

SUBMIT TO LABOR PARTY

Campbell-Bannerman Agrees to the Demands of Trade Unionists.

LORD ELGIN AND NATAL

Colonial Secretary Gracefully Apologizes for Interference in Affairs.

LONDON, March 30.—Lord Elgin, the colonial secretary, announced in the House of Lords today that the government had received explanatory telegrams from Natal and that it had decided to leave the colonial government free of action in regard to the execution of the rebellious native.

The constitutional question involved in the imperial intervention in Natal is a matter of great importance. The government of Natal considered to be exclusively under its jurisdiction, was the main subject of discussion in today's meeting of the British cabinet. The imperial intervention in Natal is a matter of great importance.

Campbell-Bannerman's Surrender. The cabinet has surrendered to the labor party on the trade dispute bill and Premier Campbell-Bannerman himself, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that he would support the bill introduced by the labor party in opposition to the government measure.

Lord Elgin's Despatch. Lord Elgin's despatch to the governor of Natal explaining the steps taken to examine the evidence and to establish conclusively the guilt of each individual prisoner in the Tecumseh case, has been received.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Toronto Traveler Succumbs to Effects of Fall at London.

LONDON, Ont., March 30.—Charles Green, the Toronto drug traveler, who fell over the stairs in the Tecumseh house on Wednesday, fracturing his skull, is dead. He never recovered consciousness.

ALLAN LINER'S RECORD.

Steamship Virginian Makes a Quick Passage to Halifax.

Halifax, March 30.—The Allan liner Virginian, with a total of over fifteen hundred passengers, arrived in Halifax from Liverpool at seven o'clock last night, after fastest passage on route. Her time of passage was six days and five hours, beating previous record (her own) by one hour.

\$200.00 IN CASH GIVEN AWAY FREE. And Numbers of Winning Prizes. Net One Cent of Your Money Required. Read Carefully if You Wish to Earn Part of the Above Amount.

ALLEGED POISONER ACQUITTED.

Belleville, March 30.—Mrs. Susan Diamond, charged with murdering her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Diamond, by strychnine poisoning, was acquitted by the jury at the assizes at six o'clock tonight, after an hour and a half's deliberations.

A FARMER'S SUICIDE.

Ontario Man Ends His Life in Fear of Insanity.

Holland Landing, Ont., March 30.—Isaac Fairbairn, a farmer who lived near here, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself in a barn where he was found by his wife. He left a note saying he was going out of his mind and thought it advisable to commit suicide. He leaves a widow and one daughter, who is married.

BULGARIANS ARRESTED

Suspected of Complicity in the Recent Killing at Minneapolis.

Cleveland, March 30.—The police of Rosetta, Ohio, late last night took a Nickel Plate train three Bulgarians, a woman and two men, thought to be belonging to the party which in Minneapolis Tuesday night. The three persons who were arrested had tickets from Minneapolis to New York, and are believed to belong to the party which in Minneapolis Tuesday night.

WINNIPEG WRITINGS.

Winnipeg, March 30.—The whole garrison here was called out tonight in connection with the street railway strike, but their presence was not required, as quietness was again speedily restored.

Miss McCall, a lady teacher in the Winnipeg public schools, because she had conscientious convictions against conducting religious exercises in the schools, being a Baptist, was dismissed today.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Flesherton, Ont., March 30.—The jury in the case of the death of Allan Parks, who perished in the fire which destroyed his hut on Tuesday night, returned a verdict yesterday that death may have been caused by accident, as the fatal fire was known to have had considerable money with him, and only a comparatively small portion was found amongst ashes of the fire. His gold watch and two chains were also missing, and his skull was badly crushed in.

YORK COUNTY JUGGLER ORDERED TO ARREST

Magistrate Dennison Impressed With Serious Nature of Revelations.

TORONTO, March 30.—Investigation into the conspiracy charge against Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan Association, had a sensational feature added to it when, at the close of this morning's session, Magistrate Dennison ordered Phillips under arrest, saying the case was getting more serious every hour.

