

FORMAL OPENING OF GEORGE JAY SCHOOL

Chairman of Board Proud of Honor Done Him—Fine Building

With an address by George Jay, chairman of the school board, a reply from Principal H. B. MacLean, and speeches by Miss H. H. MacLean, Dr. Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, and some of the trustees, and with a programme of songs and recitations by the scholars, the George Jay school was on Friday afternoon declared open by the chairman of the board, who handed the key to Principal MacLean amid loud applause.

Mr. Jay said he felt proud of the distinction and honor done him by having the school after him, and he felt his duty in declaring the school open a pleasant and memorable event. His name in front of the building, declared Mr. Jay, had its disadvantage, and he referred to the programme of the afternoon, and drew attention to number 6, which was a chorus by the scholars entitled "Thou poor bird."

He felt that the children would look back on the day with much pleasure, and he advised them to play all their games with credit and fairness and to make the name of the school a standard of honor. Mr. Jay praised the architect and the contractor for their work on the building, saying the board had received value for the money spent.

The necessity for the construction of the school had been proved by the present attendance. It had been said that its opening would relieve the attendance at the North West school, but this was not so. He announced that the school board would next year ask the ratepayers for further appropriations for school purposes. Mr. Jay handed over the key to the principal and declared the school open.

Principal H. B. MacLean opened his reply by expressing thanks to the school board for the splendid school, and said that many interested builders had visited the building, and it was generally admitted to be surpassed by any in Western Canada. He praised the class of children that made up the attendance at the school and said that as a whole they were better children than many respects than those of the past from whence he came.

Mr. MacLean said the scholars now comprised 28 English born, 13 Scotch, 17 Irish, 5 Chinese, 1 Australian, 2 Newfoundland, 1 American, 1 Nova Scotian, 1 from New Brunswick, 1 from Quebec, 25 from Manitoba, 4 from Saskatchewan, 3 from Alberta, 23 from C. O. out of Victoria, and 143 Victoria born.

He wished to thank the school board and the excellent teachers appointed to the school and hoped to have the manual training and domestic science rooms fitted next year and to establish a school garden in the spring. Lieut. Governor Patterson said there had been some talk regarding the school board recently, and he was sure that those who were present to see what the trustees had done would be extremely surprised to see they had done so much. He had been surprised at the extent and the interior appointments of the George Jay school, for he had no idea the school board possessed a building like it. He was sure that the people could be certain of getting value for their money from the school board. His honor was pleased to see so many happy appearing, and well-dressed children, and evidence that there were no poor people in Victoria. He knew that the teachers all possessed good capabilities, and were as good as any in the Dominion. He hoped to be present at a school opening every six months, for he was indeed proud to take part in the opening of such a magnificent building as the George Jay school.

The chairman read letters regretting their absence from the premier and from the minister of education, who he was not in Victoria, and called on Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, who said that having provided the children with one of the best school buildings in Canada, the trustees would expect high standard results from the scholars. The building gave the best conditions of study, and she hoped soon to have the domestic science class active in the school.

Dr. Robinson said the school stood as a worthy monument to the work done by Mr. Jay for educational purposes during the 10 years of his connection with the board of trustees. He believed other schools would follow rapidly owing to the demand. Vancouver would soon have schools by next month to the amount of \$1,000,000.

A pleasing programme of songs and recitations was given by the scholars.

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PROGRESS OF THE ELECTIONS

LIBERALS CAPTURE ANOTHER SEAT

Six Hundred and Eleven Members Now Elected to Commons

(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 15.—Following is the present standing of parties: Liberals 260, Unionists 236, Labor 67, Nationalists 8, Independent Nationalists 8, To be elected 59.

Two Liberal gains were announced to-day. Kirkcubrightshire Liberal defeat in Kent. These were partially offset by the Unionist gain of the Tavistock division of Devonshire. Gains to date—Liberals, 26; Unionists, 25.

Corrected returns show that Brigg division of Lincolnshire remains in the Liberal column, being credited yesterday in error as a Unionist victory. The Liberal defeat in South Monmouthshire was more decisive than at first supposed. Following are the corrected figures: Monmouthshire, South, Unionist, 8,658; Liberal, 8,658; Walker, Unionist, 4,017; Unionist gain. Lincolnshire, Brigg-Gelder, Liberal, 4,596; Bennett, Unionist, 5,637. Unchanged.

Wednesday's Elections. Following are results of Wednesday's elections declared to-day: Cambridgehire—Wisbech—Primrose, Liberal, 4,401; Cecil, Unionist, 4,357. Unchanged. Sussex—Eastbourne—Morrison, Liberal, 4,920; Gwynne, Unionist, 5,378. Unchanged.

North—King, Liberal, 5,224; Bonchamps, Unionist, 4,378. Unchanged. Edinburghshire—Midlothian—Maudslayi, Liberal, 4,877; Hope, Unionist, 4,880. Unchanged. Suffolk, Blyth—Pearson, Liberal, 4,827; Borwick, Unionist, 4,167. Unchanged.

North—MacAfee, Liberal, 2,974; Smilt, Unionist, 3,657. Unchanged. Kirkcubrightshire—McMicking, Liberal, 2,817; McNeil, Unionist, 2,625. Liberal gain.

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FATAL STRIKE RIOT IN CHICAGO

Mob Attacks Police—One Man Killed and Another is Fatally Wounded (Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—One striking garment worker was killed and another fatally wounded to-day during a riot when Detective Serg. Weinelki overpowered by a mob, fired into it with his revolver. Weinelki was felled by a shower of stones before he shot. The dead striker was identified as P. Negrocki. The injured man is Mark Lunzevich.

Weinelki, who was in command of a detail of police, was escorting a number of strike-breakers through the streets. The strikers and their sympathizers surrounded the procession and made a concerted rush. Weinelki bore the brunt of the attack and was swept off his feet. He fired from the ground. Lingvies was attacking the detective as he lay on the street when he was shot. After the riot Weinelki was picked up unconscious.

ON BEHALF OF BOY SCOUTS

LT.-COL. HALL MEETS THE SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees Promise Hearty Co-Operation in Aiding Success of the Movement

(From Thursday's Daily.) As a result of an explanation made by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, late of the Fifth Regiment, and now commissioner for B. C. of the Boy Scout movement, the board of school trustees decided last evening to join heartily in anything tending to advance the interests of that organization and to give sympathetic consideration to the use of the schools during the evening by the scouts.

Col. Hall, who was present by invitation, went fully into the objects and aims of the organization. He explained that in some discussion which had taken place among the trustees when application was made a short time ago by the corps for the use of school quarters during the evening, remarks had been dropped which led him to believe that the movement was misunderstood.

The Boy Scouts, he said, was absolutely unobjectionable. Some clergymen had placed their churches at the disposal of the corps. In one instance a keenly interested pastor had offered the use of his home. There were troops formed in connection with the Anglican, the Congregational and the Methodist churches. As an illustration of the breadth of the organization he stated that last summer nine scouts had been questioned as to their religious faith, and among them were represented eight different denominations.

All drill was "out of" the boys, if necessary, and they were to be used for anything that would do them good. They were to be used for anything that would do them good. They were to be used for anything that would do them good.

Answering this, Col. Hall pointed out that ambulance work was taken up first and to the wounded was taught the soldiers and sailors of the neighboring stations had kindly volunteered their services in teaching the boys "knotting" and "splicing," and that the part of the studies were flag signaling. It was these elements of their training which necessitated the use of apartments, and hence the request laid before the trustees.

One of the important features of the movement, he said, was financial independence. Each boy provided his own uniform. There were no subscriptions given by the trustees, and that the operation of such organizations at a school board was not in which to meet for the instruction outlined.

Chairman Jay and other members of the board expressed pleasure at the full explanation of the British Columbia movement, and conveyed assurances of an endorsement of any such request made in the future.

Engineers Reject Companies' Offer Managers of Western Railways Appeal to Washington for Arbitration Chicago, Dec. 15.—The sixty-western railroads treating with the union who threaten a strike unless wage increases are granted, today refused the provisions of the arbitration act. The railroad managers wired Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Chas. P. Neill to come to Chicago at once. The telegram said the engineers had refused the railroads' offer of a nine per cent wage increase.

The engineers made demands on the various roads for an increase of from 13 to 17 per cent. The railroads after a conference with the representatives of the engineers, decided to offer a nine per cent advance. This was rejected. The railroad officials informed the interstate commerce commission. It is expected that Knapp and Neill will reply favorably.



WEIGHT OF BRITISH POLITICAL SENTIMENT.

DIG IMPROVEMENT BY TELEPHONE CO.

Result of the Polling at Prince Rupert and Also at Chilliwack

FIRST PAPER CABLE WILL BE LAID HERE

New Connection Promised Victoria and Vancouver at Cost of \$100,000

"Hello, San Francisco." "Hello, Victoria." Such calls over a long-distance telephone line are among the probabilities of the early future, should the present intention of the British Columbia Telephone Company be carried out, as it is proposed to put down the first paper cable ever laid in deep water to connect this city with the system on the mainland.

This type of cable, necessarily a new one, is known as paper insulated cable of the pupin coil type, an improvement on the gutta percha pupin cable recently installed by the British government in the English channel, and is said to be as far in advance of the ordinary variety as the latter is ahead of the ordinary type.

By means of this new type it is expected that people in British Columbia and coast cities will be enabled to talk to San Francisco whereas, at the present time, they can only talk by cable as far as Seattle. It is claimed to be three hundred per cent. ahead of the ordinary cable. The cost for the cable itself will be \$100,000.

C. F. Bollschweiler, superintendent of plant for the British Columbia Telephone Company, who has just returned from a tour of Eastern Canada and the States, was present in Chicago at tests of the proposed new cable, when it was subjected to various pressures and strains similar to those that would be placed on it in case it were laid in deep water.

At Montreal, Mr. Bollschweiler inspected the new plant being finished for exchanges at Vancouver, most of which has since been shipped to its destination.

VICTORY FOR FEDERAL TROOPS

MEXICAN REBELS ARE DRIVEN FROM POSITION

Three Hundred Are Killed and Wounded—Another Battle Imminent

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Three hundred soldiers, mostly rebels, were either killed or wounded in a battle to-day between the federal troops and insurgents near Guerrero.

Reports of the battle were received to-day at the cable station here. This is the second victory for the government troops near Guerrero. The first battle occurred last night. The federal cavalry attacked the encampments of the rebels, capturing a number of prisoners and taking a large quantity of their arms and supplies.

Horsemanship of the rebels, but were finally compelled to halt because of darkness. The attack was resumed at daybreak. During the night the rebels had concentrated and formed a short distance from their first position. They were formed to fight outside their breastworks and the federal soldiers drove them back. The federal troops are now reported to be forming to attack the rebels. The insurgents have retreated to a new position where it is reported heavy reinforcements have joined them. It is expected that the battle will be renewed before night.

"BUCKET SHOPS" RAIDED. Number of Arrests Made in Chicago—Federal Authorities Active Chicago, Dec. 15.—Half a dozen alleged "bucket shops" were raided by the police to-day and their proprietors and clerks arrested on charges of using the United States mails to defraud. The raids were at the instigation of the federal authorities, who are under investigation of frauds from victims all over the country.

Wagon loads of prisoners were rushed to the city jails. Federal authorities would not give out any information, and it is believed more raids on larger shops are to follow.

FLOODS IN SPAIN. Number of Villages Are Under Water—Famine Feared Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 15.—Several villages in the lower provinces of Spain were under water to-day as the result of floods that are threatening in all sections of the country. Crops have been washed away and there is grave danger of famine, according to dispatches from Badajoz, Zamora, Cordoba and other lower province cities. Bridges have been swept away and much damage done to inland shipping.

BALFOUR'S POLICY NOT POPULAR

REFERENDUM PROPOSAL OFFENDS FOLLOWERS

Attacks on Opposition Leader Causes Glee in Ministerial Circles

London, Dec. 15.—The Morning Post's outbreak yesterday awarded Miss Alexandra Knollys, daughter of Lord Knollys, King George's private secretary, damages in the suit of \$2,000 for libel which she brought against the periodical. John Bull, for having published a report that the complainant had eloped with an English army officer.

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Meyer's answer means that many experiments with the airship as an adjunct to naval warfare will be made here. The navy's most promising aviators, if plans suggested by the telegram are carried out, will be assigned to this station. Meyer stated he will send representatives here soon to confer with Curtis.

TO STUDY AVIATION. U. S. Naval Officers Will Witness Experiments at Los Angeles Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Men from the navy department will be sent to Los Angeles this winter to study aviation under the famous aeronauts who are gathered here, according to a telegram from Secretary Meyer, of the navy department, exhibited to-day by Aviator Gleen H. Curtis, a Canadian camp here, recently wired Meyer suggesting that the navy men be put through an apprentice course here. The secretary's telegram was in reply to this message.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Hon. David Cameron, chief Dominion grain inspector, is reported to be dying at his home here. Doctors say he will not live out the week.

