuring an illustration of a person and text describing the medicine's benefits for kidney ailments.

JUDGES FOR ANNUAL SHOW ARE SELECTED

Were Chosen at a Meeting of the Poultry Association Held Thursday.

The judges for the forthcoming annual show of the Victoria Pet Stock and Poultry association were selected at Thursday's meeting of the organization. Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, who has judged several of the other shows held by the association and given general satisfaction, has been engaged to judge the chickens in the coming show. The cats will be judged by R. Laye, of this city, whose judgments have always met with the approval of those interested. Mr. Allison, of Toronto, will likely judge the pigeons, although no definite decision has yet been reached by the selectors.

At the meeting last night a large number of the members of the association were in attendance and judging from the enthusiasm shown there the coming show will be the greatest and most successful in the history of this organization, as all the members are taking an active part in the work that has to be done and are doing all they can.

Catalogues for the show will be out by January 10th, and the list being prepared is a most complete one as there will be classes for all that enter their stock. It is expected by the committee in charge that the number of entries this year will surpass those of any other show held by the association. The prizes to be given this year will also be more numerous and better and this ought to be a good attraction for numerous entries.

The dates between which the show will be held are January 17th and 20th. The new Broad street hall has been chosen as the place of holding this affair and a better location could not have been selected as it is very central and is also roomy, so that the birds may be better arranged than on former occasions.

It was decided at the meeting to issue a new poultry journal which will see that light in January and will be issued from then on the first of each month.

Another meeting is called for Friday night next when a full attendance is requested as the placing of the prizes on the various classes will take place.

WILL USE STEAM DRILLS IN TUNNEL

Work Has Been Resumed at Greenwood—Man Found Dead in Bed.

Greenwood, Dec. 10.—Work has been resumed by the Greenwood-Phoenix tunnel company. A force of men is already at work at the Crescent mine taking down the machinery, which will be moved to the tunnel mouth. The actual work in the tunnel will be resumed and with the aid of steam drills. This will make for greater progress.

For attempting to commit suicide Jeff Wilcox was sentenced by Judge Brown to eight months in the jail at Nelson. At a distance of 200 feet from the portal of the tunnel the Argo Mining & Tunnel Company has struck a 20-inch vein of galena.

William Boyle, for many years foreman of the Sully mine, was found dead in his bed here yesterday. He was aged 67 years and had been in the hospital here from apoplexy. He was a well known prospector and had lived in the Dominion district for a dozen years.

The New Dominion Copper Company will use the diamond drill upon their Brooklyn mine.

EXPOSITION SEEKS DOMINION AID

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Reply to Selkirk Centennial Delegation.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—In replying to the Selkirk centennial delegation to-day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that the amount proposed to be expended, \$300,000, was not large enough for a world's fair and the \$250,000 requested from the government was too large for a provincial fair, and while the government was in sympathy with the project and its objects, in view of what he had just pointed out the proposal as submitted would have to be given further consideration before a definite answer could be given.

FIRE AT GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 10.—Jeff Davis & Co.'s new \$35,000 business block had a narrow escape from destruction by fire. While some rubbish was being burned in the grate built for this purpose in the basement, the draught must have pulled some burning pieces of paper through the chimney, and the wind blew these into the store room in the back end of the store. Damage amounting to about \$1,000 was done before the flames were extinguished.

HATS TOO LARGE FOR POST

The fashionable large hat for ladies is under the ban of the postal authorities. The British postmaster-general calls the attention of his staff to the rule forbidding the acceptance of milliner's boxes for parcels post exceeding the limits of size—namely, 6ft. greatest length and 6ft. greatest width. Complaints having been recently made of the difficulty of separating stamps owing to faulty perforation, the secretary to the post office points out that the perforations are quite adequate if the sheets of stamps are first torn downwards before being torn across.

LEAVE TO APPEAL IS REFUSED DEFENDANT

Let Case Go by Default and Sheriff's Execution Followed.

Judge Lammman handed down judgment Friday refusing the application of the defendant in Williams & Co. vs. McDonald, for leave to appeal. The original action was for \$22.50 for commission on a real estate deal put through by plaintiffs for defendant, who lives in Vancouver. Judgment was by default on September 10th, defendant not being represented.

Subsequent to the trial plaintiffs' solicitors asked defendant's solicitors for the money and were informed that he was considering an appeal but if he did not take one the money would be sent in a few days. The money was sent, an execution issued and the amount of the claim and costs was realized by the sheriff and paid to plaintiff. Later defendant asked leave to appeal. No suggestion of a defence on the merits was made but H. D. Twigg repleaded on a plea of jurisdiction because of defendant's residence in Vancouver. H. B. Robertson contended that as the debtor must seek out his creditor and pay him the commission should have been in Victoria.

In his judgment his honor inclined to agreement with plaintiff's solicitor as to the point of jurisdiction. In any event, the proper practice for defendant would have been to apply to set aside the judgment, he says.

RAILWAYS ARE ACCUSED OF PEONAGE

Union Officials Allege Strikers Are Kept Under Armed Guards.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 10.—State Labor Commissioner McEwen is investigating sweeping charges of peonage filed against the railroads of the Northwest by E. D. Carr of Toledo, an official of the Switchmen's Union of North America, and J. B. Wilson of Duluth, a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Carr and Wilson alleged that the railroads are keeping the imported strikers who took the places of the switchmen who are striking, under armed guard to prevent their joining the strikers. The strikers allege also that the men are locked up at night in the railroad yards and guards posted to prevent them from escaping.

General Manager Slade, of the Northern Pacific, one of the roads accused in the accusation, laughed at the report. He declared that the strike-breakers are working voluntarily and that no effort will be made to keep them at work against their will.

Returning to work. Butte, Mont., Dec. 10.—The strike of the railroad switchmen in Montana practically collapsed yesterday when the strikers at Livingston, on the Northern Pacific road, returned to work. Reports from other centres indicate that the stress of the last week has been relieved and freight trains are being moved with little difficulty.

At Seattle. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—There was little change in the switchmen's strike situation yesterday, although the Great Northern railway on Wednesday evening imported fifty from St. Paul in an effort to break the strike. The union men say that these strike-breakers were hired in St. Paul as railroad laborers and shipped to Seattle without ever knowing that they were to work as non-union switchmen.

The Seattle Commercial Club and business men of the city are preparing to adopt resolutions to be forwarded to the labor headquarters and to the railway companies, urging them to get together and settle their differences so as to not delay the Christmas shipments longer.

SHOOTS SWEETHEART AND ENDS OWN LIFE

Boy of Eighteen Murders Girl and Turns Revolver Upon Himself.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 11.—Jealousy, resulting from a schoolboy love affair, developed into a double tragedy here when Walter Sybold, 18, shot and killed Laura Braden, 16 years of age, and later committed suicide. The girl was on her way from school at noon when she was approached by Sybold. After the boy had shot the girl down he started to run away. Several men pursued him, and when he saw that he was about to be overtaken he turned the revolver upon himself.

BISHOP STRINGER

Telegram Received Announcing Safe Arrival at Circle, Alaska.

Kincardine, Ont., Dec. 11.—A telegram was received yesterday morning by Mrs. Stringer, wife of the Bishop of Yukon, announcing his arrival at Circle, Alaska, and stating that he was in good health, that he had been delayed by ice and expected to reach Dawson by December 20th.