BOXER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Charles Wyer, a lightweight boxer, was taken ill shortly after a bout with Robert Lauder at the Crescent Athletic Club boxing tournament in London, and died in St. Michael's Hospital.

LATE RICHARD WALKEM, K. C.

He Was One of Ontario's Most Eminent Professional Men.

The Toronto Globe in its issue of Saturday published the following additional particulars respecting the death of the late Richard Walkem, K. C., the same being contained in a special despatch from London, Ont., which was an Englishman, from Birmingham.

COBALT MINE BONDED.

New Lickard, Ont., March 29.—The J. & G. mine which is partly embraced by the Cobalt strike, has been optioned to Americans for \$1,200,000.

RUSSIA'S WEEKLY HOLD-UP.

Kerkoff, Russia, March 29.—One more daring than the one of the Credit Mutuel Bank of Moscow, Russia, was the attempt made in broad daylight today to rob the Volga Komma bank by several college boys. The youthful desperadoes walked into the bank with customers of the institution, and ordered everybody to hold up their hands at the point of revolvers.

SUSPECTED OF KILLING.

Nine Persons Arrested in Connection With Murder of Six Bulgarians.

Duluth, Minn., March 29.—Eight men, two boys and one woman were arrested here today on suspicion of being connected with the murder of six Bulgarians in Minneapolis on Tuesday. The spokesman of the party, Kuzman Schuloff, admitted to the police that it was he who rented the building in Minneapolis in which the murder was committed. He says, however, that his party left Minneapolis on Monday, at which time everything was in its right place.

THE ROAD TO THE LAKE.

The tale of the fishing rod has been told yesterday by the messenger who was to have ridden over twenty miles of soggy road, ruts and heavy mud.

BIGGEST LOAD OF LOGS.

Record Made by the Bowman Lumber Company, Near Camborne.

The biggest load of logs ever stacked and hauled on sleighs in this province was put up and hauled yesterday at Camp No. 3 of the Bowman Lumber Company, near Camborne.

CHEERED THE ROYAL VISITOR.

A second automobile followed with Captain and Mrs. Baker and others on board, and double and single rigs followed behind with other members of the expedition.

A WAGON LOAD OF INDIANS.

swarmed to the roadside, and while some held the frightened horses others cheered as His Royal Highness rode past. Further, a crowd of visitors were camped with a dark tent; fires to heat stoves to boil water in a newly hollowed canoe.

THE LATE RICHARD THOMAS WALKEM, K. C.

The late Richard Thomas Walkem, K. C., was born at Waterford, Ireland, in 1841. While at McGill University, Montreal, he gained the third year scholarship of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and was awarded a special prize for his law dissertation.

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PLANS OF ALPINE CLUB

Dr. Herdman of California Aims and Object of the Club.

A SUMMER CAMP

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ETZ, France, March 30.—The disaster at the Courrières coal mines had a startling sequel today...

Long Given Up as Dead

As besieged the hospitals to which men were taken, cheering the nurses and imploring the inefficient...

Efficient Rescue Workers

As engineers explain that smouldering embers prevented them from exploring passages of the mine, where...

Were Unable to See

As they were able to talk sensibly, though they all asked for news of relatives and friends and wished to go home...

Survivor Tells of Horrors

As the miner who was the first to escape, described his imprisonment as follows: "After the explosion...

Suffering From Poison

As the doctors have forbidden the survivors to do any further talking, they arrived at the hospital soon after...

WHEAT, GESE AND DUCKS.

As the winter wheat is in prime condition, ducks are here in great numbers.

PLAINS OF ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Dr. Herdman of Calgary Explains Aims and Objects in Interesting Interview.

A SUMMER CAMP AT YOHU PASS

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Mr. Wheeler, who has climbed more than a half-hundred of the highest peaks in Canada, prepared a circular regarding mountaineering some months ago...

