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St. Thomas Laborers Laid Off Owing to Trouble in U. S. Coal Fields.

St. Thomas, Ont., April 2.—Fifty-six men were laid off today in the Pere Marquette railway shops here for thirty days, owing to the shortage of coal and in view of the coal strike. A local train has been discontinued.

TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE. Meeting in London Protests Against New Scale of Charges.

London, Ont., April 2.—At a meeting of about 100 members of the Royal Templars of Temperance Saturday night, a resolution was adopted to protest to the board of directors of the order not to go ahead on the basis of the new rates recently decided upon by the council of the various side councils in the Dominion which would be heard from on the matter. It was claimed that the new rates were fifty per cent higher than the old ones.

GRANBY TO PAY \$400,000. Directors to Meet Today to Declare 3 Per Cent. Dividend.

Boston, April 2.—Granby Consolidated directors will meet tomorrow for dividend action and will declare a 3 per cent. dividend, or about \$400,000, payable about May 15. As was the case last November, the dividend will not be designated as a periodical one. By the end of the current year the output will have been increased to 2,800,000 pounds monthly, an annual increase of \$500,000 pounds, which will have a big effect on dividend distributions.

A SLIGHT EXPLOSION. Roof of Building at Powder Works Near Nanaimo Blown Off.

Nanaimo, April 2.—(Special)—A slight explosion occurred this morning at the Hamilton powder works in the nitrate building, the roof of which was blown off and the walls bulged out. No one was injured. The explosion was caused by the fumes from nitrate. Besides the building, the nitrate machine was also badly damaged and probably will take a week to repair the damage.

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Shortly after eight o'clock a bugle blared forth in the hall and the guests assembled in the grand ball room. Mr. Jessup escorted the Earl and Mr. Choate and Sir John Macdonald, secretary of state, came arm in arm. The rooms were decorated with sprays of trailing arbutus, the first flower to bloom in the spring. The Earl and his party were seated at the international aspect of the dinner, stands of small tables.

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Rail Mills Are Busy. The Grand Trunk Pacific Company are asking the government to permit 50,000 tons of steel rails to be brought into Canada free, as the company's mills cannot fill the orders, having enough work on hand for the next twelve months.

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A CANADIAN EXPONENT OF FRENZIED FINANCE

More Interesting Developments in York County Loan Investigation.

TORONTO, April 2.—In York County case today it was brought out that most of the stock of the Toronto Life company was held by employees of the York County Insurance company. Four ladies were principal stockholders. Miss L. Hudson received \$25 a week from the York Loan, \$10 a week from List Piano company, and \$5 a week from National Monthly magazine. Miss C. Hudson was examined on a check for \$10,500 drawn on account National Monthly in her name. All she knew about it was that she had endorsed it. About same time Phillipa borrowed same amount from York County Loan, and like amount deposited to credit National Monthly. Her name was withdrawn and went to pay for \$2,500 bonds in Canadian Northern railway.

Some large transactions in which Miss George Hudson, an employee of the York County Loan company, figured, about which she could remember nothing, were exposed in the conspiracy investigation against Joseph Phillips, the president of the company. Miss Hudson had previously bank account, which at one time had been \$5,000, but is now only \$52. She testified to loaning Phillips money on several occasions, receiving in return therefor. She had received sums of money from Burt and money from the Toronto Life, and deposited them in her private account, but could give no explanation as to why she did so. Checks of \$150 to \$200 paid to her she could not remember all, nor did she remember anything about checks of \$565, \$4,000 and \$300 received by her and her sister.

The magistrate commented on the peculiar fact that Miss Hudson was paid large sums by the National Monthly, which was now occupied by paying proposition. Miss Hudson testified that the York County Loan was interested in the Toronto Life, the List Piano Company, Roncesvalles Press Company, Roncesvalles Business College, the Lee Groceries and the National Monthly. Phillips made application for bail today, but the magistrate refused to receive it.

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If we had a million dollars invested in an industry, and we discovered that notwithstanding we were reaping certain large revenues annually from the investment, very wasteful methods were in vogue, and that our capital was becoming seriously impaired as a consequence we would become alarmed immediately.

Our timber, whether it be privately or publicly owned, is a great asset and the basis of a profitable and permanent industry. Let us just see where we are drifting in respect to it.

At the forestry convention at Ottawa it was estimated by one of the speakers that the quantity of marketed timber in Canada was 532 billions of feet. Of course, all estimates of that kind, as we have several times pointed out in these columns, are more or less speculations and guesses.