REORGANIZING SCHOOL STAFF

MATTER COMES BEFORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Proposed to Make Substantial Increase in Teachers' Salaries

(From Thursday's Daily.) At the usual monthly meeting of the school board held last evening important action was taken relative to the salaries of the teaching staff and the High school and the reorganization of the city superintendent's staff. These matters were dealt with on Trustee McNeill submitting the following report on reorganization: "Your committee appointed to make recommendations on the re-organization of the office beg leave to report as follows: "1. That the board appoint a man who shall take charge of and be generally responsible for the office and be paid a salary of \$100 per month. Hours, 9 to 5, Saturdays, 9 to 1.

"2. That the present secretary, Miss Moore, be retained at her present salary as stenographer, typewriter and assistant in the office. Hours same as secretary.

"3. That Mr. Edwards, the trust officer, occupy his time looking in the direction of the city superintendent to whom he shall make a weekly report.

"4. That Mr. Patroy be supervisor of repairs and carpenter to the board under the building and grounds committee. He shall make monthly reports and report to the office once a day.

Trustee McNeill moved and Mrs. Jenkins seconded that the report be adopted. Every member spoke to the question, the remarks in every instance being favorable. The motion carried, it being understood, however, that the details should be more fully considered before it is necessary to obtain the services of a readily efficient man as secretary that more would be offered as remuneration.

Teachers' salaries were introduced by Trustee McNeill, who acted as spokesman of a special committee. He explained that while the entire question as to the salaries of the schools of the city was being investigated, he was in a position to refer only to the High school at present.

With respect to the staff of this institution it had been decided to recommend changes in the first three clauses of the salary schedule. The lower rate, than in other leading schools. This was shown with special force in a comparison with Vancouver, and it was desired to retain the present staff of this institution, it would be necessary to make material increases.

It was proposed making the principal's maximum \$3,000, instead of \$2,500; the minimum of men, assistant \$1,350, maximum \$2,100, with an annual increase of \$120 until reaching the limit; the minimum of women assistants \$1,200, maximum \$1,800, with an annual increase of \$120 up to the limit indicated. Another recommendation was that there should be a probation salary of \$1,200 fixed.

The committee's recommendations with regard to the situation at the High school were considered in private.

WEST DEMANDS TARIFF REVISION

DEPUTATION WILL PRESENT RESOLUTIONS

Commission of Ministers Will Thoroughly Investigate the Subject

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A deputation of the national council of agriculturists, numbering about six hundred, of whom four hundred were from Eastern Canada, met in the grand opera house to-day to discuss the working of resolutions to be presented to the government in the Commons chamber tomorrow morning.

The western members had memorials prepared asking for free agricultural implements and a general revision of the tariff downwards on the chief articles used by agricultural consumers, for further government encouragement in the chilled meat industry, government construction and operation of the Hudson Bay railway and government ownership and operation of terminal elevators.

These were discussed with eastern farmers, and considerable opposition developed. Free trade is demanded by the more radical of westerners. A general agreement was reached this morning on the resolutions regarding terminal elevators and the chilled meat scheme. The tariff questions will be further discussed this afternoon.

In this connection one western speaker this morning gave the keynote of the discussion by declaring "damns are on the free list, but we pay third of its value in the tariff on a staple."

The government's answer to-morrow will be non-committal on the tariff question. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will hold out hope of subsequent concessions, but through the conclusion of the pending trade negotiations with the United States, and will probably fore-shadow tariff revision after a thorough consideration of a committee of ministers. On the question of terminal elevators and on the Hudson Bay railway, the deputation will be told that legislation will be further considered at a session called to meet western demands.

OWNERS THREATEN DRASTIC ACTION

Will Not Pay Taxes Until Vancouver Street Roadway is Properly Finished

(From Thursday's Daily.) At to-morrow evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council a petition, largely signed by the property owners on Vancouver street, between Humboldt street and Park Boulevard, praying that a special committee be appointed to investigate conditions on that thoroughfare in respect to the local improvement which was recently carried out. The owners allege poor fashion that they feel warranted in refusing to pay the assessment, not having got what they are supposed to be paying for, and this they will do unless their grievances are remedied forthwith.

This is the second petition which has been presented by the owners on that section of Vancouver street within a brief period. The first urged that an asphalt pavement be laid down at once, and as sufficient time has elapsed for some sign on the part of the board that this wish will be met shortly, and especially as the tax bills have been sent out, the owners feel it timely to again petition the council, but in this latter instance they go further than a mere protest against delay and threaten a refusal to pay local improvement taxes.

It appears that when the street was improved by laying a macadam roadway the work was never properly completed. The top-dressing, whatever it was—probably street screenings, as on other streets, the owners allege—fully a yard along each gutter was not covered. The loose rock gets kicked or washed down into the gutters and since the rainy season began the centre of the road is a sea of mud. Once this summer, residents say, the gutters were cleaned out, but now they are as bad as ever, full of loose rock, sand and mud from the roadway. The crown of the street, it is claimed, is altogether too high for such a narrow thoroughfare.

ENGINEERS HAND IN ULTIMATUM

WILL STRIKE IF DEMAND IS REJECTED

Railways Reported to Have Been Quietly Preparing for an Emergency

(Times Leased Wire.)

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—From sources considered as well informed concerning railroad activities, it was reported to-day that the various railroads in the northwest have been quietly preparing for a struggle if the railway engineers go on strike.

In railroad circles it is common gossip that the railroads have enough reserve engineers on hand at the division points to operate the mail and passenger trains without the least delay.

It is said that the lines have reserve engineers at Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Union Bluff, Pendleton, Pocatello, Huntington (Ore.) and other division points in the northwest.

According to the stories circulated here, the Northern Pacific, Milwaukee, Union Pacific and Great Northern have been particularly active in this connection.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—A heavy earthquake of more than an hour's duration was recorded on the seismograph at the weather bureau to-day. The shock was estimated to have occurred five thousand to six thousand miles distant. It began at 7:42 and the greatest intensity was reached at 7:58. The movement was from east to west.

ENDS HIS LIFE

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 15.—Chas. Marsden, a young electrician, was shot himself dead.

LETTER MAY FURNISH CLUE TO MURDERER

Man Killed While Writing Note Detectives Searching for Suspect

Chicago, Dec. 15.—In a Blood-stained, ink-blotted letter written by Nathaniel B. Hyde, former federal commissioner for Oregon, it was to-day believed they held a clue to the murderer. Detectives are seeking Emil Mathias in connection with the crime, believing Hyde was writing the letter for Mathias.

Hyde's body was discovered when his blood seeped through the floor and dripped from the ceiling of the room below. This room was occupied by Mathias, but the police have learned that he was with Hyde shortly before the latter was killed.

The murdered man was struck on the head with a mallet. On his table before him was the following note: "Mr. E. F. Scott—I am a cornet player seeking employment. I played with Sousa's band in New York. I can also play."

Here a large ink blot ended the sentence, evidently thrown when the murderer's weapon crashed through Hyde's skull.

OFFICIALS CLASH

Dispute Between Authorities Regarding Right to Question Suspect

Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 15.—A disagreement between the authorities of Johnson and Wyandotte counties regarding jurisdiction and not dispute over which had a right to question John Feagles, the man arrested yesterday on suspicion of having committed the quadruple murder at the Barnhart farm, near here, were the chief developments in the murder investigation to-day. Prosecutor Little and Sheriff William Stead of Johnson county were denied permission to take to Feagles, although the murders were committed in Johnson county. Feagles was arrested by Chief of Police Zimmer of Kansas City, Kas., and brought here.

Little and Stead demanded that they be allowed to question the prisoner, and when this was refused, announced they would bring proceedings to have him transferred to Johnson county.

The funerals of the four victims were held to-day. An immense crowd attended the services.

TWO DISCHARGED

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—George A. Stone and his wife, Clara Stone, accused of murdering Morgan Shively, a motorist, at their home near San Gabriel last New Year's Day, were discharged yesterday upon motion of the district attorney. Insufficient evidence was given as a reason. The dismissal followed several interviews.

MINISTERS WIN FOUR MORE SEATS

OVER FIVE HUNDRED MEMBERS ELECTED

To-day's Polling Includes a Number of Constituencies in Wales and Scotland

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 15.—A gain of four seats was made by the Unionists over the Liberals and Laborites in the counting of the votes to-day. There are 154 constituencies where elections are yet to be held.

The votes cast are as follows: Unionists, 3,761,933; Liberals, 1,569,777; Labor, 2,216,676; Nationalists, 35,026; Independent Nationalists, 14,190.

Five to three is now being waged at Lloyd's on the government having a majority of at least 150 and 19 to 3 against their reaching 150 majority.

To-day's polling is taking place in 42 constituencies including a number of divisions in Scotland and Wales.

Following are results of elections held yesterday:

Middlesex, Brentford—Lobjett, Liberal, 5,124; Compton, Unionist, 9,193. Unchanged.

Nottingham, Mansfield—Merkham, Liberal, 11,393; Cockcroft, Unionist, 4,200. Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Halifax—Wadsworth, Liberal, 8,768; Smith, Unionist, 5,837. Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Huddersfield—Alden, Liberal, 12,046; Steurdy, Unionist, 10,945. Unchanged.

Lancashire, Rosendale—Harcourt, Liberal, 5,619; Hoyle, Unionist, 5,208. Unchanged.

Lancashire, Heywood—Cawley, Liberal, 5,430; Hutchison, Unionist, 4,641. Unchanged.

Wiltshire, Cricklade—Lambert, Liberal, 4,337; Col. Calley, Unionist, 6,809. Liberal gain.

Burton-on-Trent—Rylett, Liberal, 3,874; Radcliffe, Unionist, 5,877. Unchanged.

Cheshire, Crewe—McLaren, Liberal, 7,623; Craig, Unionist, 6,925. Unchanged.

Derbyshire, North East—Harvey, Liberal, 7,338; Court, Unionist, 6,083. Unchanged.

Essex, South East—Burrows, Liberal, 8,891; Kirkwood, Unionist, 10,108. Unchanged.

Somerset, Bridgewater—Hicks, Liberal, 3,778; Sanders, Unionist, 5,169. Unchanged.

London, South—Johnston, Liberal, 3,612; Gordon, Unionist, 3,845. Unchanged.

Cambridgeshire, Newmarket—Ross, Liberal, 4,786; Verral, Unionist, 4,887. Liberal gain.

Lancashire, North Lonsdale—Bliss, Liberal, 4,068; Haddock, Unionist, 4,140. Unchanged.

Herefordshire, Ross—Webb, Liberal, 4,827; Olive, Unionist, 4,748. Unchanged.

Sussex, Rye—Hutchinson, Liberal, 4,461; Southrop, Unionist, 6,673. Unchanged.

Staffordshire, North West—Stanley, Labor, 8,125; Cruyther, Unionist, 4,948. Unchanged.

Wicklow, East—Muldoo, Nationalist, 2,334; Howard, Unionist, 1,275. Unchanged.

Devonshire, Torquay—Barratt, Liberal, 4,871; Burn, Unionist, 5,101. Unchanged.

Gloucestershire, East—Edwards, Liberal, 9,088; Stanton, Unionist, 5,603. Unchanged.

OXFORD'S VICTORY

London, Dec. 15.—Oxford defeated Cambridge to-day in the annual Rugby game by a score of 23 to 15.

WINNIPEG ELECTION

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—All indications are that Mayor Sanford Evans will be re-elected by a large majority endorsing his policy of suppressing the social evil.

WATER FAMINE AVERTED

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Having given the citizens a bad scare this morning, City Engineer Rust relieved anxiety about noon by the announcement that anchors in the intake pipe had been dislodged and a water famine averted.

DEEPENING WELLAND CANAL

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FOR PROTECTION OF SEAL HERDS

OFFER MADE BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

Negotiations Will Probably Result in Joint Action Being Taken

(Special to the Times.)

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Negotiations have been in progress through Ambassador Bryce for months past with a view to a joint understanding for mutual action by Canada and the States towards conservation. As an inducement to Canadians to relinquish pelagic sealing, it is understood the United States government will recognize a Canadian equity in the seal herds of the Pribilof Islands and sealing will be carried on under adequate restrictive regulations which will insure the herds against depletion.

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(Special to the Times.)

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REV. DR. MURRAY DEAD

(Special to the Times.)

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—Rev. Dr. Murray, for 55 years editor of the Presbyterian Witness, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 75 years. He had been ill only a few days. He was born at Earlton, Colchester, and graduated from the church college. Some of his hymns are well known. He leaves a wife and five children. Rev. H. C. Barrister, Halifax; John C. Barrister, the Canadian Minister, Toronto; William C. Barrister, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Guysboro; Allan N. Barrister, and Mrs. J. A. McKinnon, Verdunville, Alta.