ANTHRACITE COAL RATES

President Stinson Increased Prices Has Added Little to Profits.

PIONEER PATER TAKES HIS LIFE

Suicide Yesterday of H.B. Rendell a Long Time Resident of Victoria.

Attack on Mission

While this horrible business went on another mob attacked the Brethren Mission, near Wang's premises.

Conditions in Southern California

With the exception of the Salt Lake road, the railroad situation in southern California is practically normal.

Carmen Decide to Strike

Oakland, Cal., March 29.—(Special)—By a vote of 510 to 65 the members of the Carman's Union of this city...

THE SERVIC REGIDES.

Belgrade, Servia, March 29.—The leaders of the regides will shortly be placed on the retired list...

CAUSE OF RECENT OUTBREAK IN CHINA

Events Leading Up to the Recent Murder of the Missionaries.

A DISPUTE WITH A MAGISTRATE

In the Tussel Which Followed Official Was Fatally Wounded.

Advices received from Shanghai by the Empress of Japan show that Magistrate Kling of Nanchang was murdered and the massacre of missionaries which followed...

U. S. AMBASSADOR'S RECALL

Representative to Austria Explains His Sudden Dismissal.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM SEATTLE JAIL

Dangerous Convict Named Dunn Is Included in the Number.

SEATTLE, March 29.—(Special)—

Four prisoners escaped from the Seattle jail on Monday night. The escape was accomplished by a party of five men...

San Diego, March 29.—(Special)—

An important trolley and railway and electric lines, involving \$546,000, has been recorded here.

Mr. Flynn's Death

Detectives have been detailed to investigate the cause of the death of Mrs. J. J. Flynn...

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Local News

(From Friday's Daily.)

Cruelty to Animals.—In the police court yesterday morning John Perryman, of Cedar Hill was up under a charge laid by the S. P. C. A. He is alleged to have stalled a horse for a day at the market, leaving the animal without food or water. The case was remanded until this morning.

More Miners Wanted.—George H. Robinson, managing director of the Britannia Copper syndicate, operating the Britannia mines, Howe sound, declares that fifty additional miners are needed at Britannia. There is a scarcity of this class of skilled labor at present.

A Presentation.—J. P. Rogers, the minor superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon route, who has resigned to enter into other business, is now en route to Seattle from Skagway. Just before his departure from the northern city an order for a gold watch, valued at more than \$400, was presented to Rogers by the employees of the railroad and the citizens of Skagway. The watch is awaiting him in Seattle.

A Serious Charge.—Last evening a man by the name of Benson called at the police station and informed the officers in charge that while he was in his cabin on Store street, two Indians had called and demanded that he get them some whiskey and on his refusing to do so they attacked him, biting his ear and nose severely. He managed to break away from them and made his way to the station. Arriving there he was sent to Dr. Robertson to have his wounds attended to.

Accident at Sooke.—Yesterday morning William Rockett, was brought to town from Sooke, where on Wednesday he was the victim of a painful accident, being seriously injured about the head. He was engaged at the building of the wharf and the cable used in hauling the heavy timbers broke, striking him on the head. When brought to town the sufferer was attended by Dr. Frank Hall, who pronounced the injuries serious, and says it is possible Rockett may lose an eye.

A Missing Man.—A communication has been received by the city police from T. Fred Thompson of Minota, Manitoba, enquiring as to the whereabouts of his brother, Albert E. Thompson, who left home on July 1st, 1901, for Victoria. Since that date nothing has been heard of him. He is a mechanical engineer and electrician by trade and it is thought that he will be working at either of these professions. Any information as to his whereabouts would be gladly received by his brother.

The Mines Report.—It is expected that the annual report of the minister of mines for the year ending December 31, 1905 will be issued many weeks earlier than has usually been the case. The report for the year is in the hands of the King's printer and work is progressing in the printing of same. The department of mines has had a call for the pamphlet on Windy Arm that it has been exhausted. This preliminary report will be completed, with illustrations, in the annual report.