The ordinary uses to which paper is being put are increasing year by year. Aside altogether from the consumption of by-products of wood, industrial expansion is so great that the demands for ordinary uses are unusual.

Take railways, and they are eating up timber at an enormous rate. The C. P. R. in one year used 140,000,000 feet of timber, 30,000 telegraph poles, and 250,000 fence posts.

Then there are the immense requirements necessitated by the building of houses and outbuildings in the Northwest, and the regular demand for building material throughout the whole of the Dominion.

The present ordinary uses to which wood is being put are lumber for houses and car material and construction work; for the making of paper, for ties, mining props, cordwood, for finishing purposes, furniture, and indurated ware.

timbers, and even the stumps in the fields were eagerly sought after and bought up for furniture purposes. Millions upon millions of feet of willow, chestnut, ash, maple, oak, hickory and other trees were cut down and burned up to clear the land of forest.

In British Columbia, owing to the quantities of merchantable timber at hand, it may be some years before there will fall into the market, but to those who can afford to wait and do not require the land, their forest will all be a realizable asset.

THE WHOLESOME POISONING SCARE.

We have received an article reprinted from the Medical Fortnightly, St. Louis, written by Dr. R. G. Eccles. The title is "The Wholesome Poisoning Scare." Dr. Eccles evidently represents the interests of the manufacturer who wishes to minimize the outcry against adulteration.

We are quite prepared to believe that many of the adulterations employed in the manufacture of food-stuffs are in themselves largely harmless in the percentage of adulteration which takes place or the nature of the adulterant materials.

Without referring at all to the "chemical" or physical argument, he entirely overlooks in his plea the ethical side of the question, the vital importance to a nation to get back to absolute honesty in business methods. It may not be immediately material to the customer of today whether the goods are not exactly what they are labelled, provided, of course, they are not injurious to him in any way; but it makes a great deal of difference in the business character of a nation which is established by such methods.

Without elaborating the argument further we see the outcome of this kind of thing which apparently has incalculable business methods very generally in the United States, and perhaps to a lesser degree in Canada—in the revelations of the insurance investigations and in the public and private "grafts" against which the people in many parts of America are turning in revolt.

It is all right to sell shoddy providing the customer knows it is shoddy; it is buying, or chlocery if he knows it is chlocery, or oleomargarine if he knows it is not butter. It ought to be regarded as a disgrace and a crime to be caught selling an article of goods which is not what it purports to be, even if the article in itself is not as bad as it otherwise might be.

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confidence. It is his prerogative to go on quietly according to his private business, and to remain silent if he chooses to do so. It is also the prerogative of the Colonist to admit his right to silence unquestioned. In the paucity of material for fault-finding, the opposition has developed a marvelous faculty of making mountains out of molehills.

Some of the eastern nations whose people have a reputation for "faking" and who carry on their commerce unblushingly, have become so as the result of ages of barter during which the standard business ethics has steadily declined.

Coming now to the physiological effects of tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages, sugar and spices, in large or small quantities, that is open to argument from the expert point of view, and from the results of daily experience.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS A SPECIAL CASE.

The Winnipeg Free Press in a recent issue publishes a memorial presented by the various provincial governments of the Dominion to the authorities at Ottawa asking for a readjustment of the federal subsidies to the provinces, and announces in that connection that a conference will shortly be held to further consider the same.

We do not know the source of the Free Press's information, but it is incorrect in so far as the attitude of this province is concerned. We understand that the memorial in question was not signed on behalf of the provincial government, but that a separate letter was sent to Sir Wilfrid, concurring in the memorial in so far as it applied to British Columbia, or in so far as the case of British Columbia was common with that of the other provinces.

It may be taken for granted, however, that the government at present in power in British Columbia will not agree to any settlement that does not take note of the special circumstances and conditions which form the foundation of our claims against the Dominion, and make provision for them.

LIFE-SAVING ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

We beg to call the special attention of the public to the following from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in respect to the provisions that are being made at Washington for the benefit of life on this coast. It will be noted that it does not take the form of a subsidy to a private firm for the purpose of saving hulls, but that it contemplates life-saving according to modern and humanitarian methods.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The question was asked on the resignation of the late attorney-general, "What will Mr. Wilson do?" The Colonist remarked that Mr. Wilson would probably mind his own business, something which, by doing, men had been known to make, fortunes. This was an intimation to all but unfitted people, whether journalists or ordinary individuals, that worthy example might with profit be followed by those who want to ask such questions.

"Now, if the house will act as promptly as the senate, there is reason to believe that construction will speedily begin. It is to be hoped that the new life-saver will be built here and that she will be named Seattle."