OXFORD DEFEATS CAMBRIDGE.

London, Dec. 11.—Cambridge was defeated by Oxford in the football game to-day by a score of 35 to 3.

WALLACE DEFENDS BROOKLYN EXPLORER

Says Dunkle-Loose Affidavits Are Part of Plot to Discredit Cook.

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 10.—Dillon Wallace, the Labrador explorer, who organized an expedition a year ago for the purpose of searching for Dr. Frederick A. Cook if he had not returned before last summer, to-day came strongly to the defence of the Brooklyn explorer and declared that the affidavits made by George H. Dunkle and Captain August W. Loose are a part of a plot to discredit Dr. Cook.

"Dunkle came to me and tried to get me to introduce him to Dr. Cook," said Wallace to-day. "I refused. I had no confidence in him or any scheme that he might have. He called on me last March when I was organizing the relief expedition, and told me that he was one of the best promoters alive. He declared that he could raise any amount we wanted if we would give him one-half of the money he collected. He entered this deal at the suggestion of others, and that it was a part of a plan to discredit the first man who reached the Pole."

Wallace insists that Dr. Cook certainly reached the Pole. He alleged that before Peary started on his last trip to the Arctic regions, he left behind him with a group of men who he believed had gleaned recognition through association with him," a letter designed to be made public if Cook should return while Peary was away and claim, that he discovered that it was a part of a plan to discredit the first man who reached the Pole."

Wallace asserted that the letter was to be made public without Cook's consent, but finally it was decided that it would help rather than retard recognition of Dr. Cook's claims.

Wallace alleges that a plot now exists to send an expedition to the top of Mount McKinley this winter to "destroy the records left at the summit by Dr. Cook."

Wallace declares that Cook's description of the ice about the Pole was different from that ever seen by any other man previously, and that his description was confirmed by Commander Peary's own story.

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WORK PROGRESSING ON RETAINING WALLS

New Westminster Improvements Are Going Ahead Rapidly.

New Westminster, Dec. 10.—Notwithstanding the inclement weather which still prevails, work is being continued on the construction of the massive retaining walls which will hold up the steep sides of Columbia street and permit of the paving of this thoroughfare.

Of the retaining wall along the south side of the street, 260 feet will be completed to-day, and there still remain 123 feet to be constructed. The portion now almost finished is being topped off and the neat railing which will replace the heavy wooden fencing placed in position.

Yesterday work commenced on the retaining wall on the north side, along the ravine. This will first have to be provided a sound temporary support pending the completion of the concrete wall. Work on the street itself still continues between the spells of bad weather, but it is not probable that the actual laying of the paving will be commenced until decidedly better weather conditions prevail.

AMERICAN FEDERATION AIDS SWITCHMEN

President Gompers Says the Demands of Strikers Are Reasonable.

Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—The American Federation of Labor will support the railroad switchmen who are on strike in the northwest to the extent of its powers, according to an announcement made by Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, after an extended conference with Frank Hawley, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

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SOCIAL SUCCESS WAS POLICE BALL

CONGRATULATIONS SHOWERED ON FORCE

Hundreds of Guests Were Delighted—Arrangements Were Perfect.

The terms of imprisonment served in the woman's building at the fall ground Friday by the guests of the Victoria police department proved all too short for those who had the pleasure of submitting to friendly arrest.

The first annual ball given by the force was a pronounced success in every way, and Chief Langley and his men have good reason to be proud of themselves. They incidentally reap the reward of a substantial addition to the police hospital fund. The event was by all odds the smartest social function of the season, and has established itself as an annual one hereafter.

For some weeks past, and especially for the last ten days, the men of the force have been working like beavers and the perfection of all the arrangements last night was the result of the utmost care was given to every detail by the committees which had been working under the direction of Detective Clayards and Sergeant Carson. Nothing was left undone to insure the comfort of the guests from the moment they stepped out of the cars—and the car service, by the way, was excellent. A walk had been laid from the car-park to the building, the awning overhead enabled the guests to walk dryshod.

The ballroom presented a pretty sight, gay with bunting, flags, ivy and flowering plants, with lights in profusion. The supper room was equally perfect for dancing. The sitting-out room was a bower of loveliness and a card room was provided for those who preferred a game to dancing. The supper room was equally perfect for dancing. The sitting-out room was a bower of loveliness and a card room was provided for those who preferred a game to dancing. The supper room was equally perfect for dancing. The sitting-out room was a bower of loveliness and a card room was provided for those who preferred a game to dancing.

The force was honored by the presence of His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir, whose last official appearance it was. His Honor congratulated the chief and the department upon the great success of the ball, and stated that he had requested his successor to postpone assumption of office for a day in order that he might have the pleasure of attending the ball in his official capacity. Before he left His Honor handed Chief Langley a cheque for \$100 towards the police hospital fund.

In the set of honor in the lancers, which opened the ball, those dancing were: Mrs. Dunsmuir and Chief W. H. Hall, Hon. W. M. Langley and Judge Lammman; Mrs. Gordon Hunter and H. W. R. Moore, and Mrs. Lammman and Magistrate George Jay. The music was supplied by Miss Thain's orchestra of six pieces, and a quartet. To its strains the joy throng danced until an early hour this morning.

Among the invited guests were the following: His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir and suite, Hon. Premier McBride and Mrs. McBride, Hon. W. J. Bowser and Mrs. Bowser, Mayor Hall and Mrs. Hall, Hon. William Templeman and Mrs. Templeman, G. H. Barnard, M.P., and Mrs. Barnard, Judge Lammman and Mrs. Lammman, Capt. Parry and officers of the Egeria, Senator and Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. Jackson, J. Fraser, Alderman and Mrs. H. F. Bishop, Alderman and Mrs. Russell Humber, Alderman and Mrs. J. A. Turner, Alderman and Mrs. J. E. F. Keown, Alderman and Mrs. W. F. Fullerton, Alderman and Mrs. P. A. Raymond, Mrs. George Jay, Superintendent F. S. Hussey, Sergeant and Mrs. E. C. Murray, Major and Mrs. Jackson, Chief R. Irving Ward of Seattle and Mrs. Ward, Charles Tennant, captain of police, Seattle; Chief M. M. Cade, of Bellingham, and Mrs. Cade; Chief R. D. Duffin, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Duffin; Chief Crossan, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. Crossan; Chief J. W. McIntosh, of New Westminster, and Mrs. McIntosh; Chief Provincial Constable and Mrs. Campbell, of Vancouver, Mr. E. H. McLean, B. Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shotbolt, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, H. E. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Alex. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cowden, of the Dominion police, Ottawa, and Mrs. Cowden; Chief Trudel, Quebec; Chief A. C. Lancy, Edmonton; Chief of Detectives Silas H. Carpenter, Montreal; Chief James Gorman, Galt, Ont.; and Mrs. C. H. Topp, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Denham, U. S. Consul Abraham E. Smith, Edward Huestis, of the U. S. Immigration department; Five O. S. Thomas Davis and Mrs. Davis, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. Hassell, Dr. and Mrs. Milne, W. W. Northcott, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington J. Dowler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. S. Materson, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, William Blakemore, Mr. and Mrs. Ian St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. R. Moore, L. J. Sarmour, John Buford, of the U. S. Immigration department; Robert Roff, of the Dominion Immigration service, and Mrs. Roff; J. C. Newbury, collector of customs; Mr. and Mrs. E. Elworthy, Noah Shakespeare, Mr. J. Sproule, Mrs. Herbert Sproule, A. Lewis, R. S. Day, J. W. Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Helmecken, K. C. J. A. Mara, Harold B. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincens, G. H. Brown.