Financial Notes.—The Canadian Finance Syndicate has issued £100,000 7 per cent. debentures charged on 138 shares of \$25 each in the Oriental Power and Fuel Co., Ltd., of Vancouver. The receipts of the White Pass & Yukon railway for the week ending February 21st amounted to \$3,650. Advances of one point were London and the stock exchange in City of Winnipeg 6 per cent. debentures at 102-104; Shuswap and Okanagan debentures at 82-84, and White Pass & Yukon 6 per cent. debentures at 90-101.

Shooting Accident.—A sad shooting accident occurred at Lulu Island on Monday morning, as a result of which George, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, lost his life. The boy was shot while playing with rats when he dropped the gun and the contents were discharged into his arm and breast. He found his way to a neighbor's house. They informed his parents and Dr. Greer was summoned. He gave him every attention, but as the case was a very serious one the boy was removed to St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, where he passed away Wednesday morning.

First From B. C.—It will interest many of the old readers of the Colonist to learn that Mr. Harry Brodie, who was elected to the Imperial parliament in the recent elections, is the first member of the English parliament born in British Columbia. He is the eldest son of Mr. John H. Brodie, the senior member of the firm of Findlay, Durham & Brodie, and a director of the Bank of British North America, and was born in Victoria about thirty years ago. Mr. Harry Brodie is also a member of the firm of Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

Affairs at Alberni.—An Alberni correspondent writing under date of March 24th, says: "Mr. John Piercy of Piercy & Co., drygoods merchants in Victoria has been for nearly a week organizing a Liberal club, but I am afraid he is having no easy time of it. There arrived here last evening from Victoria Mr. C. A. Sandford, secretary for the B. C. N. Y. department, accompanied by C. J. May and C. E. Wagner, of Pittsburg, Pa., who represent United States millionaires lumbermen. They purpose buying up all the timber tracts possible."

Heavy Snows in North.—According to advices received at the offices of the White Pass & Yukon route from G. E. Pulham, superintendent of that stage service in the North, the trail is still in good shape, and at present there is more snow on the trail than at this time of the year since the overland trail has been operated. However, Mr. Pulham expects that the wheel stages will be put in operation by April 10th, as the weather in the North is becoming milder and the snow is disappearing in some places between White Horse and Yukon crossing.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Cariboo Consolidated.—A cablegram received at the London office of the Cariboo Consolidated, announces the completion of the main tunnel.

School for Clayquot.—A new public school is to be erected at Clayquot, and a meeting is to be held early next month to select a board of trustees and decide upon a site for the school, which it is expected will be opened early this summer.

Coroner's Inquest.—An inquest into the cause of the death of H. B. Rendell resulted in the jury bringing in a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane. The funeral has been arranged to take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna.

William Macpherson Dead.—Printing establishments and stationers will regret to hear that Mr. William Macpherson, of Toronto, died at his home last month. Mr. Macpherson represented many of the best known paper makers of the old country, and his territory extended from the Atlantic coast right through to Hongkong.

Tree Copper.—The following are the official returns for February: "Smelter production for the month, 2,224 tons; customs one, 212 tons; total, 2,436 tons. Matte, produced from same, 240 tons. Gross value of contents (copper, silver and gold), after deducting costs of refining and purchase of concentrates, \$34,402."

Victim of Consumption.—The death occurred on Thursday of a very popular Victorian, in the person of Nelson Scott, son of James Scott, of the Collieries, at 15 Kingston street. Deceased was well known in athletic and aquatic circles and but 18 years of age. The funeral will take place to-day at 3 o'clock from St. James' church.

Go to Mexico.—The many friends of Mr. T. S. C. Saunders, formerly assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal in Vancouver, will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed manager of the new branch which the Bank of Montreal is about to open in Mexico. Mr. Saunders was prominent in athletic and sporting circles and made many friends during his stay in British Columbia.