PHYSICIANS AND PATENT MEDICINES.

Doctors do not always agree. Dispensers of proprietary medicines do not always agree with doctors. There is, in fact, a war going on between them all over the American continent. As an outcome of this we have a pamphlet for us reprinted from "The National Druggist," entitled, "The Legislative

Schemes of the American Medical Association—a Conspiracy to Establish Physicians' Trusts. The "disclosures" as to the nature and object of the American Medical Association in regard to the sale of patent and proprietary medicines are of rather an interesting character. It is evident, from a careful perusal of the pages of the pamphlet in question that the two branches of the art of healing—the doctors and the druggists—instead of being in union upon the commercial aspect of the case are seriously at odds.

There is a movement all over the continent, as our readers are aware, to compel the manufacturers of proprietary and patent medicines to make public the formulas and private processes by which their preparations are made.

The pamphlet goes on to point out that the apparently spontaneous movement against patent medicines has really been worked up by the Medical Society, and is part of a wholesale conspiracy to establish a vast physicians' trust.

It is alleged, in harmony with the craze that overtook the United States a few years ago for pools, trusts and combinations of all kinds. The American Medical Association at that time numbered only about 5,000 members out of 150,000 physicians in the entire country. There were then hundreds of small independent societies all over the land, and an effort was made, emanating from Chicago as headquarters, to unite all these in a common line of action, and to increase the membership of the main body, which at last numbered 20,000 after three years of organization, on new lines.

One of the conditions of membership was subscription to the official organ of the association, which had in 1904 a total income of \$254,732. This journal directed and advocated the policy of the association, and a systematic attempt was made to kill off all independent medical journals.

It is alleged that the association went boldly to the manufacturers of, and dealers in, drugs, and notified them that they must furnish to the Council on Chemistry and Pharmacy, the names and exact quantities of the ingredients which enter the composition of their several remedies, together with their methods and secret processes of manufacture, this on pain of having their remedies refused listing in a volume which it was proposed to publish containing all the remedies of the kind that members of the Association could ethically prescribe or use in practice.

The National Druggist gives a number of quotations from the Journal of the Medical Association and other official sources to prove the object of the campaign to be profit to members of the medical profession, and not the love of humanity. The excerpts have certainly a very "business" ring about them, and rather shock our faith in the ideals that have been set up for the science of healing. We give a few of these extracts:

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Allah that a campaign has been started that will bring grief to their mill, or words to that effect.

There is a great deal more to which we cannot spare space refer. The point we wish to make in this connection is that while no doubt there is a good deal of honest objection among the members of the medical profession against quack nostrums, the druggists have placed their finger upon motives in fighting patent medicines, which do no honor to that profession. The official statements quoted prove that. The fight is for money and profit and not for the public weal. If this be not so, why should the medical journals and the physicians promoting the agitation appeal to the money side of the question?

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More Miners Want Robinson, managing director of the British Columbia Copper Syndicate, that fifty additional needed at Britannia, T. city of this class of special present.

A Presentation.—J. former superintendent of Pass & Yukon route signed to enter into of now en route to Seattle way. Just before his the northern city an of watch, valued at more presented to Mr. Roge employees of the head- zens of Skagway, awaiting him in Seattle.

A Serious Charge.— man by the name of B. the police station and in floor in charge that will cabin on Stone street, called and demanded the some whiskey and on way. Just before his the wharf and the cable used heavy timbers broke, so the boat was out of water. sufferer was attended Hall, who pronounced ous, and says it is p may lose an eye.

A Missing Man.—A has been received by the T. P. Thompson of M. ba, enquiring as to the his brother, Albert E. T left home on July 1st, 1905, and has not been heard of since. He was engaged in the wharf and the cable used heavy timbers broke, so the boat was out of water. sufferer was attended Hall, who pronounced ous, and says it is p may lose an eye.

Financial Notes.—The nance Syndicate, Ltd., has 10 per cent. debentures of \$25 each in the and Pulp Co., and the receipts of the White F railway for the week ending 21st amounted to \$5,650. The bond were out of stock exchange in City per cent. debentures Shuswap and Okanagan 1905 will be returned to his whereabouts will be received by his brother.

Shooting Accident.—A accident occurred at 1 Monday morning, as a r George, the 12-year-old and Mrs. William We life. The boy was out rats when he dropped the contents were discharged and he was injured. He found in neighbor's house. They parents and Dr. Grem mented. He gave him Wagner, of Pittsburg, was one the boy was r Paul's Hospital, Vancou passed away Wednesday.