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BRITISH LEADERS ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES

Mr. Balfour Declares Present Election Will Not Dispose of Veto Question—Asquith Government Will Adhere to Programme

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 15.—Speaking at Dartford yesterday, Mr. Balfour emphasized the sincerity of the Unionist party's promise to put tariff reform to a referendum, adding that tariff reform stands where it has always stood in the Unionist platform.

Dealing with the House of Lords, Mr. Balfour said that the ministers were confident that if they are now given a majority no other election would take place. If the country is going to acquiesce in the new constitutional arrangement known as the Veto bill and is going to accept the new radical device of a single chamber government, he could assure them that they were profoundly mistaken. (Cheers.) Never were the people in such a fool's paradise. He was not prepared to admit that even the Veto bill had been prepared. It would become law, but if it did become law the people must not for a moment think that it is going to end matters. (Cheers.)

"We are not going to sit down under a preposterous scheme," he continued, "as that hastily cooked up and thrown at the heads of the two houses of parliament. I had almost said the Sovereign. In the way the Veto scheme has been prepared, the scheme is preposterous and impracticable, and whatever happens it is not going to be a permanent constitution under which you and your children are going to live in these islands." (Cheers.)

Mr. Balfour claimed that the Radical party's device was intended to get Home Rule through a trick, which, however, will not be as easy as anticipated. The minister's reticence on the Home Rule question until the electorate had nearly polled their votes was an outrage on democracy. No further proof is necessary for the maintenance of a second chamber, than the Radical programme. Home Rule so carried out would be one of the greatest crimes in history.

On the constitutional issue Mr. Balfour added that the government could not make their decision. The time would come when the statesmen of a different way of thinking would hold the reins of power, when they would be able on the question of the relations of the people to mould a scheme on the line which Lord Lansdowne and other Unionists had made clear.

Will Not Waiver.

The Canadian Associated Press has high authority for stating that the government will not waiver in their policy as regards the Lords. The first measure they will pass will be a bill, killing the plural vote, which will give the Conservatives an undisputed majority county divisions. In several borough constituencies.

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Premier Asquith at Bury St. Edmunds said that the sole issue was the House of Lords and one of the expedients put forward to avoid that issue was the question of Home Rule. Some time ago he had stated in clear and specific terms what the Liberal policy was in regard to self-government for Ireland. He had repeated that a fortnight ago and also at Hull. It was a very simple policy. It was to maintain the undivided and undisturbed supremacy of the Imperial parliament, and subject to that condition to give their Irish fellow subjects power by legislation and through an executive of their own to deal according to their own ideas with matters which were purely of Irish concern. (Cheers.)

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GOLD ROBBERY.

Ringleader of Gang Implicated in Theft Believed to Be in Seattle.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—With several suspects under arrest in connection with the robbery of \$57,000 in gold bullion from the steamer Humboldt, secret service agents to-day bent their energies toward identifying the gold filings alleged to have been sold by the men under arrest, and an endeavor to trace substitution of the gold seized in the bank vaults of the suspected men was filed into small pieces for easy disposal. These filings went among assayers and gold brokers and ordinary coin dealers in Seattle, and ordinarily could never be identified as part of the stolen bullion. The bullion was Tanana gold, and the detectives assert that it can be traced because it is dissimilar to the product of any other mines.

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OLD WAVE BRINGS SUFFERING IN EAST

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(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—The cold wave... which began yesterday continued to... and the weather bureau predicted... at several days would lapse before... temperature, which is near the... mark, will rise again.

There is much suffering among the... rly, chiefly among the families of... the striking garment workers, who are... verge of actual starvation and are... about means of purchasing fuel... thousands of persons in the tenement... district spent yesterday in bed... mercury was seven above zero in... heart of the city and below zero in... suburbs, the coldest day recorded... this winter.

The cold wave seems to be general... oughout the country. Dispatches... the Mississippi valley report... cool children suffering from cold... d entire communities are stricken... lagrippe and similar complaints.

Moorehead, Minn., reports the cold... mark, 16 below zero. Winnipeg... anced 20 below. Northfield, Ver... ant, was the coldest place in the... t, eight below.

DEMONSTRATION ORCHARD. Roseland, Dec. 10.—Another step... ward in the establishment of a gov... ment demonstration orchard in... ssland is marked by the receipt of... ctur to George Ryder from R. H... inslow, provincial horticulturist... nveying the intelligence that his... ch had been selected as the site for... district.

Mr. Ryder figures that he has about... 1-2 acres to place at the disposal of... e department of agriculture, the... of which is superb.

When Mr. Winslow was there a... rt time ago he took samples of the... l and expressed himself as well sat... with the ranch. 1-5 miles from... The ranch is barely 1-2 miles from... Roseland post office, and is within... city limits.

WITHDRAWAL OF TENDER. Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The... ddrawal of a bid for the constructi... of a new collier by Moran Bros... ttle, was announced by the navy... rtment yesterday afternoon. Their... l was for \$37,000 and the vessel... der the specifications, was to have... n constructed and delivered to the... nment in Seattle within 34... ths.

The only other bidder was the Union... orks of San Francisco, which... \$1,596,500. As the maximum cost... d by congress for the construction... the new vessel was \$1,000,000, the... rtment bids itself without a bid... the construction.

FINANCING OF SOOKE SCHEME

BY-LAW BEFORE BOARD EXPLAINS THE DETAILS

Anticipated Increase in Water Revenue is a Factor in the Matter

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Appended are clauses in the by-law to acquire Sooke lake and Sooke river and the branches and tributaries of the same, to be utilized as a source of water supply for Victoria, which are of popular interest. The by-law, which was given a first reading at last Monday evening's meeting of the city council, will come up for second reading next week.

A perusal of the clauses which follow will afford the reader a comprehensive understanding of the method it is proposed to follow in financing the scheme. It is not improbable that when the measure is next taken up there will be considerable discussion on the question of the status of the ratepayers of Victoria West in the scheme, and for that reason it is pertinent to point out that the loan is proposed to be raised on the general credit of the corporation, as well as upon the general revenue of the waterworks system, as it is at present and as it may be increased.

"Whereas the corporation of the city of Victoria owns the waterworks property and system under which the citizens of the city are supplied: "And whereas by the water by-law 1909, No. 693, of the by-laws of the said corporation, a frontage tax is assessed and charged upon the owners of the water works in the city of Victoria, in, through or past which a main water pipe of four inches in diameter or over shall run, and certain rates, rentals and charges are, by said by-law, fixed and levied and made payable for the supply of water within and without the city:

"And whereas the following sums have heretofore been specially charged upon water rates and charges: 1906 under by-law No. 491, repayable in 10 years, \$17,000; 1907 under by-law No. 507, repayable in 10 years, \$9,000; 1908 under by-law No. 524, repayable in 10 years, \$5,000; 1909 under by-law No. 615, repayable in 10 years, \$125,000; total, \$136,000. Interest on all above loans at 4 per cent, the first dividend being \$4,175, no part of which is in arrears.

"And whereas it is deemed advisable to acquire Sooke lake and Sooke river and the waters thereof, or which can be made tributary thereto, and so conserve the said waters by means of dams and other works, and to acquire sufficient land around the said lake to insure that the water shall be kept clean and healthful, and to convey the said water to the city of Victoria by means of a tunnel or tunnels or pipe lines or by a tunnel and pipe line combined, and to join the same to the system already operated by the city of Victoria:

"And whereas it is estimated that the cost of the whole of the work above outlined, including all incidentals, will be one million four hundred dollars: "And whereas the estimated value of the present waterworks system of the city of Victoria and property appurtenant thereto, including the Sooke lake and Sooke river and the waters thereof, and the property now held, or hereafter acquired under the provisions of this by-law, and the taxes and rates, rentals and charges, and the general revenue of the waterworks system and the waters of the corporation:

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SHOOTING HIMSELF. Dan McGann, former Captain of New York Nationals, Commit Suicide at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Dan D. McGann, former captain and first baseman of the New York Nationals, committed suicide here yesterday. McGann was found in his room at Boston's hotel with a bullet hole over his heart and a revolver in his hand. He had been several hours in the room yesterday to clean it and discovered the body.

McGann last season was with the Milwaukee team of the American Association and it was understood efforts were being made to secure him for the Louisville team. McGann had no cause for his suicide has developed.

DROWNED IN WELLS. Brandon, Dec. 14.—Joseph Parker, a well known farmer, fell into a well. When found he was dead.

EX-MAYOR OF ST. THOMAS DEAD. St. Thomas, Dec. 14.—Dr. Van Buskirk, the oldest practitioner here and an ex-mayor, is dead, aged 82.

ORPHANS' HOME ANNUAL MEETING

REPORTS SHOW WORK PROGRESSING WELL

Committee of Management is Elected—Thanks Expressed for Donations

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, when the board of management was elected and the annual report read and received. President Charles Hayward occupied the chair. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,146.70 in hand. The election of president, secretary and treasurer, took place within a week of the annual meeting from among the members of the board of management, will be held at the city hall Tuesday afternoon next at 4 o'clock.

The committee of management elected yesterday is as follows: A. J. W. Bridgman, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, A. D. Crease, Right Rev. Bishop, Cridge, S. Prasser, Sr., Lawrence Godacre, C. Hayward, H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C. James H. Lawson, Rev. E. G. Miller, Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, William Scowford.

At the meeting on Tuesday afternoon the ladies' committee of twenty-four will be elected. There are now at the home 21 girls and 16 boys. A resolution conveying the heartfelt good wishes and affection of the committee and officers to Bishop Cridge, assuring him he was present with them in the thought of the meeting, and praying the peace of God may ever be with him, was moved by Rev. E. G. Miller, seconded by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, and passed unanimously.

The report of the committee of management was read as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen,—In presenting their thirty-eighth annual report your committee of management have again the pleasure of congratulating the subscribers and friends of the Home upon its continued usefulness and prosperity. The successful operations of the past year, and the kindly generous way in which appeals for assistance have been responded to, has been very encouraging to the varied workers in the cause, and calls for heartfelt feelings of gratitude to the great Giver of all. Our improving financial position, and the reliance that may be placed upon the generous support of the friends of the needy and helpless, both in Victoria and throughout the province, justifies, we believe, a more extended diffusion of the benefits of the Home.

Although during the year no cases of destitute orphans have been referred for assistance, it is suggested that the time has arrived when, with advantage and safety, the claims of the poor unfortunate children who by reason of neglect or other circumstances are in some cases really worse off than orphans, might be generously dealt with. It is not infrequently that the training, education and environment surrounding these little ones makes it almost impossible for them to develop into good, law-abiding, useful citizens.

There is a branch of the Children's Aid Society in our midst doing an important rescue work amongst children, with very limited resources, whose opportunities for good would be largely increased if the practical cooperation (Concluded on page 6.)

CRUISER'S SPEED TRIALS. London, Dec. 14.—During thirty hours' steaming trials, the cruiser Indefatigable is reported to have exceeded 37 knots, using only three-fourths of its power. It is believed that it will make 30 knots when it has its full power trials.

TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN MINE. Ravensdale, Wash., Dec. 14.—Two men were killed and two fatally injured in an explosion of coal gas in the mines here yesterday. Ivan Cole and L. Mauris were instantly killed, and John Ash and Andrew Johnson, rescued in a few minutes after the blast by workers from the surface, will probably die.

RETAINS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. Berlin, Dec. 14.—Dr. Emanuel Lasker, of New York, retains the world's chess championship by defeating the challenger, D. Janowski, of Paris, with a score of eight games to none. Three games were drawn.

MURDERS ON KANSAS FARM. Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 14.—Samuel Bailey, formerly employed on the Barnhart farm, and a woman claiming to be his wife, were arrested to-day as suspects in the Olathe murder case in which Mrs. Barnhart, her son and two other men were killed.

The pair were arrested on the strength of a statement by John Fagles, who is also under arrest as a suspect, that George Barnhart, one of the victims, had quarrelled with Bailey shortly before the murders.

Barnhart's hat was in Bailey's possession when the officers placed him under arrest. He had a pair of blood-stained overalls, for which he was unable to account; also a sack of money which it is believed he took from the Barnhart home.



THE TRULY LOIL. MR. BULL—And so you gentlemen have gone back on the naval defence policy you voted for last year, and henceforth will do nothing to help me! BORDEN—Yes, but please observe, Mr. Bull, we sing just as heartily as ever!

CANADIAN GIRL ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Crowd in Court Cheers When Verdict is Announced in Glover Case

(Times Leased Wire.) Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 14.—Hattie Leblanc was acquitted of the murder of Clarence Glover by a jury here. The verdict was reached after short deliberation. When the court had completed its instructions to the jury, Miss Leblanc was asked if she desired to make a statement.