Collins Denied Writ.—A San Francisco despatch dated March 29th, says: "The application of George D. Collins for a writ of habeas corpus was denied today in the state court of appeals. Collins contended that he was imprisoned within sixty days of the time he was extradited from Canada, and he held the conviction was void. He also argued that he was not tried on the charge for which he was extradited."

Expedia Men Leave.—The steamer City of Nanaimo on her trip to Vancouver this morning carried 18 of the crew of H. M. S. Egeria, whose time has expired, and they are now on their way to the Old Country. Accompanying them are four or five from the Shearwater whose time has also expired. It is expected that the crew for the Egeria will arrive on Monday, when the ship will be turned over to them by the three or four who are left as guards.

Stationary Engineers.—The British Columbia Stationary Engineers' association is meeting in Nanaimo. Twelve official delegates are present and four non-official delegates. The official delegates in attendance are Messrs. Berry, Dunlap, McIntyre, Sprague, Paddon and Andrews, representing the mainland; Warring, Jones and Mansor, representing Victoria and district; Smith and Brown, Nanaimo, and Callum, of Vancouver, delegate at large. The provincial grand lodge representatives are C. W. Ross, Victoria; G. W. McKenzie, Nanaimo, and W. A. Robertson of Vancouver.

Finale in Will Case.—A San Francisco press despatch says: "The state supreme court has rendered what practice is a final decision in the celebrated Dunsmuir estate case. An order of the superior court which prevented the distribution of the estate of millionaire Alexander Dunsmuir is annulled, and the probate of the will, which left the bulk of the property to his brother James Dunsmuir, will now be completed. Under this latest decision of the supreme court Edna Wallace Hopper and other claimants will not receive the share of the estate for which they have contended."

Fisherman's Narrow Escape.—According to advices just received from the North, a Japanese fisherman at Port Essington had a narrow escape for his life last week. His boat turned turtle in the river, and, clinging to it, he was carried rapidly to sea, when he was observed by some Indians standing on the shore. The sea was rough, but a crew of six Indians bravely started out for the rescue. Another party of Indians further down witnessed the attempt, but did not think the first party could accomplish their task, and so a second party started out in another canoe. The first party, however, succeeded in reaching the Jap and rescued him from his perilous position.

Salmon Pack.—A special despatch from Seattle, dated March 27th says: "I do not look for as good a salmon pack on the Sound this year as there were four years ago. The Fish Commissioner Kershaw. 'Fish will be able to run up the river this year, so the pack four years hence ought to be an unusually large one. In the Columbia river four years ago we put eighty-four million fish and this summer they should fairly swarm back. As far as the future of the salmon industry is concerned, I think it unusually bright. Under the hatchery system there is no chance for the industry to die out. British Columbia fishermen are building hatcheries for all they are worth."

Go to Armstrong.—Says the Armstrong Advertiser: "Armstrong is again to have a lawyer who will take the place of James Murphy, M. P., who lately removed to Kamloops. F. Temple Cornwall of Victoria has sent word to friends that he will be in Armstrong to take up the practice of law, on the 1st of the month. From all that can be learned, Armstrong is to be congratulated upon securing this gentleman. Mr. Cornwall is a son of an ex-Governor Cornwall and graduated

from the law office of C. E. Pooley, present speaker of the British Columbia legislature. He is at present practicing in Victoria, but will leave that place to assume the duties of his profession here.

Teachers' Convention.—The annual convention of the Provincial School Teachers' Association will be held in this city on June 26, 27 and 28. It is only once in four years that Victoria has this opportunity to entertain the pedagogues of the province. An experiment will be tried this year whereby the convention will be held in June instead of at Easter, as has previously been the custom. This arrangement will be tried in order to find if a larger attendance will be secured. This change was decided on by the local executive officers and by the convention of last year. This change will not affect the general closing of the schools, but only those teachers who desire to be present will have their rooms closed in order that they may attend and benefit by the discussion. By this arrangement the annual high school entrance examination will be held this year the week preceding the convention, and all the local executive are already preparing the programme of subjects.