First From B. C.—It many of the old readers to learn that Mr. Harry Wright, who has been in the recent elections, is a member of the English parish of British Columbia. He is H. J. SPROTT, B. A., Principal. H. A. SCRIVEN, B. A., Vice-President. L. M. ROBERTS, Gregor Shortland. H. G. SKINNER, Pitman Shortland.

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Arctic science should be greatly advanced by the permanent station for the purpose of establishing a base on the south coast of Disco island...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. [The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

AN APPEAL FROM EXPERIENCE. Sir—You published a letter for me on Dr. Norton and his plan of killing off the hopelessly insane...

The earth whose interior still remains a mystery...

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THE MOST NUTRITIOUS AND ECONOMICAL. ARRESTS TO BE MADE IN THE CASE OF THE CHINESE EXPULSION.

A Petitioner correspondent writes as follows: It is expected that a number of arrests will be made of the persons who assisted in the forcible expulsion of the Chinese last week.

The discoverer of "radios," Mr. J. Butler Burke, has published a book describing his researches and his reasons for believing that he has produced living organisms from materials hitherto regarded as lifeless.

The Constable Appeared. While the Chinese were packing their belongings the local constable came into the building, took the names of those present and informed the men they were violating the law.

What Keeps the City? Why? Ask a native and he will reply, "Well, we've only got one crop—the soil." From Los Angeles I took the train to Santa Barbara...

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PROSPEROUS SAANICH FARMERS

Increasing Prosperity of Province Causes Scarcity of Labor—General Increase in Dairying Industry.

Written for the Sunday Colonist by H. F. Pullen.

The wall of the Saanich farmer is that labor is too expensive and that even at high prices good men cannot be obtained.

Mr. Thomson keeps about one hundred stock ewes from which he averages considerably more than one lamb each, every year.

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Advertisements under the heading of "Poultry and Livestock," or "For Sale or Exchange," will be inserted at the reduced rate of 50c per Line per month, in both Daily and Semi-Weekly editions.

Short time rate, 1 cent per word per issue. The following Letter, received from a pleased advertiser, is one of many that come to this Office.

I have been running an advertisement in the Daily and Semi-weekly Colonist, under the heading of "Poultry and Livestock" and wish to say that up to date I have had splendid results for so early in the season--the latter part of March and the beginning of April being the most suitable times for shipping eggs for hatching. From the letter part of February to date, I have made 14 sales, having shipped settings to all parts of the Mainland and Vancouver Island. I am most pleased with the results the advertisement has secured for me, and consider the \$2.00 which the advertisement cost me, money well invested.

Yours truly, Fred Garland

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DOMINION CONFERENCE OF FRUIT GROWERS

A Report of the Recent Conference Held at Ottawa.

PROVINCE WELL TO THE FRONT

Martin Burrell Pens an Instructive Article on the Industry.

For the first time in the history of the country representatives of Canadian horticulture from all parts of the Dominion met in Ottawa last week to discuss the general conditions of the industry, and to advance in every possible way the best interests of all those concerned in the growing, the handling, and the eating of fruit.

Amongst some of the prominent men present were E. D. Smith, M. P. for Westworth, Ont., a practical, level-headed man, thoroughly well-informed on fruit matters; Murray Pettit of Ontario, one of the largest growers of grapes in Ontario, and a foremost authority on that fruit; and W. H. Bunt of Ontario, a well-known big shipper and grower. Nova Scotia was ably represented by such men as Messrs. Parker and Eaton, Mr. Chappell spoke for Quebec, and Prince Edward's Island had one of the most useful members of the conference in the person of Father Burke, whose judgment, address, and practical knowledge greatly helped the proceedings.

British Columbia had four delegates, Messrs. Grant, Victoria; Brandford, Delta; Metcalfe, Hants; and Martin Burrell, who represented Kootenay.

The fruit division of the department of agriculture was represented by inspectors from each province, Maxwell Smith being the British Columbia representative. The provincial governments each had a representative, I. M. Palmer very ably filling the place for our own government, and Alberta sending R. J. Hamilton of Edmonton.

The minister of agriculture wisely extended an invitation to the handlers of fruit to be present, and R. J. Graham of Belleville, Ont., and Mr. Manson of Winnipeg were there to voice the opinions of the commercial handlers. Canadian delegates of the Canadian Horticulturist was busy absorbing material for a full report of the convention and his paper, The Weekly Sun, Toronto, which has always given such liberal space to such matters in his paper, not only to take notes, but to interject many vigorous and useful words during the discussions.