"I did not kill Clarence Glover," she said tremblingly. "I want to go home with my father." Wild cheering followed the announcement of the verdict. The public sentiment has been strong for the 17-year-old girl defendant.

Miss Leblanc was accused by Glover in his dying statement, "Hattie shot me," were his last words. "The girl sat with her father and her aunts while the verdict was being read. The trial was one of the most sensational ever held in this section. Glover was a wealthy laundryman. Miss Leblanc is a poor French Canadian girl whom Glover took from her home in Canada to educate. Glover's wife was the principal witness for the prosecution.

LIFE SAVING STATION AT GUMBERLAND

Government and Coal Company Will Install Draeger Apparatus

Cumberland, Dec. 13.—An interesting demonstration took place at the coal company's office the other day, when Mr. Morris of the Draeger Company, and Mr. Newton, inspector of mines, explained and demonstrated the usefulness of the Draeger life saving apparatus in the case of gas in the mines. The Draeger equipment weighs 55 pounds and enables the wearer to enter a gas-infected area in perfect safety, a large mask resembling somewhat those worn by divers, being connected with a tank of pure oxygen, which the wearer breathes, there being a sufficient supply in the apparatus to last for two hours.

A number of those present took advantage of the opportunity to do one of the outfits and then enter a room that had been flooded to an undesirable extent with sulphur fumes, but the Draeger outfit enabled them to move around without the least discomfort, even when the mask was placed within a foot of the burning sulphur.

The mine owners here installed four of the Draeger outfits for the mines here while the government will still a like number, together with a Pulmotor machine in their life saving station here.

MEXICAN TROOPS DEFEAT REBELS

OVER THREE HUNDRED KILLED AND WOUNDED

Insurgents Driven From Their Trenches, Leaving Dead Behind Them

(Times Leased Wire.) Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 14.—The extent of a two days' battle near Guerrero was made public to-day by the war department. It was stated that 300 rebels engaged in conflict with 500 federal troops under General Navarro, and that the insurgents were thrice driven back, leaving their dead in the trenches.

"I believe the shortest and easiest path to peace lies in adopting President Taft's platform put before the Peace Arbitration Society March 22, 1910.

The final details of the gift which will be announced to-morrow at the session here of the American Society for the judicial settlement of international disputes, were completed to-day. Twenty trustees will control the distribution of half a million yearly, the income from the fund, Carnegie's recent gifts total \$178,000,000.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

Annual Report Shows 306 Killed and 2,175 Injured During Year

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—The railroads of California killed 306 persons and injured 2,175 during the year ending June 30, 1910, according to the annual report of the state railroad commission, made public to-day. Five less were killed during the fiscal year 1909-1910, but nearly 600 more were maimed. The report contains 435 typewritten pages, and is one of the most complete ever submitted by the commission.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S LATEST DONATION

Details of Gift in the Cause of Peace Have Been Completed

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 10.—Andrew Carnegie to-day donated \$10,000,000 in five per cent bonds to the new peace foundation, and the income derived will be used to effect international peace. President Taft was made honorary president of the foundation and Senator Root active president. The foundation will make perpetual disposition annually of \$500,000 for the purpose of peace. Should the aims of the foundation be successful, the funds then are to be devoted to the abolition of "the next most degrading evil of evils."

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Cumberland, Dec. 13.—An interesting demonstration took place at the coal company's office the other day, when Mr. Morris of the Draeger Company, and Mr. Newton, inspector of mines, explained and demonstrated the usefulness of the Draeger life saving apparatus in the case of gas in the mines. The Draeger equipment weighs 55 pounds and enables the wearer to enter a gas-infected area in perfect safety, a large mask resembling somewhat those worn by divers, being connected with a tank of pure oxygen, which the wearer breathes, there being a sufficient supply in the apparatus to last for two hours.

A number of those present took advantage of the opportunity to do one of the outfits and then enter a room that had been flooded to an undesirable extent with sulphur fumes, but the Draeger outfit enabled them to move around without the least discomfort, even when the mask was placed within a foot of the burning sulphur.

The mine owners here installed four of the Draeger outfits for the mines here while the government will still a like number, together with a Pulmotor machine in their life saving station here.

CHANCE OF VICTORY THROWN AWAY

TARIFF REFORM ORGAN ATTACKS BALFOUR

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(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 14.—A tariff reform organ this morning says that Mr. Balfour's proposal that the whole budget be referred to the people the last vestige of practicability has vanished from the unfortunate proposal of the referendum which it describes as not the only blow unwittingly aimed at the constitution by Mr. Balfour. A drastic change of this kind, it says, should not be introduced in the middle of a general election, nor at all without the fullest deliberation by the defenders of the constitution. "Every one knows," it continues, "that the original inspiration for the tariff referendum came from the Chamberlains' enemies in the Unionist camp, a faction at whose behest a fair chance of victory for tariff reform was thrown away. It was not worth one hundred votes in a single constituency. Tariff reformers must insist without delay on having a clear course to run in their association with the Unionist party."

Attacks Home Rule. Speaking at Newport, Pagnell tonight, Lord Milner made a strong speech against Home Rule. The government's veto proposals, he stated, were merely a cloak for a piece of political treachery. The Unionists, he added, though in the minority, would be strong enough to force another appeal to the country.

MINING LAWS. Proposed Uniform System Throughout the Dominion

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The mines committee of the Commons has appointed a sub-committee to confer with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. F. Oliver and Hon. W. Templeman regarding the proposal for organizing a uniform system of mining laws throughout the Dominion. At present each province has one system and lack of uniformity causes considerable trouble.

PIONEER DEAD.

(Special to the Times.) Portage la Prairie, Dec. 13.—Wm. M. Smith, one of the famous oldtimers of Manitoba, died at his home here on Island Park farm, Monday night, after a short illness. He was 70 years of age, and leaves a son and daughter and two brothers. He came to this country when he was 17 years of age, and for several years worked for the Hudson Bay Co. He then started in business for himself as a fur trader, and at that time James J. Murphree, John Battledore, and Pat Burns, of Calgary, were both in his employ.

LOCAL OPTION.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Following centres in Saskatchewan carried local option: Moose Jaw, Davidson, Balcarres, Fillmore, Bevanville, Grenfell, Pense, Regina, Antler, Drinkwater. These are the law: Redina, Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, Indian Head, Rosethorn, Mellek, Melfort, Balgonia, Qu'Appelle, Manor, Arcadia, Dunsmuir, Stranraer, Yorkton, Yorkton, Yorkton, Weyburn, Maple Creek.

MAYOR EVANS AGAIN WINS AT WINNIPEG

Re-Elected by Majority of 1,595—Council Also Endorsed

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—W. Sanford Evans is mayor of Winnipeg for the third term by the substantial majority of 1,595. Not only the mayor, but the council was endorsed by the electors, not a single member of the board of control of those councillors who re-contested their seats being defeated.

The vote was one of the heaviest on record, the keenest interest being displayed in issues. R. Carille, formerly of Ottawa, who is charged with perjury having been detained impersonating was this morning removed on bail.

FLOODS IN ITALY.

Rome, Dec. 14.—So serious have the floods become, particularly in the northern part of Italy, through the increased rains, that the King has expressed his intention to visit the inundated districts, and thereby give encouragement to the sufferers.

ELECTIONS ARE NEARING CLOSE

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(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 14.—The results of Tuesday's elections were more encouraging to the Unionists than any recent day, showing a net gain of three seats, two being the Ashburton division of Lancashire and South Monmouthshire. Not only was there no Liberal gain to offset these, but a Liberal seat, that of West Wiltshire, was actually lost to the Labor party. Following is the corrected standing to-day:

Unionists 257
Liberals 218
Labor 38
Nationalists 64
Independent Nationalists 8
Unionist gains 99
Liberal gains 24
Seats outstanding 33

The following elections held yesterday were declared at noon to-day: Hertford—Pawle, Liberal, 4,228; Rolleston, Unionist, 5,694. Unchanged. Dumfries Burghs—Hiland, Liberal, 2,315; McCull, Unionist, 1,556. Unchanged.

Northumberland, Tyneside—Robertson, Liberal, 11,593; Robertson, Unionist, 6,837. Unchanged. Suffolk, Stowmarket—Barclay, Liberal, 4,804; Goldsmith, Unionist, 4,895. Unchanged.

Staffordshire, Lichfield—Warner, Liberal, 5,458; Chetwynd, Unionist, 4,670. Unchanged. Yorkshire, Barkington—Ash—Horne, Liberal, 4,372; Lane-Fox, Unionist, 5,066. Unchanged.

Wiltshire, Devizes—Pocock, Liberal, 3,870; Peto, Unionist, 4,403. Unchanged. Lincolnshire, Brigg—Gelder, Liberal, 5,408; Bennett, Unionist, 5,627. Unionist gain.

Cumberland, Egremont—Mousdale, Liberal, 3,753; Grant, Unionist, 4,113. Unchanged. Yorkshire, Rotherham—Pease, Liberal, 9,365; Dransfield, Unionist, 4,511. Unchanged. Yorkshire, Ripon—Rea, Liberal, 5,020; Wood, Unionist, 5,894. Unchanged.

Staffordshire, Chapple, Liberal, 9,183; Horne, Unionist, 5,487. Unchanged. Denbighshire, East—John, Liberal, 6,449; Hood, Unionist, 3,166. Unchanged. Wiltshire, West—Adamson, Labor, 6,128; Hope, Liberal, 5,425. Labor gain.

Devonshire, Ashburton—Buxton, Liberal, 6,225; Morrison-Bell, Unionist, 5,979. Unionist gain. Bedfordshire, Biggleswade—Black, Liberal, 6,536; Glyn, Unionist, 5,909. Unchanged.

Monmouthshire, South—Herbert, Liberal, 8,597; Forrester-Walker, Unionist, 8,658. Unionist gain. Durham, South-East—Hayward, Liberal, 8,231; Burdon, Unionist, 7,818. Unchanged.

Cornwall, Truro—Morgan, Liberal, 4,873; Williams, Unionist, 4,176. Unchanged. Ayrshire, North—Anderson, Liberal, 7,286; Campbell, Unionist, 6,932. Unchanged.

King's County—Reddy, Nationalist, 2,123; Ryan, Independent Nationalist, 624. Unchanged. Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean—Sir G. Dilke, Liberal, 5,544; Kydd, Unionist, 2,800. Unchanged.

Glamorgan, South—Brace, Labor, 10,190; Morgan, Unionist, 7,252. Unchanged. Essex, Harwich—Hiley, Liberal, 5,008; Newton, Unionist, 6,470. Unchanged.

Derbyshire, South—Raphael, Liberal, 8,701; Fleming, Unionist, 5,340. Unchanged. Carmarthenshire, West—Hinds, Liberal, 5,078; Cremlyn, Unionist, 2,068. Unchanged.

Durham—Atherley-Jones, Liberal, 3,998; Hardicker, Unionist, 4,827. Unchanged. Norfolk, South—Soames, Liberal, 4,740; Timmins, Unionist, 3,212. Unchanged.

Limerick, East—Lunden, Nationalist, 3,716; O'Connor, Independent Nationalist, 1,281. Unchanged. Cheshire, Knutsford—Whitworth, Liberal, 4,838; Sykes, Unionist, 6,137. Unchanged.

J. Cathcart Watson was returned unopposed for Orkney and Shetland to-day. Tipperary, Mid—Hackett, Nationalist, 2,440; O'Dwyer, Independent Nationalist, 1,716. Unchanged.

GASOLINE EXPLODES. Two Killed and Two Others Probably Fatally Injured. St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Two women are dead and a young girl and a man probably fatally injured as the result of a gasoline explosion in the home of Frank Waser here yesterday. The dead are Mrs. Waser and her sister, Miss Tennis Harris, 18 years old. Waser and his wife's other sister, Miss Mary Harris, are in a hospital badly burned. Mrs. Waser was filling a gasoline stove and the explosion turned off the burners.

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LAND CLEARING SCHEME.

Apparently the state of Washington is in a somewhat similar condition to British Columbia in regard to land clearing. There are immense tracts of country that could be brought under cultivation if the stumps and brush were removed.

It is pointed out by those who favor this scheme that the work if undertaken by the government on an extensive scale, could be done at a much cheaper rate than could be the case where only a small amount of clearing is required.

In the United States large sums of Government money have been used for reclaiming arid lands with very good results. Here in British Columbia there are some arid lands which might be irrigated and made productive.

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL STUDENTS COMING.

The prominence of British Columbia as a fruit-growing centre has resulted in the inclusion of British Columbia in the itinerary of the tour being arranged for farmers and farmers' sons under the auspices of the British Associated Chambers of Agriculture.