The Telephone Strike.—An interesting phase of the telephone operators strike in Vancouver is shown in the following despatch from Montreal, dated March 29th: "A new factor is to be projected into the telephone strike at Vancouver, by the confederation of labor of this city. Eleven operators now working in the Vancouver office of the British Columbia Telephone company are known to be dissatisfied with the terms of a franchise here. The company is to be notified that unless the terms are changed, the next employment union will oppose its application. Union headquarters are fully posted on the progress of the strike, and it is known that twenty-two outside operators have been brought in, as follows: Seattle, 11; Everett, 3; Victoria, 6; Nanaimo, 2."

Fine Sport.—Messrs. Capt. Cox, Walter Walker and Berridge have returned from a fishing expedition to the lakes on Salt Spring island. The sport was particularly good, and in one day three very heavy baskets were secured.

Sound Mails.—Starting today the mails for the Sound will close at 5 p. m. instead of 8:30 p. m. and will arrive at 1:30 p. m. This change is necessitated by the new service to be inaugurated on the Sound.

Library Returns.—In the public library, during the month of March 140 new books were added to the number of books issued was considerably increased, 2164 being the total for the month. The average of 80 for March, against 64 for February. The largest daily issue was 135.

Ranchers For the Islands.—The many visitors from Manitoba are not all remaining in Victoria. Several are taking the trip on the steamer to the islands have become favorably impressed and have decided to locate in that vicinity. During the last few weeks one party of farmers in particular have purchased a site near Fullerton and have decided to go into the ranching business on the islands. They have already ordered a carload of cattle from the interior which they expect to arrive in a few days when they will be transferred to the ranch. At the present time every one is busy on the islands and labor is very hard to obtain.

Aberdeen Association.—The Aberdeen association acknowledges with thanks donations of magazines from Mrs. James Anderson, Miss Angus, Mrs. Bais, Mrs. George Courtney, Mrs. Harver, Mrs. Holmes, Miss King, Miss Mesher, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Arthur Pigott, Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Mrs. they and the Alexander club. This society is doing good work in providing reading matter for lonely settlers and the Hutchinsons around Vancouver Island, some of whom are unable to obtain magazines elsewhere. The post-office forwards parcels in packages. Quadra takes those put up for the light-houses. Anyone having old magazines, wishing to help, are asked to send them to the Aberdeen association, care of market hall. Children's book are very much wanted to appreciated.

Perishable Fruits.—In the case of perishable fruits, a continuous succession of imports both to the wholesaler and consumer. This requirement is well met by the difference between the climate of Victoria and points on the mainland. The strawberry crop cleaned up at Victoria points before that at Nelson is ready to go on the market, and in this way, instead of one district being a business rival of another, it helps trade very much by ensuring to the outside consumer a continuous supply of fruit, fresh and seasonable, and coming up to the very best quality that can be had from any quarter. The Nelson district is confidently expected to rival the Hood river out-transportation to long distances. The variety of strawberry most favored here is called the Magoon. In fruitfulness, firmness and size suitable for transportation it comes foremost and is equally desirable for home consumption. Both strawberries and cherries are packed in small square boxes, made from very thin slices of wood, and when filled, packed in crates. The strawberry crate has usually room for four rows of fruit trees. This goes on till the trees are big enough to require all the space in the crate and the strawberry crop must then be found elsewhere for the strawberries. The crate with its contained boxes is on a thirty-acre orchard, but at home and the cost for each crate and set of chip boxes is under 20 cents. Apples are packed into a box, made of a cord of 10 cents, and holding over forty pounds of fruit.

Re Fertilizers.—Unless fertilizers are liberally supplied the size and quality of the fruit, as well as the production of the tree, are strong to be curtailed, and the profit shrinks still faster than the quantity of the product. Unless well-fed dairy stock are kept around, barnyard manure is not avail-

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BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT GROWING

Future of Industry Predicted by Writer in the Manitoba Free Press.