A sale which was put through some time ago has just seen the light. It is that of a large tract of fine timber sold some time ago by T. W. Paterson. A. T. Frampton acted on behalf of the purchasers, the price being in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

REGIMENT'S GENERAL EFFICIENCY RETURNS

Statement Published in a Militia Order Issued Saturday.

In an order issued Saturday, Lieut.-Col. Currie, commanding Fifth Regiment, the following is published for general information, being general efficiency returns:

Gun practice and fort manning, full marks, 40—No. 1 Co., 20; No. 2 Co., 22; No. 3 Co., 20.

Officers' observation of fire, full marks, 40—No. 1 Co., 32; No. 2 Co., 35; No. 3 Co., 35.

Gun laying, full marks, 60—No. 1 Co., 45; No. 2 Co., 45; No. 3 Co., 45.

Total full marks, 600—No. 1 Co., 311; No. 2 Co., 289; No. 3 Co., 304. Less for absentees—No. 1 Co., 36; No. 2 Co., 17; No. 3 Co., 46.

Clothing and accoutrements, full marks, 20—No. 1 Co., 17; No. 2 Co., 16; No. 3 Co., 17.

Arms and company drill, full marks, 20—No. 1 Co., 25; No. 2 Co., 28; No. 3 Co., 20.

Company books, full marks, 20—No. 1 Co., 20; No. 2 Co., 20; No. 3 Co., 20.

Officers' questions, full marks, 40—No. 1 Co., 34; No. 2 Co., 31; No. 3 Co., 29.

Group drills, full marks, 80—No. 1 Co., 65; No. 2 Co., 66; No. 3 Co., 70.

Signalling, full marks, 40—No. 1 Co., 21; No. 2 Co., 18; No. 3 Co., 21.

Totals, less for absentees, full marks, 300—No. 1 Co., 468; No. 2 Co., 497; No. 3 Co., 476.

The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following promotions in No. 1 Company: To be corporals—Gnr. Birch, Gnr. A. W. Milligan, Gnr. E. D. Carter.

To be bombardiers—Gnr. W. Kroeger, Gnr. A. B. Bomb, Gnr. H. F. Beck, Gnr. L. S. Davies.

O. C. companies will recommend the names of those signallers to be transferred to staff at office on the 15th inst.

There will be no further practice of the bugle band until the regular drill season.

Applications for the position of stewards to the Regimental Association rooms (to give whole time) will be received up to 18th inst. by C.S.M. H. Nesbitt.

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PEERS WILL TAKE
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Joseph Chamberlain Thinks
Unionists Will Be Vic-
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London, Dec. 10.—"I am looking with
interest to the result of the general
election, and I am only sorry that I
cannot hope to take an active part in
it. I think, however, that the unionists
are likely to win," said Joseph Chamber-
lain to a friend in Scarborough.
The Standard editorially says: "The
country has been brought to the turning
point in its Imperial destiny. It is
now a question whether the industrial
benefits to be anticipated from a scientific
scheme of tariff reform, are less
momentous than the establishment of
economic relations between the Mother
country and the overseas dominions.
This is a case which should not only
stimulate the commercial instincts of
business, but should kindle sentiments
of an Imperial nature."

The scouts and girlia fighters in
the election contest have opened the
conflict on both sides, the leaders will
now appear. Mr. Asquith's pronouncement
at Albert Hall to-night is the
most important speech of the campaign.
Mr. Balfour, although still confined to his
house with a cold, comes out at the
same time with an election manifesto.
A curious feature of the campaign is
the active part the peers are prepar-
ing to take. Lord Lansdowne leads
off at Liverpool, and a long series of
other peers' meetings are being ar-
ranged.

The election managers are finding
that as the epithets of Mr. Churchill
and Mr. Lloyd George against the peers
grow more and more lurid, the elec-
torate, and especially the working
classes, desire to hear these men
debate the issues. Englishmen, who after
all do so much to govern industrial,
financial and agricultural England.

WOMAN ORGANIZER
SENT TO PRISON

Miss Flynn, of Industrial Work-
ers, Given Three Months
at Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—Believing
that the whole Socialistic and the
Industrial Workers' movement is imper-
iled by the conviction of Elizabeth
Gurley Flynn, national organizer of the
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VICTORIAN AND SISTER
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C. P. R. President Said to Be
Securing Control of Rival
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London, Dec. 9.—Sir Thos. Shaugh-
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on the Lusitania on Monday. It is
understood that one object of his visit
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ments whereby the C.P.R. secures
working control of the Allan steam-
ships. The Glasgow interests of the
firm, which held about three-quarters
of the working capital, have been
purchased with this end in view.

The new plans give the C.P.R. the
control of either the Express steamers
run on the Atlantic or the Victorian
and Virginian of the Allan line
service. It is also expected, in view of
the transfer, that Sir Thos. Shaugh-
nessy will make preliminary ar-
rangements here for the construction
of two new Atlantic steamers of the
latest type, which will keep the C.P.R.
at the head of the St. Lawrence pas-
senger trade. Last season's White
Star experience on the St. Lawrence
proves that superlative results are ob-
tainable from the combination of tur-
bine and reciprocating engine sys-
tem. It is expected that these will be
adopted on the new Canadian Pacific
boats. In view of these changes fresh
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nection with the Allan's shore super-
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MORE RAILWAY BILLS
FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Two Companies Give Notice—
New Industrial
Concerns.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The B. C. Packers' Association will
seek incorporation by private act
next session, according to notice in
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SENT TO PRISON

Miss Flynn, of Industrial Work-
ers, Given Three Months
at Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—Believing
that the whole Socialistic and the
Industrial Workers' movement is imper-
iled by the conviction of Elizabeth
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Industrial Workers of the World, the
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Edward, Judge Lampman, Capt. Parry
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PROGRESS OF
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REVIEW OF GROWTH
OF GREAT INDUSTRY

Past, Present and Future of
Mines and Smelter
Properties.

A mining engineer who examines and
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mending the investment of capital
and in the development of such prop-
erty his predictions are not only borne
out to the letter, but the baby prospect
has become a giant mine with a daily
output of nearly 5,000 tons of ore—one
of the big copper producers of the
world—and which has paid to share-
holders of a company financed on his
recommendation over three and a half
millions of dollars in dividends, might
well be proud of his achievement.
Which has been nearly if ever achieved,
says the Phoenix Pioneer.

Such a man is Col. N. E. Linsley,
consulting mining engineer of Spokane,
who paid a visit to Phoenix recently.
When called on by the Pioneer the
general colonel was clad in what he
termed his "digging clothes," having
just returned from a trip through the
big Phoenix producer, and commented
on the vast change in Phoenix camp
since his first visit sixteen years ago,
a prosperous city replacing a wilder-
ness in the mountains.