ANSWER CRITICS OF TRANQUILLE

DR. F. GAN REPORTS TO THE DIRECTORS

Gives a Detailed Reply to Statements of Dr. Irving and Dr. Thomson

(From Thursday's Daily.) After the quarterly meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society, held yesterday afternoon, and in accordance with a resolution adopted at that meeting, reports of the secretary, Dr. C. J. Fagan, on two letters appearing in the Times of December 2 and the Vancouver Express of December 10 were handed to the press.

In the Victoria Times of December 2 appeared a letter headed "Tranquille Sanitarium Affairs," and signed by R. W. Irving, M. D., ex-medical superintendent of the Victoria Sanitarium. Dr. Irving quotes from a personal letter of mine in which I would appear that I assisted him in having private cases consult him.

"Dr. Irving was present when this amendment was carried, so there can be no doubt as to his knowledge of the constitution. Further, it was printed in the second annual report. In paragraph 6 of his letter, Dr. Irving makes a statement to the effect that I had suppressed a resolution passed at a meeting of the board held in Vancouver.

There are, unfortunately, and always have been, in the ranks of the McBride government men who are simply out for plunder. They are in politics for the money there is to be made. These men are not only tolerated by the premier, but often encouraged, except when he finds that public opinion is so strong that he cannot ignore it.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Washington yesterday entered the lists as a candidate for the site of the Panama canal exposition in 1915. The boosters of the national capital believe it should be the comprehensive choice in the San Francisco-Nagasaki flight.

MILITARY DRILL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Manitoba Agrees to Co-Operate With Other Provinces—Quebec Holds Back

(From Thursday's Daily.) At a conference held in Ottawa a day or two ago of the board of trustees in charge of the Lord Strathcona fund for the promotion of physical and military drill in the schools of the Dominion, it was decided that a part of the annual revenue of \$20,000 which the fund now provides should be spent in the preparation and distribution of a handbook giving the objects of the fund together with a manual of drill and physical training exercises suitable for use in the schools.

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HENRI BOURASSA GIVES HIS VIEW

Says Federal Empire is Geographically Impossible and Politically Undesirable

London, Dec. 14.—Mr. Henri Bourassa is keeping so much out of public eye in Canada that the French people are somewhat startled into his name. A somewhat startling interview with him appears, however, in the London Daily Mail by the well known correspondent, Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Bourassa, it is reported, in the following reply to Mr. Maxwell forecast that in a few years the United Kingdom and Quebec would hold the balance of power in Canada. "In fifteen years and before that time comes, the eastern provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Scotia and New Brunswick will become French in language and in maxims. It is a fact of life."

EXECUTED FOR MURDER

Man Who Killed His Wife Says Was Cause of Trouble

(Special to the Times.) Perth, Ont., Dec. 14.—Rufus Mark was hanged at 6.30 this morning for strangling his wife at Smith's. Wednesday made a long confession of his spiritual adviser in which he attributed his trouble to whiskey. He said, with the cause of the crime and the penalty inflicted on innocent children. He was visited by his wife yesterday by his doctor. One of the boys, ten years of age, on his knee and asked, "Why don't you come home with us?" The old man came home with us. The old man's wife died.

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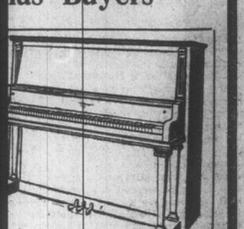
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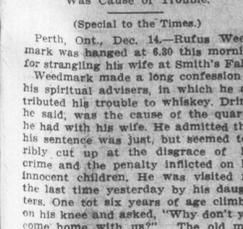
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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office, December 7th to 14th, 1910. Victoria—Bright sunshine, 10 hours; highest temperature, 49 on 7th; lowest, 36 on 13th...

SAD DEATH OF A NATIVE DAUGHTER

Miss Florence Williams Fatally Burned While Lighting Fire—Musician of Promise

While in the act of lighting a fire in a grate yesterday morning Miss Florence Phyllis Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, was so severely burned about the head and body that she succumbed to her injuries shortly afterwards at the family residence, 224 View street...

ELECTRIC TRAINS COLLIDE

Eighteen Persons Injured in Accident on Interurban Line Thirteen Miles from Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 14.—According to physicians at the Fannie Paddock hospital to-day, Mrs. S. W. Stinson thought to be fatally injured in a head-on collision between the Seattle Limited on the interurban electric line and a Tacoma local train, will recover, following an operation which was performed on her late last night...

CHARGE AGAINST CONSUL

U. S. Representative at Quebec Alleged to Have Made Improper Use of Pulpwood Situation.

New York, Dec. 14.—The paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association has sent a letter to the government tariff board pointing out that the United States consul at Quebec in reporting upon the available pulpwood supply for the year 1911 has misrepresented the situation...

CONFESSES SHOOTING HUSBAND

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Mary Clapp, wife of Herbert Clapp, a millionaire clubman, mysteriously wounded last Monday night, yesterday confessed that she shot her husband to protect her own life.

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THREE MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Exciting Experience of Driver of Alberni Stage and Two Passengers

Alberni, Dec. 14.—Three men and two horses had an uncomfortable and perilous experience for a few minutes in the swollen and rushing waters of Dry creek the other evening.

LET CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL

THOMAS & HODGSON TO BUILD ON BANK STREET

The building firm of Thomas & Hodgson has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new public school for the city of Victoria, to be placed on the fine site on Bank street. The figure is close to \$20,000 and the firm will make an immediate commencement on the foundations, as it is intended to rush the building to completion with all possible speed...

JURY GIVES J. BOON \$1,000 FOR HIS TOE

Judgment Reserved on Legal Arguments After Return of Verdict Yesterday

A supreme court jury, after having been out several hours in the case of Boon against Brown and McCauley, returned to court yesterday afternoon with a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff, who asked damages because of injuries received while on the loading ship Elginshire at the sawyard mill wharf in July last, when a big toe was crushed and other injuries sustained...

OVER SCORE KILLED IN VIRGINIA MINE

Bluefields, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Twenty-two miners were killed and 26 entombed in the Green mine at Tacoma, Virginia, according to a report received here this afternoon. A terrific explosion occurred in the mine. Rescue parties have been organized and rushed to the scene of the disaster.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT

New Westminster, Dec. 13.—The total cut of lumber at the Canadian Western Lumber Company's plant on the Fraser river, near the city of New Westminster, for the year 1910, will total in the neighborhood of 100,000,000 feet, which will be fully 20 per cent greater than last year's cut.

FIVE BODIES RECOVERED

Bristol, Dec. 14.—It was reported this afternoon that 26 miners entombed in an explosion at the Green mine at Tacoma, Virginia, are dead. Five bodies had been recovered in the shattered workings.

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APPEAL BY HINDU AGAINST SENTENCE

Special Sitting of Court Yesterday Heard Arguments in Vancouver Assault Case

Arguments were concluded and judgment reserved in the Court of Appeal yesterday afternoon in the stated case of Inman Din, who appealed from a conviction and sentence of ten years received in the county court judge's criminal court in Vancouver for an assault on a boy of tender years.

PRINCE RUPERT HOSPITAL

Prince Rupert, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the general hospital board, D. R. Morrison and A. J. Morris, representing the Masonic lodge, furnished the directors an expressed willingness of the order to furnish a ward in the hospital. The request was made that whenever any member of the order or their families were obliged to be treated in the hospital that as far as possible they should have the privilege of being assigned to this ward.

WOULD REDUCE TARIFF SCHEDULES

lowa Senator Says Some of Provisions of Law Are Indefensible

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Defending the resolution he introduced for a modification of the rules to permit a schedule-by-schedule revision of the tariff from charges that it was "revolutionary and drastic," Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, spoke in favor of the plan yesterday.

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Wireless messages received this morning by the Dominion government wireless station at Gonzales hill from San Francisco, state that the new C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, en route to this city from Glasgow, Scotland, where she was built, via the Straits of Magellan, was 140 miles south of the Golden Gate at 8 o'clock. Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the C. Coast Service, figures that the Adelaide will dock here on Saturday morning.

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An information has been taken out of the hands of the police John Bentley, a boy, went into the saloon Saturday night last and bought beer and whiskey, which he claims to have drunk in the saloon in company with another boy named Regan.

SEVEN PERISH

Seattle, Dec. 13.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Marysville says that six men were drowned in the Snohomish river to-day when Emil Stohr's fourteen-horse-power, closed-cabin launch turned turtle. There were seventeen persons aboard, but all but six were able to break windows and climb to the upturned keel or reach shore.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MAKING EFFORTS TO SECURE INFORMATION REGARDING COUNTRY

The Vancouver Island Development League is receiving large numbers of applications for pre-emption lands on Vancouver Island and a good many of the applicants are finding land that suits them, particularly at Ucluelet and other points up the West Coast. The fact that some of its provisions are indefinite has given rise to a number of questions and the league is very enthusiastic about the prospects.

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GAMES STAND AS FIRST DECIDED ON

Composition of the Team Which is Coming North From California

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A special meeting of the executive of the Victoria Rugby Club was held last night at the office of Messrs. J. O'Rielly to discuss arrangements for the visit of the Berkeley team here on Christmas.

A letter was read by Secretary Spaulding from Milton F. Furness, manager of the Berkeley team, suggesting that a change in the dates fixed by the Victoria Rugby Union for the Pacific Coast championship matches should take place. The South-erners did not want to stay here over the week because of expense.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to keep to the original dates, December 26, 29 and January 2. Each day the matches commence at half past two sharp. The tickets are going like wildfire, and all those anxious to see the match should get them immediately from Secretary Spaulding or any members of the club.

Rugby enthusiasts will be glad to hear that Alexis Martin has consented to act as referee. A better one could not be found in British Columbia. A meeting has been called for next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the same offices, when business of importance will be discussed.

Will the University of California Rugby team take back the Keith cup, and with the coast championship, will they bring a gold team which make the trip meet their doom at the hands of the sturdy ruggers of the north? This is the chief topic of conversation at the California university just now.

Last year the Californian's unbeaten team journeyed to Vancouver and in the hardest-fought series of games that has ever taken place at Brockton Point were unable to capture the cup and the championship. This year they hope to turn the tables, and it is said that they have the greatest Rugby football team yet developed by Americans.

California is sending a first-class team, and the Rugby world of Victoria is waiting patiently to see the great surprise packet of the year. Shing Wong is on the field in the best possible condition. Trainer Christie and Assistant Trainer Volz will accompany the team, and Head Coach Schaeffer, who is just recovering from an operation, may make the trip.

Of the men who played in the big game of November 12, only two, Pauly and Swartz, are unavailable for the trip. A number of other scrum men have not as yet definitely decided to make the trip, but they will probably fall into line before the sailing date.

Dolan, the big Nova Scotian, who has been playing during the season with the Olympic Club team, will fill one of the scrum positions. Dolan will be eligible for the blue and gold varsity next year, and will prove a great asset to the team.

Practically the complete California backfield will make the trip. Captain Elliott, former Captain Dwiglins, Dolan, Peart, Stroud, Evans and Allen will all probably make the trip. The following scrum men will probably be used in the three games: Markwart, Jordan, Harr, W. P. Phleger, Wheeler, Brant, Waldner, Dolan, Hansen, Hardy and King.

OBITUARY RECORD

(From Tuesday's Daily.) This morning the remains of the late Henry Edward Gribble, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gribble, California avenue, were laid to rest in Ross Bay cemetery. The funeral took place from the family residence, where Rev. T. E. Holling conducted an appropriate service. Many friends attended and the casket was laden with beautiful floral offerings.

There passed away yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital John Dow after a few days' illness. Deceased had just recently arrived from England and was a carpenter by trade. A sorrowing widow and one child, residing in the Old Land, are left to mourn his loss. He was a member of Court Camosun, A. O. F., under whose auspices the funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral company's parlors. Interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

TO DISCUSS STRIKE

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The railway employees will hold a mass meeting tonight on Thursday to decide on whether to strike or not.

SHIPS FOR NAVAL MILITIA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The navy department is considering giving the obsolete warships Boston and Concord to the naval militia of Oregon and Washington. If the department finally decides to adopt the plan the vessels will be transformed into floating barracks.

MAYOR SLAIN

Manila, Dec. 9.—The Mayor of Averas, was stabbed by a Black Hand agent several days ago as he was entering the city hall, but died of his wounds. He was much beloved. A great indignation was expressed to protest against the murder and against the frequency of such crimes which have been held. The authorities have been urged to carry on a vigorous war against the secret societies.

GOOD PROGRESS WITH SURVEYS

Preliminaries Towards Construction of Electric Line to Saanich Well Advanced

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The engineering staff of the B. C. Electric Railway Company is making good progress with the location survey work in connection with the proposed extension of the railway system to the Saanich peninsula. The route has been located as far as Todd Inlet.

The owners of the property on the right-of-way to that point have almost unanimously agreed to give the company the necessary small portions of land to be traversed by the line should the same be built, all recognizing the great advantages which will flow both to themselves and the whole of the Saanich peninsula.