To little Prince Edward's Island belongs the credit of initiating the movement for the conference, and the suggestion was promptly taken up by Mr. Fisher, who deserves great credit for the entirely successful character of the conference and for his personal labors connected therewith. Naturally such a convention had to continue itself largely to the Commercial Side of the Industry

and, even then, three days passed hardly enough to discuss such questions as grading, packing, and the various methods and practice of horticulture over a country lapped by the Atlantic waves on one side and by the Pacific waters on the other, are necessarily so widely divergent that the difficulty of reconciling the views of those present on suggested legislative reforms was apparent. Nevertheless, so excellent a spirit of give and take dominated the convention, and so strong a desire to simplify and consolidate the wider interests of the industry that, after frank and full discussion and some necessary pruning and additions, practically all the resolutions suggested by the committee on resolutions were carried unanimously.

The question of fruit statistics was taken up by representatives from each province at the first session, Mr. Peart giving in full detail the figures for Ontario. From the 1901 census it was shown that Ontario orchards mustered over 14,000,000 trees, and the speaker estimated the subsequent increase in planting at two per cent per annum. Mr. Peart put a capitalization value on the Ontario orchards, taking young and old, good and bad together, of \$150 per acre. Now, the plan speaker promptly responded by insisting that, on a valuation of \$1,000 per acre, their bearing orchards would pay 15 per cent interest. British Columbia did not propose to be outdone, and the speaker for this province, while assenting to the larger valuation, was further enabled to point out that, although in 1901 our trees numbered 3,677,000, yet the increase up to date

had been at the rate of 500 per cent, some two millions and a half being now planted, a phenomenal expansion of the industry compared with that in the older provinces.

A long and vigorous discussion took place over the proposed amendments to the Fruit Marks Act. As it stands presently the act provides for three grades, viz.: No. 1, or XXX; No. 2, or XX; No. 3, or X. Other marks such as "selected," "prime," and so on, are permissible in designating No. 1 grade, and this grade must contain fruit which not less than 90 per cent must be free from scab, wormholes, and other defects. The other two grades are not defined by the act.

The committee on resolutions submitted to the convention the following suggested amendments to the act:

The creation of another grade, to be called "fancy," in which no defective specimens should be included.

No. 1 grade to be left as at present.

No. 2 grade to include at least 80 per cent of fruit free from wormholes and defects, such as would cause material No. 3 to be left ungraded.

The abolition of the X's, and the prevention of such marks as "selected," "prime," and so on.

Columbia delegates hinted delicately that they were not concerned in the Nos. 2 and 3 grades, which might fitly be dealt with by Ontario and Quebec delegates. The implication was met with a vigorous and laughing protest from the men of the other provinces, one of whom confidentially remarked later, "Well, we can't help liking you British Columbia men, and

We've Got to Admire You if for nothing but your gall!" Our men, however, held to the position that if we were entitled to have it recognized legally, both in justice to ourselves and to consumers, in this we received good backing from the men of the prairies.

Nova Scotia, however, leaned over, and though an amendment was proposed whereby "fancy" grade might contain 6 per cent of defective fruit, it was subsequently withdrawn, and the amendments outlined by the committee were unanimously adopted. The abolition of the X's may seem a somewhat radical move, but the proposed change was more a question of principle than of fact that nothing was easier than to add an X in transit or on arrival, and that it was a question of principle to establish a system of marking into the ground.

The question of adulteration of fruit baskets, which had run through the resolutions compelling manufacturers to print the exact formulas on their labels, was taken up in a general way at the conference, and with special reference to British Columbia, with the Hon. Sydney Fisher, subsequent to the convention. The mischief was more a question of principle than of fact that nothing was easier than to add an X in transit or on arrival, and that it was a question of principle to establish a system of marking into the ground.

In the debate on "markets," a resolution was placed before the meeting asking the Dominion government license fruit commission dealers, and compel them to file bonds in substantial amounts.

Better Protection of the Shipper The question, however, was laid over, one of the difficulties being that such legislation would be a matter of principle rather than of fact, and a particularly strong resolution on this subject was adopted, and the same question was referred to the committee on resolutions.

The subject of packages took up a good deal of the last day; the barrel, box, and basket, each being in evidence. There was a long discussion the convention covered a uniform application, and the subject was referred to the committee on resolutions.

On Friday morning a committee of seven, selected by the convention, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier to urge the placing of express companies under the jurisdiction of the railway commission. The committee wisely refrained from multiplying statistics, and aimed rather at establishing the general principle that express companies as general carriers should come under the control of the commission precisely as railroads and express companies have been distributed at the centres of disturbance.