But it was the development of the
Granby properties—the transformation
of a mountain of ore into a mine with
many miles of a tram system, where
gravity mining methods are reduced to
a science, and with all which he has
had intimate connection since their in-
ception—that Col. Linsley was able to
comment with enviable satisfaction. It
was six years since his last visit to
Phoenix, and even during this time
many changes in the evolution of a
producer have taken place. To the
Pioneer Col. Linsley gave the following
details of Granby's beginning and
growth:

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fine New Hose Wagon Just De-
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VANCOUVER FOR
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BOARD OF TRADE IS
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Resolution Adopted Calling for
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on it.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—The question of
a change in the form of civic govern-
ment in this city was discussed at
length by the board of trade at its regu-
lar meeting. A motion was finally
passed advocating a board of control
on the lines of the amendment to the
charter in 1907, and the resolution will
be presented to the mayor and council
to that effect, asking for a by-law to
be submitted to the people.

SHOOT'S WIFE AND
THEN ENDS OWN LIFE

Retired Rancher Fancied
Woman Was Plotting to
Secure Property.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 10.—D. B. Groff,
a wealthy retired rancher, shot and
killed his young wife and then shot
himself in the head, both dying in-
stantly at their home this afternoon,
adding two more deaths to the reign
of crime that is sweeping this vicinity.

Groff left a note showing that he was
possessed of an hallucination that his
wife had entered into a plot with two
other women to defraud him of his prop-
erty. The police think that the reign
of crime that is sweeping this vicinity
is mainly in Placer county. He
formerly lived at Lincoln, in that
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Jacob Furch, president of the Puget
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Seattle, E. P. Jamieson, president of
the Jamieson Steel company, N. W.
Jordan, Boston, Robert Dollar, San
Francisco and several other eastern
and Pacific coast capitalists.

This corporation has acquired exten-
sive coal lands recently purchased by
Herbert Law on Graham Island, British
Columbia. It has also acquired
large deposits in Snohomish and
county, Wash., and on Quatsino sound,
Vancouver Island. These aggregate
10,000,000 tons of high grade iron ore in
sight. This corporation has options on
the largest of the three big iron bodies
in California on the California-Nevada
state line not far from railroad trans-
portation. This ore is of higher grade
than some of the choicest deposits of
the steel trust in other parts of the
country.

The plan of the Western Steel cor-
poration is to develop a great steel
plant at Irondale, on the lines of the
steel trust's plant at Gary, Ind., with
the ultimate idea of establishing an
extensive plant on San Francisco bay
for the handling of the output of the
California deposits.
The corporation will not confine it-
self to the making of crude iron and
steel, but will enter the steel manu-
facturing industry of the coast on far-
reaching lines. It has purchased the
Moran shipbuilding company of Se-
attle, in whose yards the battleship
Nebraska and many other warships
have been constructed. The price paid
for the plant was \$2,000,000. The entire
Moran plant will be moved to Iron-
dale, adjoining the corporation's steel
plant, and the present site of the
shipyard will be used for the manu-
facture of steel for the coast. The
plant will be sold to one of the great trans-
continental railroads for its terminal.
The final details of this transfer will
be closed in New York this week.

It is understood that no definite
negotiations have been closed with
the Western Steel corporation will ul-
timately consolidate the Union Iron
Works at San Francisco with its other
holdings, thus forming a huge in-
dependent steel concern on the Pa-
cific coast of more than \$50,000,000
value.

This, in brief, is the deal which was
virtually settled to-day.
Those conversant with the steel and
iron situation on the Pacific coast de-
clare that it constitutes one of the
most constructive and important
industrial projects there for many years.
Hitherto the bulk of steel and iron
manufactured products have come
from the East, a large part by rail,
and the amount of money that people
on the Pacific coast have paid for this
freight alone totals a staggering sum.

It is understood that the Western
Steel also has an option on the Bullen
shipbuilding works at Esquimalt, B.
C., and will soon merge it with its
other holdings.
The Moran plant, after its removal
to Irondale, will engage not only in
shipbuilding and boat building, but in
general steel and iron manufacturing.
Although the immediate activities of
the Western Steel corporation will be
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Herbert Law confirmed the report of
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BOARD OF TRADE
FAVORS TRUNK ROADS

Resolution Was Passed on
Subject of Thursday's
Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the
board of trade Thursday afternoon
passed a resolution unanimously con-
gratulating their fellow-member, T. W.
Paterson, on his appointment to the
office of Lieutenant-Governor. The
resolution was moved by A. W. McCurdy
and seconded by Colonel Prior.

In introducing the resolution Mr.
McCurdy referred to the fact that Mr.
Paterson was a member of the council
of the board of trade and had always
taken a prominent part in the work.
Colonel Prior also referred to the good
work done by Mr. Paterson and to the
pride they felt in his elevation to of-
fice.

Another resolution which is self-ex-
planatory was carried by the board as
follows:
"As this meeting is informed that the
provincial government is considering
the linking up of existing wagon
roads in the southern and central por-
tions of British Columbia through East
Kootenay to the province of Alberta,
this board wishes to go on record as
thoroughly approving of and endorsing
the principle of linking together various
sections of wagon and trunk road
wherever practicable, and that a copy
of this resolution be forwarded to the
Hon. Richard McBride, premier of Brit-
ish Columbia, and the Hon. Thomas
Taylor, minister of public works."

Another resolution, moved by A. W.
McCurdy asking the provincial govern-
ment to link up the wagon roads of
the province into a general trunk sys-
tem was also carried without discus-
sion.

THIRTY MEN BELIEVED
TO HAVE PERISHED

Wreckage From the Marquette
and Bessemer Washed
Ashore.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—The ferry
boat Marquette and Bessemer, which
plies between Conneaut and Port Stan-
ley, Ont., foundered to-day, carrying
her crew of 30 men to death, according
to a wireless dispatch received here
this afternoon from the steamer Davoc
on Lake Erie.

The Marquette and Bessemer was a
car ferry and was in command of
Captain McLeod.
It was announced here early to-day
that she was more than 40 hours late
on her scheduled run between Conneaut
and Port Stanley.

A message brought from Long Point
shortly before noon told of a mass of
wreckage supposed to be superstruc-
ture of the ship floating in the lake
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We publish "Home List," which contains a description of all the best Farms that are for sale on Vancouver Island.

100 ACRES—Close to Cowichan Harbor, great bargain at \$15 per acre; about 7 acres have been cleared. Easy terms.

LOT—No 13 Vining Street, between Fernwood Road and Stanley Avenue. Price, \$450.

LOT—No. 19 Fourth Street (west half), 50x150 feet. Price, \$350.

4 LOTS—Nos. 5, 6, 7, & 8, Block "C," on Admiral Road and Constance Street. Price, \$325 each.

LOT 7, Block "C," Pine Street, between Cloverdale Avenue and Toimie Avenue; about 1/2 acre. Price, \$550.

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THE COAST LOCATORS
ROOM 20, 618 YATES ST.
PHONE 4418.

SUB-DIVISION OF 37 ACRES, Burnside road, divided into 155 lots, for sale at \$1.25 per acre, easy terms; this is the cheapest sub-division on the market to-day; plan registered lots sold at \$450 each; this is a money maker.

NEW 6 ROOMED HOUSE, Hillside Ave., for sale, on easy terms; price \$2,800; lot 50x125.

NEW HOUSE, Pembroke, handsomely finished, lot 60x120; price \$3,600, easy terms; block from street car.

CHOICE LOT, Fairfield Estate, lot 6, block 2; price \$1,000; 1/2 cash, balance 12 and 18 months.

CHOICE LOTS on Hillside Ave., Blanchard and Linden Ave., at right prices and easy terms.