It is anticipated that the location surveys will be completed to Deep Bay Cove, the proposed terminus of the line, by the beginning of the New Year. Some twenty men are employed by the engineering staff.

THE CHINESE BELL

Text of the Inscription Interpreted by Lee Mong Kow Two Years Ago.

Through the courtesy of George Jeaves, who presented the same as a newspaper clipping, the Times is enabled to reproduce the text of the inscription on the Chinese bell at Beacon Hill park, which was translated into English a couple of years ago by Lee Mong Kow at the request of the city council.

The Times made an effort some few days ago to find out why it was that this translation had not been placed on the bell for the information of visitors to the park, and on making inquiries at the city hall no trace of Lee Mong Kow's translation could be found. Mr. Jeaves has now supplied the deficiency, and the translation reads as follows:

To Bak Yee Buddhist Nunery Vheung Kar, District of Foo Ning, Province of Wing Fing, Chihli, China. Presented by the worshippers—Sel Wal, Wong Har Shee, Wong Fee Shee, and 357 others.

Masters: Lew Her Kumb, Lew Her Jay, Lew Her Dee, Lew Her Yew, Chin Ying See. Weight, 2,000 lbs; erected in the fourteenth year of Shing Chien Emperor of the Great Dal Ming Dynasty (A. D. 1642).

PRESS OPINIONS

Easy to Grant. A petition with a hundred thousand names attached has been presented to the Cortes asking for the passage of laws to guarantee the freedom of religious belief in Spain. It should not be hard to carry a message to give effect to such a prayer. In these days an seeming coercion of conscience in religious matters may not be successfully defended; and in Spain it has been noted that denying liberty of worship to those who do not bow in the State church is not an effective means of preventing the spread of atheistic anarchism.—Montreal Gazette.

Divining Rod. A famous geologist has said that the divining rod is no good means of locating water. He may be right, but that will not prevent a lot of people from continuing to pin their faith in the rod. We are excessively fond of our old superstitions.—Hamilton Spectator.

Schools Closed. It is of course deplorable to hear of three Quebec English schools being closed for lack of pupils. The school of Bedford; but it would be a lot more deplorable if one did not know that the pupils are swelling the ranks of some of the most successful schools in the Bay county. The school is being run by the family residence, where Rev. T. E. Holling conducted an appropriate service. Many friends attended and the casket was laden with beautiful floral offerings.

By a policy of respect and toleration we have built up a United Canada, a country which is rapidly forging to the front in an industrial, financial and intellectual way. This has been done by burying our differences and concentrating upon the broad general principles upon which all classes and creeds can unite.—The Star-Phoenix.

Prison and the Prophet. The Right Hon. John Burns, the well known member of the British Liberal cabinet, attributes much of the success of his life as legislator and minister of the English crown to the fact that he was once imprisoned, and during that enforced confinement he studied the writings of the prophet Jeremiah. This is a very common error. Without doubt the educational advantages of the jail have been sadly overlooked by modern educationalists. History supplies many examples which add additional strength to Mr. Burns' experiences.—Calgary Herald.

MUST STAND TRIAL. Newark, N. J., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Caroline Martin is said to stand trial for the alleged murder of her daughter, Mrs. Oete Snead, according to a decision by Judge Teneyck here to-day. The trial was halted in 1909 on a plea of insanity.

Mrs. Snead's body was found in the bath tub of her home in East Orange. It was alleged in the indictment against Mrs. Martin that she had murdered her daughter in order to secure \$50,000 life insurance.—Mrs. Snead carried.

An electrical apparatus whereby a sound wave is sent to the bottom of relatively shallow water and, upon being reflected back, is received by another instrument, has been invented for sounding.

READ THE TIMES

BLISS FUNNEL PLAN FURTHER EXTENSIONS

Will Operate Vessels to Victoria From England Via Panama Canal

With the completion and opening of the Panama canal, it is confidently expected that the Bliss Funnel line will operate a line of vessels between this port and England via the canal, making calls at the various ports on both the east and west coasts of the United States. As Alfred Holt & Co. are launching out into the marine world on such a large scale, a move in this direction would not be a great surprise to shipping men on both seaboard.

At present the only Bliss Funnel vessels touching at this port come from England via the Suez canal. The new route through the Panama canal is shorter than the one now utilized by the Bliss Funnel line, and there is plenty of business on the proposed line to warrant the inauguration of a regular steamship service. If the Holt company does commence this new service it will not mean that they will withdraw the present line coming into this port. Victoria will be the central point and with these two routes going, the Bliss Funnel line will then circle the world.

The Kosmos company at the present time is operating a line of tramps, which will touch at this city from Germany, via the Straits of Magellan, calling at Brazilian, Chilean and other ports on the east and west coasts of South America, as well as west coast ports of North America.

Immediately the canal is ready for traffic undoubtedly the Bliss Funnel and the Kosmos companies will enter into competition for the trade on the new route. The latter line, while still maintaining its present schedule, will not let the trade via the Panama canal go without a bid for it.

ARBITRATION BOARD

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—The arbitration board sitting in connection with a dispute between the street railway company and its employees has finished the hearing of evidence and is now considering its report.

BACK FROM TRIP THROUGH CASSIAR

Phillip McDonald, of Prince Rupert, Reports That Engineers Were Busy

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U. S. SOLICITOR-GENERAL

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Through last summer, said Mr. McDonald, there were several parties of engineers and surveyors through the district. These were supposed to be making railway surveys and those in the district believe that they will be railway development there in a very short time.

Mr. McDonald returned from the Cassiar district to Prince Rupert, and found the real estate market inactive. He has not street trading work for the city was occupying the working time of seven hundred men. Street grading there is mostly through rock, and Mr. McDonald and some big undertakings are going forward. Mr. McDonald will be in Victoria for some days on business.

TORONTO RIOTS

Two Men Fined \$20 and Costs—Half-Dozen Other Cases Adjudged. Toronto, Dec. 8.—No serious results are anticipated from the rioting which followed last night's meeting of citizens in the Massey hall to protest against new taxes on the street car system. Some persons were injured, but not seriously. Many citizens were clubbed over the back and many have split heads, but not bad enough to keep them in the hospital after the wounds were stitched up.

The mob, out to smash street cars, confined their energies entirely to this work and made a great success of it. Today cars are running as usual, minus windows, which have been removed entirely. Mayor Geary, who presided at the Massey hall meeting, expressed regret this morning that citizens had taken the law in their own hands.

A. J. Brace reports the following subscriptions to the fund to be transmitted to the Shattuck Society for the dinner for the poor children of London: H. C. Fairbrother, \$1; "Boy," 15c; Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, \$5; Miss E. Ralph, \$1; Mrs. Lubbe, \$2; R. P. Clark, \$25; Beatrice Lundgren, \$2; First Baptist Sunday school, \$5; F. Hedges, \$1; E. M. S., \$5; Fannie and Nellie Vatterall, \$2; Emmanuel Baptist Boys' class, \$5; Manchester, \$5; Centennial, \$5; collection by Stewart Williams, \$15.00.

POPULATION OF STATES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Estimates by the census bureau based on complete official returns from all except eight states, place the population of the United States at 91,815,231. This estimate does not include Alaska or other insular possessions.

The population of the state of Texas is 3,895,745, according to a census bureau bulletin. This shows an increase of \$47,832, or 27.8 per cent in the last decade. Texas passes Missouri in the list of the most populous states, assuming fifth place.

MORE ACTIVITY IN GRAIN CHARTERING

Weekly Review of Coast Market Also Shows Lumber Chartering Quiet

Grain chartering has turned more active during the past week, says the San Francisco Commercial News. In steam tonnage barley loading at this port has been done at 30s, and a couple of vessels have received the same figure for wheat loading in the north. For sail, northern loading, wheat has been done at 28s 6d and 27s 6d to arrive, and on the spot at 28s and 30s.

The latter figure being for a small, handy vessel. For sail, barley loading at San Francisco, 23s 9d has been done for spot and to arrive.

Lumber chartering off shore has quieted down; rates hold steady, however, owing to a comparative scarcity of tonnage.

Coastwise business is more active at the recent advance in rates, 44.25 south, 45.00 north, and 45.75 south. Honolulu has been done at \$5.75 and the same figure is asked for Guaymas. As a result of the better demand on the coast for lumber, coast grain freights and have firmed up with the scarcity of space.

Coal from Comox to Mexico, steam, has been done at 3s 3d on dead weight. Foreign advices state that nitrate freights are very quiet, with rates not less than 15s to 16s 6d indicated for early loading. Australian wheat remains steady at about 23s to 23s 3d.

Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Vancouver, 31s 2d; British Columbia to Sydney, 31s 2d; 28s 2d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 38s 6d; to Port Pirie, 35s 6d; to Fremantle, 40s; to China ports (steam), 2s 6d; on deadweight, direct nitrate port, 41s 3d; 42s 6d; Calcutta, 42s 6d; Valparaiso for orders, 42s 6d; 43s 9d, with 2s 8d less to direct port; to South African ports, 5s 6d; to United Kingdom or Continent, 5s 6d; 6s 1s 3d; Guaymas, \$5.50; \$5.75; \$6.00; \$6.50; Santa Rosalia, \$6.00; \$6.50; Honolulu, \$5.75.

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LOCAL NEWS

The provincial police officers are busy issuing the annual liquor license renewals throughout the province. There are about one hundred in all.

After being five years with the Bank of B. N. A. at Victoria and Duncan, C. R. V. Bagshaw has joined his father in the real estate firm of E. C. V. Bagshaw & Co.

A. W. Bridgman, realty agent, intends to make big alterations to his Government street premises. James J. James are the architects and E. S. Shenk the contractor for a new front on Government street and the remodeling of the wings on Broughton street.

James Foreman has been named arbitrator in connection with the adjustment of claims due to the extension of View street in the event of early of the property owners. Interested parties to accept the amounts tendered them by the city solicitor.

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To date this year there have been 1238 automobile permits issued in British Columbia by the provincial police.

SIX TAKE LIVES IN RUSSIAN PRISON

Suicides Follow Execution of Ringleaders of Plot to Break Jail

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Six prisoners confined in the government prison at Zaratul committed suicide, rather than submit to alleged inhuman treatment, it was officially announced to-day by the prison officials.

M. Sasonoff, the assassin of Minister of the Interior Von Plehve, was one of the six. The official report said that three of the prisoners killed themselves by severing arteries in their wrists. The other three took overdoses of morphine.

Rumors that Sasonoff had died as the result of the inhuman treatment by his jailers are believed to have caused the announcement. A plot to break jail recently unexecuted by the prison officials, it was announced, led to the capital punishment of two of the ringleaders and the strict disciplining of the others.

Nelson, Dec. 12.—The work of constructing the zinc smelter which A. Gordon French, the metallurgical chemist, is building in the old city power station on Cottonwood creek for the purpose of demonstrating the efficiency of his new method of smelting refractory ores is proceeding apace.

Mr. French is naturally exceedingly reticent as to his plans and as to the nature of the process by which he expects to deal satisfactorily with the standard ore of the Kootenays, but states that the chairman of the French Complex Ore Reduction Company would probably visit the plant early in January. After that time he expects that some ore would be put through the process of smelting.

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OIL IS STRUCK AT MUIR CREEK

Gratifying Results of the Drilling of Second Well on the Property

(From Friday's Daily.) The faith of the gentlemen who formed the Western Canadian Oil Prospecting Company and ventured a large sum in prospecting at Muir Creek, has been rewarded. Oil has been met with at 400 feet. This is considerably sooner than indications were looked for, and is accounted for by gravitation forcing the oil through a fracture in the formation which exists.

The first well sunk was abandoned owing to the loss of tools in the hole. A second one was begun and work on this is being carried on by Contractor M. E. Murray day and night by the standard rig, much greater expedition being possible than with the derrick used in the first case. A depth of 500 feet is expected by Monday, and 1,000 feet should be reached by the end of the month. The bottom at present is in a dark heavy shale.

The oil occurs as a heavy green substance, and samples are being sent to Ottawa for analysis. Its early appearance bears out Expert J. F. Frank's forecast that oil is there in paying quantities elsewhere.

PROHIBITS CHILD LABOR

Alberta Legislature Passes Law Compelling Children Between Ages of 8 and 13 to Attend School.

Child labor in the province of Alberta, save where it is necessary for the maintenance of the child himself, will no longer be possible under Attorney-General Mitchell's act, which finally passed the legislature a day or two ago under the name of the Truancy and Compulsory School Attendance Act.

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ASK PUBLICATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Ratepayers' Association Forwards Request to the Council

(From Tuesday's Daily.) At last evening's meeting of the city council the following resolution of the Victoria Ratepayers' Association was read and referred to the legislative committee:

The following was the communication from the Ratepayers' Association: Gentlemen,—At the annual general meeting of the Victoria Ratepayers' Association the following resolution was adopted:

1. That this association desires to express approval of the principle adopted by the mayor and council in directing a full examination and audit of all monies received and expended on account of the municipality as a wise business proposition.