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MARTIN BURRELL.

RUSSIAN DISORDERS.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—Agrarian disorders continue to be reported at various places. Near Anstolleff in the province of Rhenon a collision has occurred between rural guards armed with a machine gun and a crowd of peasants who had begun to seize and plough property belonging to the landlords. A score of peasants were killed or wounded. In Chernigoff province the peasants are boasting that they intend taking possession of the land and the governor has received instructions from interior minister Buronov not to spare troops in suppressing an outbreak. In the provinces of Vitobek the peasants have risen and a punitive detachment is marching through the country.

VICISSITUDES OF AN INTERIOR TOWNSITE

Attempt to Rub Sayward off the Map Proves Very Interesting.

Nelson, March 31.—(Special).—Application was made before Land Commissioner R. Henwick for the cancellation of the townsite of Sayward, situated on the Columbia river and Spokane Falls and Northern railway, six miles below Trail, R. S. Lennie, of Nelson, appearing for Messrs. Bodwell and Lawson, of Victoria, representing the Sayward Townsite company, the chief shareholder in which is E. Crow-Baker, of Victoria. Under the Land Act a townsite cannot be assessed for less than \$25 per lot. Some years ago the Sayward Townsite company, located by Joshua Davies, and passing from his possession to that of E. Crow-Baker, sold a large portion of the townsite to Hunter Bros., general merchants, of Rossland, who sent seven thousand dollars on the purchase and then a few thousand more to the purchaser of the one lot, and he was never paid each year until the government was satisfied that every man who had bought a lot was willing to see the townsite cancelled. A man has been going on for three years for the purchaser of the one lot, and he was finally located last month in California and was willing to sell his lot back to the company at a price six times that which he parted for it in the first instance. The bargain was closed and the townsite will now be canceled after formal application to the attorney-general of the province, the only man using any money out of the transaction being the one-time sucker from the United States.

Four silver cups, mined, refined, manufactured and engraved in the province, are being presented by the Hall Mines, Trail, Pilot Bay and Granby smelters for the best exhibit of silver, gold and mid-copper ores, respectively, at the Kootenay annual fair, to be held in this city in the third week of September next.

FRENCH MINERS' STRIKE.

Riotous Disturbance Takes Place in Northern Fields.

Paris, April 1.—The miners' strike throughout the coal regions in the north has assumed again very serious proportions. Several riotous scenes were enacted last night and today and cavalry repeatedly charged the strikers, injuring many of them. The troops also suffered severely. A large reinforcement has been distributed at the centres of disturbance.

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MRS. STORER'S EXPLANATION.

Vienna, March 31.—Mrs. Bellamy Storer, wife of the retiring American ambassador, has reconsidered her decision to maintain complete silence in regard to the controversy aroused over her husband's recall. In the course of an interview today with the Associated Press, she said: "After consultation and following the advice of many of our friends, particularly the Marquis de Reversaux, the French ambassador, I have decided to formally deny that I ever abused a letter of President Roosevelt as it has been asserted. The president has never written me on the subject of Archbishop Ireland, except in a letter last December upon another subject. Mr. Roosevelt, when governor of New York, wrote me a letter in 1900, to which the report presumably alluded, this letter was written to me so I might show it to Cardinal Rampolla, then papal secretary of state, in order to convince the Vatican of the friendly attitude of prominent Americans toward Archbishop Ireland's policy. It was all done to help our government in its relations with the Philippines. I sent Cardinal Rampolla a copy of only half the letter because the other half was purely personal. That is all I wish to say because the other half was purely personal matter. As for the Marquis de Reversaux, the French ambassador, I myself am going to indulge in recriminations against the president. We will wait and see what the authorities at Washington think and to publish the matter. If they publish their reasons for recall of Mr. Storer you will have many proofs of the right being on our side."

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS PROGRESSING SLOWLY

Convention for the Selection of Actual Members of Parliament Begins April 27.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The elections are proceeding slowly, but the choice of delegates to the provincial conventions is scheduled to be complete before the Russian Easter, April 13th. The conventions for the actual elections of members of the house of parliament begins April 27th. The democrats are constantly gaining ground and especially in the second degree city elections. Yesterday they captured 46 out of 72 delegates. In the land owners assembly they are also forging to the front. During the last three days the delegates elected by the land owners' provincial conventions included 23 constitutional democrats, 23 other progressives, three conservatives and 15 reactionists. Yaroslavl, one of the cities, which elects a member of the lower house directly is the first to complete its elections to the municipal convention, with 75 constitutional democrats out of 82 delegates. The returns as they are coming in are very cheering as none of the papers, and not even the government has stigmatized the

Methods of Reporting Results

As near as can be judged, the first degree elections in the seven provinces, where elections have been completed show forty-four per cent members of the party of the left, that is, constitutional democrats, social democrats and other progressives, 39 per cent of members of the centre consisting of octobrists, and the trade and industry party, 13 per cent of the right, made up of the law and order party and autocrats, and 14 per cent unclassified.