8 ACRES, Shoal Bay, sub-divided into 15 large lots; this is a snap at \$5,000, on easy terms.

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New Grand Theatre Building.
P. O. Box 177. Phone 869

\$700 FOR LOT, 60 x 120, Oak Bay Ave. Terms one-third cash, balance 6 and 12 months.

\$600 FOR FIVE ACRE LOT, Saanich Arm, beautifully located, nice water front. Terms \$50 cash, balance \$10 per month.

\$25 FOR RENT modern six-roomed house, nicely located and partly furnished; \$25 per month to the right party.

CURRIE & POWER
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.
1214 DOUGLAS ST. PHONE 1468.

\$2,500—6 ROOM HOUSE, modern, Mensies street, 1 minute from car; \$500 cash and balance \$50 every 3 months at 5 per cent.

\$3,000—6 ROOM NEW BUNGALOW, Esquimalt road, corner lot 50 ft. x 140 ft., basement, and modern throughout; \$500 cash, balance to suit.

\$250—500 CASH and balance easy for a good lot on David street, near 2 car lines.

\$250—GOOD LARGE LOT on Hulon St., off Fort St.; terms, 1/2 cash, balance easy.

\$600—FULL SIZED LOT, Stanley Ave.; 1-3 cash, balance easy.

C. C. PEMBERTON,
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1214 GOVERNMENT STREET.

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BOWNASS BUILDING.

LOTS IN ROCKLAND PARK—Prices \$300 up; terms.

LOT—328 Humboldt Street.
LOT 4 Bk. 3, 59x120, Fernwood Gardens, \$145.00.

8, 9 and west 1/2 of 10, Bk. 67, Michigan street, full sized lots \$750 each; 1/2 lot \$400.

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MONTERAY AVENUE—Six acres cultivated; 7-room house; stable; fruit trees. Terms, \$10,000.

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DOUGLAS STREET—Four buildings on 100 x 100; corner lot; bringing in good rents. Price on terms, \$12,000.

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ROSSLAND BOARD DEMANDS LOW RATES
Asks That C. P. R. Shall Not Charge More Than 5 Per Cent. More in B. C.

Rossland, Dec. 11.—At the last meeting of the board of trade there was read a resolution which the Vancouver board of trade recently passed, requesting the provincial government to interpolate in the agreement with the Canadian Northern railway a clause prohibiting the Canadian Northern railway from charging any more than 5 per cent. in excess of what it charges on any other portion of its system in Canada.

On motion of W. G. Ternan, seconded by H. S. Wallace, the resolution was unanimously endorsed.

On motion of C. R. Hamilton, seconded by H. S. Wallace, a resolution was adopted that the C. P. R. be requested to erect a waiting room and provide it with light at the Union street depot.

The matter of erecting a waiting room or shelter at the Union street depot has been discussed for the past four years by the city council and the board of trade, and the C. P. R. officials have promised to provide such a convenience on several occasions, but passengers waiting for trains, men, women and children, are compelled when it is stormy, to stand unprotected from the rain or snow.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to write to the Great Northern railway requesting that a proper passenger depot be provided with separate waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen.

FERNIE'S LIGHTING SYSTEM MAKES GOOD
City Talking of Public Library—The Local Option Vote.

Fernie, Dec. 11.—The new electric light system, which has been in operation for a week, has proved entirely satisfactory and the city is once more well lighted. At the present time only the principal business thoroughfares have been supplied with arc lights, but it is the intention of the council to increase these as soon as possible.

One of the greatest requirements at the present time in the city is the establishment of a public library, and a movement is now on foot to secure one at the earliest moment. Fernie is up-to-date in most public enterprises and when the public become interested in a matter of this kind they will use every endeavor to see it brought to a successful conclusion. It is also proposed to establish a gymnasium, but as the citizens have not yet fully recovered from the severe losses entailed by the disastrous fire it is probable that the latter will be accomplished for some months to come.

The following is the result of the local option vote taken during the recent provincial elections. For local option 765, against 660, spoiled ballots 80.

MILLION WASTED YEARLY.
Sent Out of Province to Pay for Poultry and Eggs.

Nelson, Dec. 11.—A meeting was held in the city hall under the auspices of the West Kootenay Farmers' Institute, when M. S. Middleton, provincial poultry expert, delivered addresses on the industries they represent. A large number of questions were asked by members of the audience, and answered by the lecturers, and the addresses were more or less conventional in character.

Mr. Mull pointed out that over \$1,000,000 was sent out of British Columbia annually for poultry and eggs, and he said there was no necessity for such a condition being perpetuated. In Kootenay he considered that conditions were very favorable for the raising of poultry, and he pointed out the opportunity that lay in the enormous market for poultry products. The lecturer gave a talk on the general care, feeding and housing of hens.

Mr. Middleton gave a long and interesting talk on fruit raising, dealing largely with the care of the young orchard.

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MONEY TO LOAN AT CURRENT RATES.
FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE

BOYS AND GIRLS SIT IN SEPARATE ROWS
Must Not Look at Each Other in Schools of Nelson.

Nelson, Dec. 11.—Mutual interest between the boys and girls in the various departments of the public school in Nelson, although a natural and in some lights, a beautiful, relation, does not suit the Spartan ideas of the school board fathers. These stern men, assembled in formal session, after a long and grave deliberation, laid a ruthless hand on the existing custom. No more will the boys play with the braided "tails" of the girls sitting in front of them, no more will the girls surreptitiously pass notes to the boys and get them to sharpen their pencils. "Showing off" to win approving glances will cease. Friendly aid to a weak "brother" or "sister" is a thing of the past.

To hear the hard-hearted trustees tell it, the stern rule under which they were raised was exactly the discipline they needed. A threat to "plant them among the girls" struck terror to their hearts. The discipline also worked well with the girls of that tier. "When I went to school," said Secretary Arthur, "they kept the boys and the girls as far apart as possible. 'You bet they did,' asserted Trustee Emory. "Same here," chimed in Chairman Steel. "To put us with the girls was a punishment," added Trustee Joy.

There was not one champion for the present system, and the resolution directing the teachers of the public school to seat the boys and the girls apart—thus banishing romance—was adopted without a dissenting voice.

The proposal to give a prize to the most gentlemanly boy of each room from time to time, the boy to be selected by the votes of his fellows, was debated, only to be abandoned as it seemed that all the members of the board had either won such prizes or been runners-up, but this was not considered sufficient to justify the introduction of such a system.

Another suggestion for maintaining a high morale in the school got a better reception. It was, that leading men of the city should deliver addresses to the boys from time to time, who were to take to time, who were to take to time, who were to take to time.

Mr. Coutour had finished his breakfast and started up the hill for the purpose of going to work in the mines. There was a fire in the heating stove in the front room, which in some way communicated itself to the walls. The fire once started, spread with great rapidity to the furniture and walls of the room and Mrs. Coutour and the children, the latter being in bed, began to scream loudly, being badly frightened.

With considerable difficulty she got the children into the kitchen, which by this time had begun to blaze. She opened the kitchen door partially, but was so confused with the smoke and the excitement that she closed it again. In closing it she pulled out the knob and the bar attached to it, and when she tried to open the door she could not do so. She leaned against the kitchen door with her children clinging to her skirts and screamed for help.

Mr. Braden and his son Alfred saw the fire and hurried to it, breaking a window, through which the mother and children were got out, none too soon. Mrs. Coutour's shoes were burned from her feet and she sustained painful burns, but none of them are serious, while the three little children were more or less burned.