A MARKED INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS

Tells of Use of Fertilizers and the Benefits Derivable Therefrom.

Richard Waugh, writing in the Manitoba Free Press, contributes the following re British Columbia fruit growing:

I have not gone over nearly all I wanted to say about the future of fruit growing in British Columbia. We in Manitoba are making a mistake and rather promising attempts to improve our fruit products, but our soil and climate are a long way behind the west coast for such a purpose and must always continue to be so.

People living east of the Rockies have a much greater practical interest in this subject than we would at first imagine. In its palmy days old Ontario outdistanced all competitors on the outside market, in the quality of its apples as well as its peaches. But, through carelessness, parasites of all kinds were allowed to enter and spread till they had done irreparable mischief. The San Jose scale, for example, had got a big hold in Ontario before anyone woke up to the danger from its presence, and as it is not so common here, it has not yet become a serious pest.

At first the government was quite skeptical as to its value. The west coast fruit growers may never have had the advantages of alertness in some department, but they have been very much alive to the risks from the importation of foreign fruit and plants, and have been tolerably successful in their vigilance. For example, has got a big hold in the fruit states on the west coast of the United States, but the vigilance of the fruit inspectors along the boundary has been practically debarring from making its way into British Columbia. This month deposits its eggs in the young apple, and such worms when carried abroad soon spreads those worms where they will find lodgment in local orchards. It is claimed that British Columbia has been kept clear of this parasite.

Varieties of Taint.—Scab, black spot, woolly aphis, bark scale, are varieties of taint that prevail wherever fruit is raised, and are venient to their ravages every skilled fruit grower sprays his trees twice a year with arsenical solutions. The inferior fruit is the inevitable result. On this point again old Ontario has fallen sadly behind through carelessness in either a fruit or forest tree. Trees that could only be got from Ontario when wanted are also found faulty because the branches bend and break off under a heavy load of fruit such as prevails here on all well managed trees. Home-grown trees have this further advantage, that they can be transplanted

any time from February onward, while eastern trees, even if kept right up to roots, under transportation, can only be taken West after they should have had a good month's start.

This Favored Climate

The first half of February is not yet gone, but already the native growers have begun to plant out fruit trees and shrubs and strawberries, and of course eastern men who have recently come in and own an acre or two round their houses follow their example.

I may as well here let out a little secret about these eastern immigrants to this favored climate. It is all right here for such people, if they have a little wind in their pockets, the reward of successful wheat growing. They can then follow the scriptural example of sitting each under his own vine and fig tree, or let us say apple or pear tree, with considerable satisfaction. They may also hire a heathen Chinese if instead of the "otium cum dig" they prefer the otium without the digging, but downward loafing is both unwholesome and unprofitable, and they are able to get tired of it before the year is out and sell the clock of the reaper and cheery hum of the separator.

I have no fear for the future of any man who is prepared to work here in fruit production by the best available light and wait a few years for the full fruition of his investment. An easy-going man will have no show. Of all the fruits here grown the most profitable is a holly tree bearing red berries. I have heard of one tree for the trees of which \$25 a year are paid. These twigs, say a foot long, are barreled up and shipped to San Francisco for Christmas ornaments. I know one tree for which \$25 was paid this year, and it will bring more next. Its owner is a tenderfoot from Manitoba. All shrubs grow profusely, but the holly is the money-maker.

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stances Mr. Emerson's men displayed a little soreness on seeing so much valuable timber tied up in that manner. The logs seized are nearly all cedar and larch, being out of the fir region. Four men accompanied Officers Murray and Munro to the North, and these were all picked out at the various points where seizures were made, and were left with ten days' supplies, a tent and a bed.