2. The association also desires to insist upon the consideration of section 128 of the constitution of the council of revision of the assessment roll. The association considers the judgment of the valuation of property is a matter requiring expert knowledge. The court of admiralty, for instance, is composed of a judge and special nautical assessors (technically qualified persons) and the same principle should be adopted in the court of revision. The association recommends that the court should consist of three members of the council and two expert assessors.

3. The association would also recommend to the consideration of the council the publication in book form of the whole list of assessed owners of property, the amount at which each lot is assessed, and the rate payable thereon. Such a book of reference to be obtainable by any person, desiring it, at about net cost. The course was adopted at Winnipeg and gave great satisfaction to all parties concerned, and we feel confident it would meet a want that is continually expressed here and give general satisfaction. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your most obedient servant.

THOS. C. SORBY, Secretary Ratepayers' Association.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The Republican and Democratic national campaign committees yesterday filed lists of contributions and expenditures in the recent congressional campaign. The Republicans received and expended \$74,373; the Democrats \$27,771.

NEW AEROPLANE RECORD

Rene Barlier Travels at Average of 73.9 Miles an Hour.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Rene Barlier established a world's record yesterday when he flew more than 100 miles in 10 minutes 53.8 seconds, showing an average of 73.9 miles an hour. The flight was made in a biplane of 5,000 feet.

He outwitted John B. Molesatt, who claimed the world's record for nearly eight minutes, both used Bleriot monoplanes. Barlier traveled at an average of 73.9 miles an hour.

FLOODS IN ITALY

Milan, Dec. 13.—Many streets in the suburbs of Milan have been flooded by the overflowing of the river Olona. Several villages in Lombardy are inundated.

Rome, Dec. 13.—Reports from many points in Italy indicate a continuation of heavy storms, the flooding of towns and villages and serious damage to crops. The victims of the disaster are people who have had ample warning of the threatening waters, and in some cases have abandoned their homes.

JAPANESE CONVICTED

Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Murder—Appeal Will Be Made.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—An appeal from the sentence of life imprisonment imposed on Genko Mitunaga for the murder of Mrs. Catherine Wilson will be taken to the Japanese ambassador at Washington, it was announced to-day by A. A. Bennett, honorary Japanese consul at Denver. Mitunaga was convicted late yesterday.

The appeal will be based on the ground that the trial was not fair, and that partially to the prosecution was shown by the court.

Ridley Wilson, husband of the murdered woman, is considering filing suit against attorney Hilton, counsel for Mitunaga, for libel, he announced the day, because Hilton, in Wilson's opinion, practically charged him with having murdered his own wife. The charge, it is explained, was made in open court.

SEVERELY BURNED

Man Struck by Flaming Stove When Rushing to Aid of Neighbor.

BUILDING STILL CONQUERS ACTIVE

RETURNS FOR OCTOBER FROM EIGHTEEN CITIES

Volume of Work Shows Large Increase Over Same Month Last Year

(From Tuesday's Daily.) It is quite evident from the extent of operations that are now being carried on that the lateness of the season has had but little effect on building activities as far as Canada is concerned. While the total investment possibly does not equal that attained in certain of the spring and summer months, no similar period in the past has witnessed in general a more marked and consistent development.

In the eighteen cities reporting to Construction, Toronto, for October, the total aggregate for permits issued amounted to \$8,638,269, as compared with \$4,570,506 in the same month of last year. But three decreases in all are noted, and in two of these cases the loss (less than 1 per cent) is so infinitely small as to be hardly worth while taking into consideration. On the whole, the country reached forward at a most substantial clip.

Ontario's total in itself, which approximates the three million mark, and is the grand individual monthly total for the year, reflects an expansion that is little short of marvellous; but at that considering the size of the two cities, it is hardly more remarkable than the showing made at Vancouver, where the work amounting to \$1,236,000 was undertaken as against \$507,615 in the month of October, 1909.

Aside from Peterboro's loss of 11 per cent, the greatest decrease noted, and which in itself considering the comparative amounts, is not of very serious proportions, all points in Ontario progressed in the most gratifying manner. Ottawa reversed the less favorable condition existing in it for two previous months by recording an investment of \$438,925, equivalent to a gain of 28 per cent; while Hamilton, with a like increase, issued permits aggregating in value \$223,217. Fort William also topped its corresponding figures by an advancement of 8 per cent, and Kingston, which does not submit comparative figures, reports an increase to the extent of 23.17 per cent. Port Arthur, which was practically dormant during this month last year, registers an increase of 731 per cent, the largest proportionate gain in the list. Other cities noted are Windsor, 82 per cent; Berlin, 43 per cent; and London, 2 per cent.

In the western section of the Dominion, however, made exceeded all expectations. Although Winnipeg failed by a fraction of equalling her previous figures for the month, permits were issued to the extent of \$530,150, which is an excellent showing in view of the heavy months immediately preceding. Calgary experienced a marked state of activity as is evidenced by her total of \$568,290, which represents a gain of 40 per cent over what Victoria, Regina are ahead by 18 and 37 per cent, respectively, the figures in the latter cases amounting to \$247,975, as against \$52,085 last year.

Montreal's greatest total of \$1,907,440 is the second largest amount noted, and represents an investment of \$1,278,795 more than was made on the same month last year. These figures reflect a tremendous growth, and especially so when one takes into account that at this season of the year considerable work is abandoned owing to inclement weather conditions. St. John also records an advance, a gain of 142 per cent; although Sydney, in the same section, is a trifle behind her corresponding amount.

Reports from various other points throughout the country indicate an activity equally as pronounced as that shown by the cities included in the list, but in the other cases the respective totals for the month are not available. The prospects in every respect are anything but discouraging, and it looks very much as though the building fraternity in general will find much to do during the winter season.

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BUILDING STILL CONTINUES ACTIVE

RETURNS FOR OCTOBER FROM EIGHTEEN CITIES

Volume of Work Shows Large Increase Over Same Month Last Year

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

It is quite evident from the extent of operations that are now being carried on that the lateness of the season has had but little effect on building activities as far as Canada is concerned. While the total investment possibly does not equal that attained certain of the spring and summer months, no similar period in the past is witnessed in general a more marked and consistent development.

In the sixteen cities reporting to the construction department for October, the total aggregate for permits issued amounted to \$8,638,269, as compared with \$4,570,000 in the same month of last year. But three cities in all reported a decrease, and in two of these the loss (less than 1 per cent) is so infinitesimally small as to be hardly worth mentioning in consideration. On the whole, the country marched forward at a most substantial clip. Toronto's total in itself, approximately \$2,300,000, represents the third largest monthly total for a year, reflects an expansion that is the most remarkable of the month, and which is hardly more remarkable than the showing made at Vancouver, where work amounting to \$1,286,955, was undertaken against \$507,615 in the month of October, 1909.

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In the western section of the Dominion the strides made exceeded all expectations. Although Victoria, which has a fraction of equalling her previous record for the month, permits were issued to the extent of \$59,150, which an excellent showing in view of the very month immediately preceding, Calgary expelleed a marked state of activity as is evidenced by her total of \$68,290, which represents a gain of 10 per cent, while Edmonton and Regina are ahead by 18 and 17 per cent, respectively, the figures in the latter cases amounting to \$247,975, as against \$2,080 last year.

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FALLS TO DEATH

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—The top of the new Selby building, Oscar Kelly, foreman of the scaffold crew, waved a greeting to his brother Charles working on the top of the new fifteen story Yeon building a block distant, and a moment later he was hurling through the air to his death on the pavement 22 feet below. The body of the man was seen by the brother looking in his direction. A wave of the hand was seen for two brothers. The Oscar, reaching out to grasp a hanging chain, missed it and plunged to his death.

An observatory to be devoted to meridian measurements of fundamental stars is to be built in Argentina, by the Argentine government.

RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS FLOGGED

Government Accused of Taking Brutal Revenge on Its Opponents

(St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—Opposition parties in the Duma have united in addressing an interpellation to ministers of the interior and justice regarding the reported floggings of political prisoners in Siberia.

It is charged that the government is taking a brutal revenge on its political opponents and by so doing is disgracing Russia.

It is reported that Sasonoff, the assassin of Von Plehve, has died in Serapoul prison as a result of flogging or of self-inflicted injuries.

The minister of finance has informed the budget committee that the revenues for 1910 are \$100,000,000 in excess of those of 1909, but that income tax legislation will not be abandoned.

AUTO CAPSIZES

Two Men Sustain Serious Injuries—Companions Disappear After Accident

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Two men are near death, the result of an automobile accident on the Elmore road near Alhambra. The driver of the wrecked car and two other passengers disappeared after the accident and, according to the police, made no effort to aid their friends, who were imprisoned beneath the tonneau.

The injured men are J. H. Walsh and Stanley Gamble. They were taken to a hospital where it was ascertained they had little chance to recover. H. Malpas sustained less serious injuries.

The accident occurred late Sunday night, when the car was running approximately 60 miles an hour. The machine was the property of O. H. Kiefer, whose chauffeur, Carl Michel, is believed to have been driving. Kiefer is in San Francisco and had left the machine in Michel's charge.

"DISGRACE TO CIVILIZATION"

New York, Dec. 13.—Speaking last night at a meeting of the New York Society of Medical Jurisprudence, Dr. William A. White, president of the government hospital for the insane at Washington, D. C., said the discharging of lunatics in habeas corpus proceedings was practically a disgrace to modern civilization.

John Brooks Leavitt, a New York attorney, said the people should appreciate the necessity of a law similar to that in force in England, which provides that the insane criminal shall be committed for safe keeping "until His Majesty's pleasure to release him shall be made known."

GRANTS CONCESSIONS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—An imperial order has been published confirming a resolution recently adopted by the cabinet permitting Jewish merchants of the First Guild to reside in the city and province of Moscow.

Emperor Nicholas on November 1, approved the opening of new sections for Jews. Heretofore the legal residence of Jews had been restricted to that section of the Polish province and the Ukraine limited by the original Jewish segregation law and the new sections embrace twelve districts in the provinces of Vitebsk, Volhynia, Minsk, Pultava and Kherson and the town of Yekaterinad.

The action of the government restricts the permanent residence of the inhabitants of the newly opened localities who desired the admission of Jewish residents as a means of improving local business conditions.

MUST GO TO PENITENTIARY

Sentence of Twenty-five Years Passed on Woman for Kidnapping Boy is Confirmed

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—Helen Boyle must serve 25 years in the penitentiary for kidnapping Willie Whittle from Sharon, Pa., according to a decision of the supreme court here yesterday. The decision was made on an appeal brought by attorneys for the woman, protesting against the decision of the lower court. The court was sustained and the sentence confirmed.

The Whittle kidnapping case was one of the most sensational in the history of the country. He was found in Cleveland.

DESTROYERS WELCOMED

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—The new Australian destroyers Tarra and Parramatta have arrived at Melbourne, which has aroused great public enthusiasm.

The Earl of Dudley, governor-general, speaking on the occasion said the presence of a local navy was the surest means of upholding the integrity of the empire.

The prime minister, Mr. Hughes, said Australia greatly appreciated the protection derived from the Imperial navy, but it required to defend its own shores and by so doing it would best help the Mother Country.

The Chilean government has established a seismological service with thirty-five stations equipped with instruments and operated by 500 persons engaged to make observations at many points.

MILLIONAIRE ATTACKS METHODS OF RAILWAYS

Declares They Are to Blame for the Present High Cost of Living

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 12.—"Why has the seat of government been transferred from Washington to Wall street?" asks a letter written to every congressman and United States senator demanding that the railroads be investigated for freight rates lowered.

C. Barber, a millionaire match manufacturer, is the writer. In his letter he charges that the railroads levy a far higher tribute on the average family in America than does the tariff.

Freight rates, he says, are the principal prop under the high cost of living. He demands that railroad matters be referred to the tariff.

The tariff, he estimates, costs the average family in the United States \$15 annually. The railroads, through freight rates, collect a toll of \$87 from the average family. It is alleged.

Freight rates plus the other earnings of the railroads, increase the cost to approximately \$127, the letter says.

Barber contends that the railroads, having over-capitalized until their stock represents far greater value than their actual worth, forfeit the right of levying a tax on the American people, based on the face value of the capitalization. The people, it is charged, are asked to pay the dividend on this watered stock on the ground that the railroads are entitled to a "fair profit" on their capitalization.

In the office of over-capitalization the railroads, Barber says, have always set the pace. As a matter of fact, he asserts, \$9,000,000,000 of the \$18,000,000,000 of railroad securities is pure and simple water. In spite of this enormous percentage of water he points out, the net earnings of the railroads have advanced steadily, and the average dividend has more than doubled in the last 25 years.