Mr. Coutour had reached Second avenue when he saw the smoke and hurried back, but by this time his wife and children had been rescued from the burning building. The shell of the lower portion of the house is all that is left.

The building was owned jointly by Joseph Coutour and T. Ruell. The joint loss on building and contents will probably amount to \$800, and there is no insurance.

MOTHER'S ANXIOUS TYP
Promptness Saved Her Child.

"My daughter was in the last term of her High school when it suddenly and forcibly dawned upon me that her little cough had been hanging on, even in spite of the warm weather. Looking at her anxiously, for a fear had come into my mind, I saw she had grown pale and a lot thinner. It seemed queer I hadn't noticed it all along before, but, you see, I counted on it wearing away. What an awful risk for parents to take! Of course, I didn't tell her how anxious I was, but I watched the effect of Ferrozine with the utmost anxiety. My girl seemed so slow to improve, and the first two weeks seemed like a year. By this time not even the first box of Ferrozine had been used up, still she had greatly improved appetite, and her progress after that was splendid. When the weather improved, she walked a lot, and gained steadily in vigor and weight. The hacking cough disappeared, and with it every trace of weakness. I know of no tonic so nourishing, strengthening, so beneficial for growing girls, as 'Ferozine'."

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WEDDED AT KAMLOOPS.
Kamloops, Dec. 11.—At St. Paul's church Tuesday evening, Rev. S. Akhurst united in marriage Roy Henderson Bell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell, of this city, and Beatrice Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dayton, of Rosellville. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have gone to the coast for their wedding trip.

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ROSSLAND CAMP.
Progress of Work in Mines—Diamond Drilling in, Le Roi.

Rossland, Dec. 11.—The shaft of the Le Roi Two has reached a depth of nearly 1,300 feet and will be driven to the 1,350-foot level, when crosscutting will be commenced on the 1,350-foot level and the intermediate levels of the 950-foot level. The Le Roi Two is out-putting a normal quantity of ore and the reserves continue to be sufficient for a considerable time to come.

The Le Roi continues to make small shipments to Trail smelter. The diamond drilling continues and some encouraging finds have been made on the sixth and twelfth levels. Drifts are being extended to these and when the ore bodies have been reached by these their extent and value will be better known.

The Centre Star group is outputting each week about the normal quantity of ore, 2,500 tons having been sent to the smelter. The entire group is looking fairly well and the reserves of ore of a shipping grade are large. The War Eagle and Iron Mask are looking particularly well.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 8th day of October, 1909.
W. A. GATT.

"LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900."
I, Josephine E. Wark, hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, I will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria for a renewal of my license to sell intoxicating liquors at the premises known as the Strathcona Hotel, situated at Shawigan Lake, B. C.

JOSEPHINE E. WARK.
Dated this 16th day of November, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that the transfer books and register of members of the Portland Canal Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, will be closed from December the 3rd to December the 18th, 1909, both days inclusive.

D. F. MILLER, Secretary.
Duncan, B. C., 26th Nov., 1909.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JACQUES, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," to all persons claiming to be creditors of the above-named deceased, or having goods in his hands for repair or otherwise, to deliver to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of JANUARY, 1910, full particulars of their claim, verified by statutory declaration. After said date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

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TO LET—Small furnished cottage. Apply 1018 Quadra street.

LIST YOUR HOUSES and rooms for rent with us. We have many inquiries. Thompson & Co., "The Exchange," Fort Street. 414

TO LET—Furnished house, ten rooms, near Parliament Buildings, \$30 per month. Box 1018.

TO RENT—Furnished house, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry and bath. Apply owner, 1111 View street.

FOR RENT—Modern 6 roomed cottage, 1052 Meares street.

WE ARE REVISOR our old property listing campaign which will commence Monday, Dec. 13th. List your property now. Rates established. A temporary listing office at the old Tourist Association's Rooms on Fort Street, Rooms 4 and 6 Mahon Bldg. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd.

TO LET—Large residence with grounds, corner of Government and Michigan streets; immediate possession. Apply to Mr. J. C. 1207 Government street.

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FOR SALE—Section 55, Highlands District, 150 acres, crown granted, 80 acres good bottom land, fishing lake on property. Good timber; price \$2500. Write P. O. Box 883, Vancouver, B. C.

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FOR EXCHANGE—1 section wheat land, fenced, 30 acres broke, 4 miles from good town, 20 from siding, for 30 acres good improved farm in Southern Vancouver Island; must be near school. Box 107, Victoria, B. C.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES for sale in Highland District, close to mountain lakes, log house beside stream which never goes dry; good hunting and fishing; some land cleared, but mostly timbered; \$1,200. Box 656, Times Office.

WANTED—To buy, prairie land in exchange for Victoria land containing 100 acres, mixed little with rocks and good land, suitable for chickens and fishing; some land cleared, but mostly timbered. Apply to P. O. Box 883, Victoria.

For Sale—Articles

BEING CALLED HOME, I must sell my business, including teaching, real estate business, etc. A splendid chance for capable woman; will take \$50 down and terms. Box 84, Times.

NEARLY NEW oak roll top office desk and swing chair, \$70. The exchange, 718 Fort street.

CHAS. PRESENTS—A chance to obtain your Xmas gifts at your own price. Selling at and below cost. Auction sale every Saturday afternoon 2:30 and street 150, Alaska Bazaar, 1120 Government street.

FOR SALE—Tools, guns, clothing, curios, crockery, scales, etc., at a sacrifice. At the "X" Second-hand store, Oriental Alley, Johnson street, opposite Panlages Theatre.

GREENHOUSES, flat bottomed, long leaders, steps, mats, dogs houses, in stock and made to order. Jones, Central Carpenter and Jobbing Factory, 1023 Yates St. cor. of Vancouver St.

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FOR ALTERATIONS, repairs and jobbing, call on J. W. Bolden, carpenter and jobber, corner Fort and Quadra. Tel. 1282.

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FOR SALE—Two semi-business lots on Douglas street, cheap for cash. Apply owner, 1018 Quadra.

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BESSIE DOLLAR TO DOCK INSIDE WILL USE CHEMICAL COMPANY'S NEW WHARF

Plenty of Water and Space for All Liners Has Been Provided.

Steamer Bessie Dollar is expected here next week with a consignment of about 1,000 feet of sulphur for the Victoria Chemical Works.

The building of this wharf has been made possible by the work of the Dominion government dredging at which has just completed deepening the water at that point to 30 feet at the lowest possible tide, but having at ordinary times never less than 25 feet of water.

The opening of this wharf means a distinct step in advance in the shipping trade of Victoria. There was at this port, with the exception of the outer dock, hitherto the Chemical Company has had to haul its sulphur, nitre and other products from the outer dock and to haul it back when shipping out.

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GRANBY DECLARES TWO PER CENT. DIVIDEND

Over Quarter of Million Dollars to Be Disbursed—One Shipments.

Nelson, Dec. 13.—News has been received here that at the monthly meeting of the Granby Mining Company held in New York on Tuesday last a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared upon the \$13,500,000 of common stock issued, the total to be disbursed in this way being \$270,000.

The chief feature of interest in mining circles at the present time is the convention to be held in this city on Wednesday next, when the zinc problem will be taken up and dealt with.