A comparison of the classes of races of the second degree electors with the first degree electors chosen by them as delegates to the provincial congress, shows a significant diminution of the peasant element in the process of the passing to the final stage.

For instance, the second degree assemblies consist of 688 peasants, 43 orthodox priests, 33 catholic priests, 118 noblemen and owners, 56 merchants, 22 burghers, 24 municipal employees, 31 village elders, 7 teachers, 6 doctors, 11 lawyers, 20 Jews, 15 Tartars, 95 Poles, and 2 Germans, (elected as delegates to provincial congresses) 34 peasants, 10 landowners, 11 merchants, 11 members of Liberal profession, 11 employees, 6 priests, three workmen, one burger and three unclassified electors.

WHEN YOUR CHILD SUFFERS.

For lack of knowledge of the value of Dr. Charles Olin's cure for eczema, many a mother has been worn out in the effort to relieve her child of suffering. Eczema, scald head and other forms of itching skin disease are common to children, especially during the teething period. Through readily cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment, eczema, if neglected, becomes chronic and may last for years.

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David Spencer Ltd. WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE

PARIS MILLINERY SPENCER'S EASTER OPENING! The Spring Fashion Event

The new Easter Millinery is here. We welcome everybody to the Spring's most important fashion event—the Easter Display of Millinery at Spencer's. The Hats are very beautiful this Spring; more beautiful than they have been in seasons past. And there is infinite variety—so great, indeed, that it seems almost a bewilderment of beauty, making it difficult to choose. Yet there are striking characteristics, of course. Almost every Hat is high at side and back. Very many of the Hats show plumes and aigrettes—of every sort—worn dashingly up and back from the crown of the Hat. The shapes are pressed shapes almost without exception, and made of the lightest material—leghorn straw so fine that it can almost be drawn through a finger ring; horsehair, braid, tassel (hemp) and a few rough straws. The Hats range from very small to very large. Trimmings are of flowers—the most exquisite flowers that ever were. Roses, pink and little; moss roses; real moss and maidenhair and asparagus ferns and ribbon almost without end. In colors, Empire Green is the new favorite that Paris is talking about. Then the leghorn shades; grey and, of course, black and white. But all colors are used in the new Hats and all colors will be good. They seem the prettiest that we have ever imported. There are models from

Georgette, Paulette et Berthe, Vimont, Caroline Reboux, Lewis, Camille Roger, Virgot, Alphonse, Louison, Esther Meyer, Charlotte, Mangin Maurice.

Of the superb showing of Mourning Millinery, which is a feature of the showing, some of the most beautiful come from Vimont, who this season divides with Mangin Maurice the honors in charming mourning Hats. Not a bit less attractive than the Paris Hats are those that our own designers have produced. Children's Hats also make up a larger display than we have ever before made. Very wonderful are the Children's Lingerie Hats that we imported and can sell for exceedingly little prices. These new Hats represent the very best that the most famous French milliners have produced for the Spring. They seem the prettiest that we have ever imported. There are models from

No announcement about millinery such as this can really give an adequate idea of the Hats. You must see them to appreciate what they are. You must see them to know how each one is individual and marked by the style and originality for which "Spencer's Millinery" has during many years been famous. You must see them to realize that as exquisite as these Hats are, they are VERY REASONABLY PRICED, for it has been our policy for a long time to sell not only the finest Millinery, but at the fairest prices.

April the busy month in the House Furnishing Dept.

We have never been better prepared to serve you with magnificent stocks of Carpets, Rugs, Curtains, Wallpapers, Furniture, Etc.

CARPETS Much could be said about the showing of new Carpets, but five minutes spent in our Carpet Showroom will do more to convince you of our ability to serve you well than any amount of paper talk.

Wilton Carpets at \$1.50 Estimates given on all kinds of Drapery Work.

Wilton Carpets at \$1.35 Laid Extra special value at the above price; five colorings. We think we have the best showing of Axminster Carpets in the city. We leave you to judge. A few specials for Monday in this section.