This, the letter intimates, is simply another plea to get more money to increase the profits on the paper value of the railroads.

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FUNERAL OF VICTIMS OF MINE EXPLOSION

Coroner's Inquest Expected to Throw Light on Alberta Accident

Fernie, Dec. 12.—The final count of dead at Bellevue remains at thirty, but it is possible that this list may be increased to as it is not certain that there is not one more man to account for.

Six of the Slav victims were buried in one grave at Passburg today, and the body of Fred, Alderson will be laid to rest at Homer tomorrow.

As complete information is obtained, it becomes more and more evident that the Draeger system is a distinct step in advance upon methods of lifesaving apparatus heretofore in use. The want of proper establishment, which had not been perfected, and the lack of knowledge in the agents who did the work, the hall rent for the first time to a minimum, but this experience will help to perfect the scheme, and it will not likely be found in such a state of unreadiness as was the case last Friday night.

The No. 1 seam, in which the explosion at Bellevue occurred, was the same as that which occurred on Thanksgiving Day, but it occurred at noon, when no one was in the mine. The fact of the tunnel had been opened over two miles from the entrance, and it was in the locality of the first explosion that the second took place. The latter evidently started in the vicinity of room 32, and it was there that the last three bodies were recovered. That of J. Deak is still in that vicinity.

Nearly all the dead men evidently were suffocated by the deadly after-damp, and had the Draeger apparatus been near at hand it is probable that the 31 men found in the main tunnel, some of them still showing signs of life when first seen, could have been saved. Five of the safety lamps carried by these men were still burning when the advance party came upon them. Had it not been necessary to reduce efforts in order to rescue the rescuers these men would doubtless have been living to-day.

There is no truth in the statement that the safety still existed in the mine from the Thanksgiving explosion.

The coroner's inquest, which will be resumed next Monday, may bring facts enough to establish the place and origin of the explosion and also more evidence as to the value of the Draeger apparatus.

FOUND DEAD IN BOAT

Kamloops, Dec. 12.—An inquest was held at Sicamous by Coroner Clark of this city on the body of William Boyce, a settler of Annesly Arm, who was found dead in his boat at Seymour Narrows. The crew of the Maud Annie. The evidence showed that Boyce had been in Sicamous on November 23 and stated that he intended leaving that day for his home. He was not seen afterwards until his dead body was found. The crew of the Maud Annie, passing through the narrows, saw a rowboat near the shore, and on closer examination found the body of Boyce in it, his legs inside the boat and his head and body hanging outside in the water; he was quite dead then.

The crew returned the following verdict: "He fell from his boat and for some reason was unable to recover himself, and so died, at Seymour Narrows, on or about the first of December, 1910."

WOMEN'S COUNCIL DO MUCH BUSINESS

The Carleton Lee Lectures—Mrs. Cooper Resigns Presidency of Body

(From Tuesday's Daily.) An interesting meeting of the Women's Local Council was held yesterday afternoon in the committee room of the city hall.

Mrs. Preston, deputy commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and Mrs. Livingston, provincial field worker for the W. C. T. U., were presented to the council by Mrs. Spottedford and were given a standing welcome.

Among other present were: Madam Cooper, Spottedford, Jenkins, W. S. Day, Macfarlane, Hay, Cook, Gordon, Herd, Christie, Van Sant, Perrin, Gordon Grant and others.

Mrs. Graves reported on the establishment in Victoria of the Victorian Order of Nurses and her report was accepted by the council by a most complimentary comment by Mrs. Cooper, who said the forming of such a society marked an epoch in the city and would undoubtedly be a great boon.

Mrs. Gordon reported on technical education, and a most appreciative vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Cleland and her supporters for the exceedingly able manner in which she had presented a report on the matter before the royal commissioners in the Parliament buildings during their recent visit to the city. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Cooper both commented in the most favorable terms on the clear and admirable way in which the report had been compiled and presented.

Mrs. Day submitted a report on the Hindu petition, which had been laid before the legislature. The petition had been returned as it was not in the Dominion parliament. It was recommended that the ministerial board of the city should be approached on the subject of the petition.

Mrs. Spottedford reported on the instruction to the Hindus, and the corresponding secretary was requested to write to the ministerial board with regard to the matter.

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The chief object of putting on this course of lectures was because of their educational value, it being thought that the subject of the lectures was a man of Professor Guy Carleton Lee be secured and placed before the people of our city as only a specialist could so important a subject as this, which was most admirably dealt with in three lectures, "The Soul of a Life," which was most admirably dealt with in three lectures, "The Soul of a Life," "The Heart of a Child," and "The Mind of a Man."

The arrangement of the course was as follows: To secure a patrons' list of those who were desirous of aiding in the recovery of the \$20,000 worth of gold, and advertising, 50 per cent of the net proceeds to be given to the Local Council. Should the patrons' list not reach the sum of \$50,000, a sum of not less than \$50, and in the event of the Local Council providing a hall, a sum of not less than \$75, should be received.

"All the work of soliciting the patrons' list and making the arrangements to be done by the agents, the hall rent to be society. The patrons' list did not quite reach the specified amount. The council, therefore, received the stipulated sum of \$50. The sub-executive in every way was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the society fulfilled its agreement but not with the manner in which the agent did her work, the thanks of the council are due to R. L. Drury and Abraham E. Smith, who kindly presided at the evening lectures, and introducing the lecturer, who fulfilled all our expectations, both as to his powers of oratory and his ability to deal with his subject; to Mrs. Gibson for her kindness in securing ushers and door-keepers, and to the gentlemen who so kindly acted in that capacity."

Mrs. Cooper, who has been acting as president, informed the meeting that as she would shortly be leaving the city, it would be necessary to appoint a new president or a presidential board of three members to take her place.

Mrs. Spottedford presented a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the meeting. In the motion Mrs. Spottedford spoke in the most complimentary terms of the untiring efforts of Mrs. Cooper in her capacity as president to promote the best interests of the council work. Mrs. R. S. Day, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Jenkins and other members also spoke in most appreciative terms of Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Spottedford's resolution was passed unanimously, Mrs. Williscroft occupying the chair for the time being.

Mrs. Cooper replied in fitting terms. It was a great pleasure to her to have been connected with a band of workers who had helped and encouraged her in every possible way during the two years in which she had held the honor of office of president. She had fallen into many pitfalls but with the help of her officers she had always been able to climb out again. She was especially proud of having been able to do this. She was afterwards in a fine office at the time of the visit of the

ASKS DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF BIG TOE

John Boon, Injured in Hold of Vessel, Suing Brown and McCaba

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Before Mr. Justice Gregory and a jury in the Supreme court this morning was commenced an action in which John Boon, longshoreman and miner, claims damages from the stevedoring company of Brown & McCaba for loss of his big toe and injuries received about the body, in July last, which kept him in hospital for a month, and owing to which he has been unable to earn his livelihood since.

The injuries were received while the plaintiff was working on the ship Elginstar at the Michigan-Puget Sound wharf loading lumber. Boon was standing in the lower hold when a sling of heavy lumber was sent down, and because it was not properly slung together, as alleged by the plaintiff, he was struck on the foot, his big toe crushed, his side, from chest to waist, was skinned, his knee injured and his ankle sprained.

On the calling of the jury panel Henry B. Young failed to answer his name, and Mr. Justice Gregory, when a jury had finally been obtained, told the sheriff to see that Mr. Young was present at the adjourned sitting of the court. Included in the jury panel was John Arbuthnot, Rockland avenue, who, on being called, informed his lordship that he had arranged to take his family to England on Thursday and had looked passages. Between today and Thursday he had a lot to do and he asked to be excused. His lordship said he could not be excused. J. Arbuthnot, who was subsequently replaced by J. H. Gibb, Esq., Esq., Esq., Harris, G. N. Gowen, J. D. Hallen, W. H. Bone.

The plaintiff alleges negligence on the part of his employers, and claims damages under the Workmen's Compensation Act. In his evidence he said the sling of lumber was not properly slung and bound with battens or packing to prevent slipping, that the sling was loaded by the foreman on the job; that one man instead of two were stationed at the top of the hatch, and also that no warning was given to get out of the way. The sling was working in the lower hold and receiving \$4 per day of 10 hours. After the accident he was taken to the hospital, where the big toe of his right foot was amputated. From the hospital he went to his home and remained there a month and was then two weeks on crutches. He is not yet able to work, but expects to get to work again next month.

"His Lordship—When this action is over? Mr. Arbuthnot—I beg your Lordship's pardon? His Lordship—Well, the action will be over by next month. The case is being continued this afternoon. W. J. Taylor, K. C., and C. H. Hanington are appearing for the defendants.

On the court resuming this afternoon the name of Henry B. Young, the absent juror, was called. He was present and when asked by his Lordship why he had not attended in the morning he replied: "I have no excuse whatever. I simply forgot all about it."

BULLION RECOVERED

Fifty Thousand Dollars Worth of Stolen Gold Found in San Francisco—Seven Arrests.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—The round-up of six men and one woman arrested yesterday for the recovery of \$50,000 worth of gold bars here promises to result in clearing up the mystery surrounding the robbery of a shipment of gold from Fairbanks to Seattle taken aboard the steamship Humboldt at Skagway on September 8 last.

One hundred and seventy thousand dollars' worth of the precious metal was taken from Fairbanks, Alaska, and shipped to Seattle, either in transit out to Skagway or aboard the Humboldt, the boxes of gold were opened, bars of the metal extracted, and pig lead was substituted for it. The robbery was not discovered until the shipment arrived at the United States assay office in Seattle.

Since then the United States secret service officers have worked night and day on the case, finally making the round-up here Friday night. The officers kept the arrests a secret for two days, hoping to catch others implicated in the theft. The woman arrested gives the name of Mrs. E. C. Smith. Her husband also is held. The gold bars were found in their rooms.

A number of letters, which the officers say will explain the theft, were also taken from the Smiths' apartment.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The big delusion which will wait upon the government to-morrow and ask for the deepening of the Welland canal, was beaten out to-day by a deputation of representatives of commercial interests from Montreal to North Bay, and by the city council of the latter city and his colleagues the prior claim of the Georgian Bay canal.

Sir Wilfrid in his reply said the government had long been convinced of the practicability of the Georgian Bay canal, and the financial difficulties which stand in the way alone have prevented its construction before this. He promised to again lay the matter before Mr. Fielding at the earliest possible moment.

CURFEW BY-LAW

Prince Rupert, Dec. 12.—Children under the age of fourteen must be off the streets and snug at home by 8.30 p. m. in winter and 9 to 10 p. m. in summer, the curfew by-law was adopted to March, the summer months April to September.

So says the curfew by-law considered by the city council for the first time at the age of the "children" was altered from eighteen to fourteen years.

HEALTH SHATTERED BY TROUBLE IN MEXICO

Report That General Reyes Will Be Understudy for the Presidency

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—General Bernardo Reyes, practically banished from Mexico because his name was mentioned in connection with the vice-presidency a little more than a year ago, is returning to his own country. Reports here, coming from reliable sources, say that President Diaz has summoned him back and has decided to make him the understudy for the presidency.

President Diaz, according to reports here, is on the verge of a complete breakdown. His health is shattered, the strenuous times of the recent election, the anti-American riots in Mexico City and other of the larger Mexican towns and the revolutionary uprising that is still alive, having proved too much of a strain for him to bear. Although Diaz has insisted on personally directing the government's efforts to crush the revolution, the work has proved too heavy a task for him, according to close friends of the president here. Diaz is so weak that he can scarcely walk. The slightest exertion leaves him exhausted, and he is on the point of nervous collapse, these friends say. Because of his advanced age, it is feared that he will not be able to overcome such an attack.

A most authoritative source it has been learned that Diaz has admitted to one of the members of the Mexican legation in Washington that he intends to resign his office as president here, and that he is on the point of resigning his office as president here, and that he is on the point of resigning his office as president here.

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WINTER SEASON WORK ON THE G. T. P.

Ballasting Stopped by Frost but Bridge Building Will Be Continued

Prince Rupert, Dec. 12.—From the hundred and second mile post, or to be more exact, the Kitselas Canyon, General Superintendent Mehan, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has returned to town primed with satisfaction at the way in which the line is progressing. His visit to the end of steel was not intended to lead to the formulation of an scheme of working but merely to ascertain the conditions under which the operations are being carried on.

Despite the heavy frost and heavy snow he found everything in ship-shape order and the work progressing as rapidly as the hampering conditions would permit. One thing which he was very much pleased to see was ballasting, but the exclusion of this particular item in the programme, though he was sorry to see it go, gave place to others of almost equal importance.

In the district which is now being operated there are numerous gulleys and in the ordinary course of construction they have been passed by means of pile trestle bridges