Owing to the fact that the zinc problem is more than usual interest being displayed in zinc production and in all matters relating to that branch of mining.

One Shipment. The ore shipments for the week were as follows: Boundary, last week, 40,267 tons; year, 1,563,214 tons.

Frossland, week, 4,988 tons; year, 221,848 tons. Stocan Kootenay, week, 3,844 tons; year, 131,554 tons. The total ore shipments for the week were 49,109 tons; year to date, 1,896,516 tons.

The total smelter receipts were: 6,217 tons for the week and for the year, 1,728,243 tons.

GETTING CONTROL OF PARLIAMENT SQUARE

Final Steps Taken to Acquire All Private Property.

All the preliminary details have now been disposed of preparatory to the provincial government proceeding with its plans for the utilization of the whole of what will be known as Parliament Square—the entire block bounded by Belleville, Menzies, Superior and Government streets.

Yesterday the five remaining pieces of property in the block which are required by the government-owned by Mrs. Fraser, Frank Leroy, R. L. Drury, G. A. Richardson and the McDonnell estate were requisitioned. The latter owned the two-story building known as Mrs. McDonnell's boarding house which adjoins the garage on Government street.

The major portion of the private property in the square had been acquired by negotiation with the owners, James Forman, of Helsterman & Co., being the valuator, and the remaining pieces of property have been appraised by an expert valuator attached to the staff of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency. A period of 20 days is allowed to lapse during which the property owners may accept or reject the tenders made yesterday and in the event of negative replies being received the government will proceed to obtain possession by arbitration.

EX-QUEEN WILL PRESS CLAIMS. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—Former Queen Elizabeth of Italy is in this city en route to Washington, where she will press her claim against the United States government. As a result of the seizure of certain lands in Hawaii by the United States, when the islands were made part of this government, she claims \$250,000. She will remain here until the arrival of her son, Joseph Kaulanianoa, also known as Prince Kuhio, before proceeding East.

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LOSES JEWELRY WORTH \$300,000 Woman Returns Home to Find Collection of Gems Had Been Stolen.

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 13.—A large force of private detectives to-day are working to solve the mystery of a \$300,000 jewel robbery, the largest of its kind that has occurred here in many years, reported yesterday.

The jewelry was stolen on Saturday from the apartments of Mrs. John W. Meekins, formerly of Chicago, who since reaching New York, has resided on the eighth floor of the Hotel Lorraine.

Mrs. Jenkins told the police that she left the hotel shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When she returned at 5:30 she found the rooms in disorder. Her collection of diamonds and other jewelry, which had been a black leather purse in her dresser, were gone.

It is thought that the thieves gained entrance by means of a false key. None of the hotel employees had seen any strangers in that part of the hotel.

POISON IN RE. Attempt Made to Kill Watchman at Government Dock at Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 10.—Chemical analysis of the cocoanut custard pie eaten by Matthew McCulley, the aged watchman at the government dock, who was taken seriously ill Sunday night following his midnight lunch, developed the fact that the pie contained large quantities of strychnine—more than enough to kill an adult. The analysis was made by City Chemist E. O. Heinrich in pursuance to instructions from the commissioner of public works. It will be turned over to the police department and an effort made to apprehend the person who undoubtedly sought McCulley's death.

The watchman is now at Fannie Paddock hospital slowly recovering from the violent illness he suffered by taking one bite of the poisonous pastry. He has recovered sufficiently to make a statement in which he declares he is positive he was poisoned. By whom he says he does not know. He refused to say whether he has any enemies in Tacoma.

INSANE PATIENT SHOT BY TOWN MARSHAL Man Who Escaped From Asylum Refused to Surrender After Killing Sheriff.

Shreveport, Ohio, Dec. 13.—After killing Sheriff Bell of Holmes county, running wild for 48 hours and terrorizing the people, A. E. Boley, an escaped patient from the Massillon state hospital for the insane, was fatally shot and captured on the farm of R. S. Wells, one mile north of here.

Trailing by posses, Boley ran in and out of traps all day, standing his pursuers off with his shotgun or eluding them by fleetness of foot.

Just at nightfall a posse saw him running across an open field. W. S. Hoover, town marshal, called upon him to halt, and then fired the bullet striking Boley in the abdomen. He fell to the ground, but fought savagely, kicking, biting and scratching until overpowered. He was placed aboard a train for Wooster and died on the way.

The Delphi, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which has been idle at Eagle Harbor for many months, has been chartered by the Dollar Steamship Company, of San Francisco, and will be taken over December 20th and operated in the lumber trade between Puget Sound and California ports.

It will be overhauled before her new operators take her over and she probably will run in connection with the Melville Dollar, Harold Dollar and Stanley Dollar, of the same company.

Women's nerves are often ruined by sewing. The strain of working the machine is bad. The strain on the eyes is often worse.

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ANOTHER PIONEER DIES THIS MORNING

Mrs. Kate Wallace Passes Away at the Ripe Age of 91 Years.

(From Monday's Daily.) Death this morning removed another pioneer resident of the city in the person of Mrs. Kate Wallace, who lived in Victoria for the past forty years. Deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 91 years, was relict of the late Capt. Marshall Wallace, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and lived in the Fort Street.

The late Mrs. Wallace enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends amongst the families of the pioneers of Victoria, and despite her great age she maintained until the last an active interest in affairs, and the news of her death will be very widely regretted.

Deceased came of a family remarkable for its longevity, her sister, Mrs. Jones, mother of R. Jones, who recently passed away at the age of ninety-five years. Mrs. Wallace was a sister of the late Capt. Raymond, and grandchildren are Miss Frances Drake and Mrs. Muspratt-Williams, now living in England, and Cecil F. Drake. Mrs. Muspratt-Williams, it will be recalled, formerly lived with her husband, Major Muspratt-Williams, at Work Point barracks, afterwards removing to the Old Country.

The funeral has been arranged to take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence and at 2:30 from Christ Church cathedral.

ACCIDENT AVERTED BY A NARROW MARGIN

Prompt Action Saves E. & N. Train From Possible Wreck.

(From Monday's Daily.) What might have proved a serious accident to the down train on the E. & N. last evening was averted by the prompt action of a party of hunters from Victoria. The latter happened along in the vicinity of the Cowichan station, where a filling had recently been repaired, and discovered that the rails of Saturday night and Sunday had again undermined the tracks at that point.

A freight train had recently passed over the section without difficulty, but it was apparent that continued-sinking in the filling had rendered it dangerous for the passenger train to attempt the crossing, as some of the rails were being undermined by the water. Steps were at once taken to flag the approaching train, when the crew of the latter secured some old ties and made the crossing.

In connection with the repairs along the line of the E. & N. as a consequence of the recent severe floods, it is announced that work will be resumed in the extension in the direction of Haslam creek, which had been washed out, having been replaced. This will allow of the transportation of coal from Extension to Ladysmith without the collision between the two vessels at the entrance to Vancouver harbor on December 3rd last year, was concluded in the admiralty court yesterday afternoon. Judgment was reserved.

The defence succeeded in having the owners of the coal barge which actually collided with the Charmer dismissed from the case, it being held that the barge had no independent motion while lashed to the tug and that the latter alone came into the case.

The court which heard the case consisted of Mr. Justice Martin and two nautical assessors, Captain Parry, of H.M.S. Egeria, and Captain Musgrave, of C.G.S. Lillicot.