It is not likely, however, that the watchers will have a very long vigil, as Mr. Emerson's tugs, though not under seizure, are tied up for want of logs to haul, and yesterday his counsel, A. D. Taylor, was at work on the matter and had the necessary writs for action issued, and the matter will probably be brought to trial within a day or two. The booms seized at Secret Cove were actually in transit for the American side, so that it is evident that Mr. Emerson will make no secret of his intention to export, but he will defend his action on the ground that the logs were cut prior to the passing of the recent Timber Act, and being cut under long-logs' licenses are exempt from the ordinary restrictions against exportation.

A SPORTY CLERGYMAN.

Is Expelled From St. John Church for Too Free Conduct.

St. John, N. B., March 30.—Rev. W. A. Taylor, a Baptist clergyman, charged with conduct unbecoming a minister, was expelled from membership of the Coburg street church last night. Mr. Taylor came to St. John about three months ago armed with apparently good credentials from the Baptist church in United States, and was engaged to supply a vacant pulpit in Leinster street Baptist church. As a preacher he gave great satisfaction, but shortly after his arrival here rumors began to accumulate regarding his antecedents and worldly conduct. Among other things he was accused of drinking and telling improper stories at club dinners.

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YOUNG BARRISTERS' MAJESTIC SPEECH

Work of Salvation Army's Emigration Department is Fully Described.

London, March 17.—The recent visit of the London County Council to Paris may be expected to stimulate the movement in the direction of beautifying London...

It is settled that when representatives of the colonies and the Home Government meet again in Whitehall...

MINERAL ACT. (Form 9.) Certificate of Improvement.

NOTICE. E. Mineral Claim, situate Victoria Division, Helmsley District, on the River Kan in Helmsley Mining Division, Vancouver Island.

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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...

PROTESTANT ORPHANS HOME AFFAIRS. Hearing of Case in Court Yesterday Adjourned Until April 17th

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Nervous Diseases No Longer a Fad. The breakdown of the nervous system is no new society craze from which it is fashionable to suffer...

LIFE-AND LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION. Sir—Permit me through your columns to acquaint the public with the fact that the national life-saving association has been granted a charter of incorporation...

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The discoverer of "radioes," 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.

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VICTORIA IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM. F. Oliver Inspects California Points and Returns to Capital City.

BACK TO CITY OF HIS FIRST LOVE. An Interesting and Instructive Trip Described by a Keen Observer.

Instead of buying an orange grove I made up my mind I would not take one for a gift. My first visit to California, I was to the way which Frederick Oliver, ex-local agent of the Dominion Express company, expressed himself last night at his residence, after spending three months in Southern California.

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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 horticulturist by 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; Brandt, Delta; Metcalfe, Hantsport; 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 Smith of the Weekly Sun, Toronto, who 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 thread out such questions as grading, packing, and the like. The 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 undefined. The abolition of the X's, and the prevention of such marks as "selected," "prime," and so on.

British 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, wanted to know, though an amendment was proposed whereby "fancy" grade might contain 6 per cent of defective fruit, if 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 matter of principle than of fact that nothing was easier than to add an X in transit or on arrival, and that it was a matter of principle to establish a system of marking into the ground.

The question of adulteration of fruit baskets, which had run the gamut of 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 minister was more than willing to establish regulations on the island, in the dry belt, and in Kootenay, respectively, and the matter will receive his consideration in the immediate future.

In the debate on "markets," a resolution was placed before the meeting asking the Dominion government license fruit commission dealers, and compel them to give bonds in substantial amounts for the Better Protection of the Shipper

The question, however, was laid over, one of the difficulties being that such legislation would be a matter of provincial jurisdiction, and the federal government. A particularly strong resolution on the subject of the exportation of fruit was adopted, and the subject of packages took up a good deal of the last day; the barrel, box, and basket, each being in evidence, and a long discussion the convention endorsed a uniform apple barrel, and a uniform box, and a uniform basket, respectively, at the Kootenay annual fair, to be held in this city in the third week of September next.

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