Axminster Rugs 11 only Axminster Rugs, 1 1/2 x 3 yards. Beautiful colorings in Axminster Rugs. Size 11-6x3-3. Special, \$22.75 and \$28.75.

75c Linoleums for 50c 3 pieces plain Linoleum; regular 75c. Monday, 50c. 4 yards wide.

Rugs and Mats Mohair Hearth Rugs, \$6.75. Mohair Mats, \$1.25. Mohair Axminster Rugs, two mor-18 only, with fringe, 1 1/4 yards long. Monday, \$2.90.

SCHOOL SHOES We always did look after the wants of the children in the matter of Boots and Shoes; but we have made more extensive preparations for this season, and have better lines for them. We have found a manufacturer who has learned how to make Children's Shoes that possess both style and wear. As all mothers know, some school shoes look well but wear badly, while others wear well but are ugly and clumsy. Style and wear as a combination in Children's Shoes is a new and important development. The prices are no higher than before.

WALLPAPERS Thousands of rolls of Wallpapers are being sold. As department managers, we must judge our stocks not on what we think of them ourselves, but by what the public thinks. It would be of little use to prepare a Wallpaper showing that tickled our own fancy if the public looked at it and passed on. Our previous means something when our previous sales are better out of sight by our daily sales so far this season. 5,000 Rolls of Bedroom Papers go on sale Monday at 5c. a single roll.

You purchased Hall Papers, Drawing-room Papers, etc., last week at 5c. a roll, and you have the opportunity of purchasing Bedroom Papers at the same low price.

A Special Offer for Monday 40 dozen Ladies' Blouse Waists colored muslins, tucked and trimmed embroidery and insertion; Zephyr Waists in pink and blue; Black and White checks; White with colored spots, trimmed in a variety of styles. Values \$1.00 and \$1.25. Monday, each.....75c

Furniture Department well stocked with all kinds of dependable Furniture.

Linens on Special Sale Monday Hand Embroidered and Drawnwork Pillow Shams and Cushion Tops. Regular \$1.50. MONDAY.....50c. Linen Cushion Covers, Hand Embroidery Tea Cores. Linen Rimmed, Muslin Tops Baby Buggy Ribes. Value, \$1.50. Monday.....75c.

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BIG BUNGLE FEDERAL

Tower on West of Capital Buildings sees Suddenly

WORKMEN'S CLOS

Statistics of Military South African Reser Formed.

OTTAWA, April 5.—The finishing touch are just being put on, fell to crash five minutes before

Two men were at work of the copper sheeting of

They heard the tower c down the roof of the m safety. Five seconds late collapsed. The loss will b 000. Defective foundation to be the cause. The stru ing erected by the public ment, George Goodwin, was the contractor. Good

Mr. Borden asked for inform ing the collapse of the La Hon. Mr. Hyman said he t structure. The full report protection of departments promised to secure a repel independent expert.

Mr. Hughes was told b erick Bourne that milita

Bands in Uniform could not take part in a d or procession for party or

Mr. Monk took Mr. Ol to task for refusing to s Strachan regarding the North Atlantic Trading co Oliver said the matter be

W. D. Scott, superintendent of grad, had informed his iker had refused to allow

A long discussion took subject of the decline of sh Canada. Mr. Bracken's sation of bonusing the indust considered in revising the t

According to a return b today British Columbia to get her securities listed by reason of the refusal

Ross of Ontario to co-operate morning Mr. Cash stated th sheriffs or deputies in the Saskatchewan to act as re

It was the advice of the views of all western m regard to local conditions.

The institution of the S casery has been authorize tia department. Any Co served as an officer in t contingents of the constab

regiment corps during the S war and who does not at p to any unit of the Canadi

eligible for appointment o within the age limit, for which he can be appointed. appointment, will be giv

Mr. Miller of South Gre what Foster meant by stat cost Mr. Sifton City thome hole, but Mr. Foster decl

Mr. Oliver said certain garding the expenditure o been given by parliament c

After a lengthy discuss frid Laurier came in and get all necessary informati sition, thus turning down

WEEKLY WEATHER S March 28th to April Victoria Meteorologica

The weather during th Vancouver island and the land. These conditions we the almost continuous pres barometric pressure over

while from California easty of rain areas from the March 28th, an extensive r tea spread over the entire

ld. rain became general impen to Southern. Call ough the rain was not m mediate vicinity of Victo

water amount occurred b sterio of this nature an mainland. This disturbance ward to the prairie provin

caused a warm wave with some stations as high as It was followed on the coa by rising barometer and a

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