A message has been relayed to the coast from the steamer Makura of the Union Steamship Company now on her way to Honolulu saying that she was buffeted her way through a gale. At the time of receiving the message the steamer was 1,200 miles from Victoria.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN ADMIRALTY CASE

Charmer-Bermuda Litigation Now Before the Court for Consideration.

(From Friday's Daily.) The case of the C.P.R. as owners of the Charmer, against Macdonald, Marpole & Co., owners of the tug Bermuda, for \$16,000 damages, arising out of the collision between the two vessels at the entrance to Vancouver harbor on December 3rd last year, was concluded in the admiralty court yesterday afternoon. Judgment was reserved.

CAPTAIN KINNEY HERE FROM SKEENA RIVER

Skipper is Fascinated by Life in the North and Will Return in Spring.

Captain Kinney, of the River steamer Conveyor, which has been operating throughout the summer on the Skeena, has just arrived from the Skeena and will not return until spring. He is undecided whether to go East to fetch his family or to send for them to come here.

Speaking of the work up North Captain Kinney said that his steamer took the special pass from Prince Rupert on the way to Hazelton up the river as far as they could go, but after that they had to tramp through a rough country. A report arrived in Prince Rupert that a number of them had been upset from a canoe in the Kitlasas canyon and drowned, but it was false.

According to the captain, the Indians up there are a much finer lot of men than those in this neighborhood. They take much more pride in themselves, are well dressed up after work and imitating the white men in almost everything. The Indians, and they do the work well. They

NEW STEAMER HERE IN SPRING BOSCOWITZ VESSEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Fine Craft to Leave Old Country for Victoria March First.

The growth of the shipping trade of the coast is well exemplified by the improvements which are being made in the local steamship fleets. There is a steamer under construction for the Boscowitz Steamship company, which although not quite so large as some of the vessels coming here, will be among the best, and eminently well fitted for the purpose for which she is designed.

She will be about the same length as the Vado but with four feet more beam and greater speed. She will carry a good many more passengers and will be splendidly fitted throughout. Her cabins show accommodation for 56 first class as well as a large number of steerage. The dining saloon will seat 50 and in every way she is fitted to give the highest degree of comfort to her passengers. Being a twin screw, she will handle well, and her double bottom insures perfect safety from sinking. Engineer Arthur is in the Old Country superintending her construction and he will have charge of the engines on the way out.

She is being built by Messrs. Napier & Miller at Old Kilpatrick on the Clyde. This is the yard where the ill-fated steamer Islander was built, the builders at that time were Napier Shanks & Bell.

An examination of the plans show that the new steamer is of the awning deck type, built under Lloyd's rules to class 100 A1, she will be 136 feet long E. P., 35 feet beam and 18.6 feet depth of hold. She will carry 500 tons on a mean draft of 11.6, will have twin screws and a guaranteed speed of 12 knots.

The first class accommodation will be contained in deckhouse on the awning deck and will have 28 staterooms, each with a double lower and single upper berths, folding lavatories and upholstered settees. The after end of the saloon will be the ladies' dining room and will have large look-out windows at the stern, the forward end of the saloon will be a general lounge and will also have observation windows. The dining saloon will be on the main deck, right aft and will have seating accommodation for 60 people.

The smoking room and bar will be right aft on the boat deck and will be reached by a companion way from the main saloon, on this deck will also be the captain's and officers' rooms and above these will be the chart and wheelhouse and flying bridge.

The between decks will be fitted with 150 berths for stowage passengers which will be portable, so that this space can, when necessary, be used for cargo.

Below the main deck will be the cargo holds, which are two in number, the main forward hold having a large capacity. A unique feature of the afterhold will be that the double bottom tank will be level with the tips of the tunnels, which are kept low for this purpose, and by this means will give an unbroken space for stowage of cargo; the ship is fitted throughout with double bottom and watertight bulkheads and will be modern construction in every particular. She will be fitted with latest type of quick cargo hoists, and will have a special derrick for handling lifts up to 15 tons.

The specifications call for all the fittings to be of the very best quality for the staterooms and passenger accommodations, she will be fitted with electric light throughout and will have a powerful searchlight.

The builders report that the vessel was in frame on the 29th of November and will be ready to launch by the end of December, being ready for launching by the first of February and ready for sea by the first of March. She will then sail direct for Victoria and will be in the city in about 60 days.

This vessel will be a splendid addition to the fleet now trading with the Northern British Columbia ports and the Boscowitz Steamship company are to be complimented upon their enterprise in acquiring a vessel of this description. Since the old C. P. N. company has been absorbed by the C. P. B. company, this company is now the oldest steamship company doing business in British Columbia waters, the majority of the stock being held in Victoria.

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Captain Kinney says he likes the river life much better than deep sea sailing. There is a fascination about it which appeals to him. He was particularly pleased with the scenery of the upper Skeena in the neighborhood of the canyons, where the mountains are steep on either side.

The two steamers, Distributor and Omnica, which got into shallow water above Kitlasas, have both been hauled out on the banks of the river and will be ready for work in the spring. The other two steamers, the Conveyor, Operator and Saccas, are tied at Prince Rupert.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act authorizing the Vancouver Island and Eastern Railway Company to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Seymour Narrows, on Vancouver Island, in a northerly direction and by the most feasible route to a point on Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island, in connection with the line of railway authorized to be constructed by the Act of the Parliament of Canada passed in the Session 78, Edward VII., Chapter 37, and intitled: "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Eastern Railway Company, and applying the provisions of the said above-named Act to the said extension, and for the continuation of the charter of the said Company, and for an extension of time for the commencement of construction of the line of railway of the said line of railway by the said above-named Act authorized to be constructed."

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this nineteenth day of October, A.D. 1909. R. C. LOWE, Solicitor for the Applicants, P. O. Box 1, Victoria, B. C.

Form No. 9. LAND ACT. FORM OF NOTICE. Victoria Land District, District of Victoria.

Take notice that Earl Winton Clarke, of Victoria, B. C., occupation, clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a point planted on the north shore of Young Island, which lies a little to the west of Coal Island, situated at the head of the Saanich Peninsula, thence following round the coast line of said Young Island to point of commencement.

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"LAND REGISTRY ACT" In the Matter of an Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title to Section 8, Renfrew District. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above lands, issued to Henry John Kirby on the 9th day of September, 1897, and numbered 4178.

S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General, Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of November, 1909.

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Jan laborer, was suddenly hurled headlong into a huge vat of prussic acid by the giving way of the tackle. After a night of the most terrible suffering at St. Michael's hospital, death came to him Saturday morning. His body was burned from the soles of his feet to his neck. His face, owing to the fact that the acid in the vat came only here as skipper of the ship Senator having given him many opportunities of making friends.

BURNED TO DEATH. Toronto, Dec. 13.—At the King street west branch of the Canada Foundry Company, Christie Vassil, a Macedou-

POLLING PLACE AT DATE SET

Vote for Place at

(From) For the next day, on Thursday, the 17th inst., the returning officers will be taking school trustees entrance on the sidewalk at Broad street between the 1st and 2nd streets.

There was in his candidate last evening 614 Fort street and speeches were given by the candidates at that time. The Ald. T. W. E. O. probably be Oliver has successful meet near hall at Times this was more promises of from all class. Just at 11 o'clock in dark the in an appeal to have in "Barkis is still continuing."

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