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KING EDWARD OPENS PARLIAMENT IN STATE

Speech From the Throne Outlines the Government's Plans For Reform of the House of Lords.

London, Feb. 21.—The third parliament of King Edward's reign, which was assembled formally last Tuesday, was opened in state at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the prospect of a brilliant session.

Added to the usual brilliancy of the occasion was the feeling of suppressed excitement due to the momentous problems, the most delicate handling of which will be required to prevent a speedy dissolution of the parliament and the calling of another general election.

Hundreds of thousands of Londoners and thousands of sightseers from the country all converged to throng the streets around Westminster to-day when King Edward drove out in state.

Two regiments of Life Guards, in their picturesque attire, were on duty guarding the line of route. They gave a fine touch of color to the entire scene.

Preceded by mounted troops, the great officers of state were the first to

entered the House by the royal entrance, and proceeded to the robing room.

From the robing room to the throne in the House of Lords there was a procession of state officials with the King and queen last. Both had put on long robes of scarlet and ermine, and royal pages held up their trains. Everyone rose when the King entered.

Near the throne stood the representatives of foreign powers. All of them were in full uniform, and wore their full orders and decorations. Such a sight has never been seen since King Edward was crowned.

The throne in the House of Lords is really two richly carved chairs raised on a dais about three feet high. The King sat in the one on the right hand, with the Queen on the left. Chairs some distance away stood on either side for the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Amid dead silence the King sent "the black rod," Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, to summon the Commons. Almost immediately the members of the "other" House appeared, headed by the Speaker, who was preceded by the sergeant-at-arms carrying the official



THREE CRUISERS FOR PACIFIC SQUADRON

Annual Expenditure on Esquimalt Station, Under the New Canadian Naval Bill, Will Exceed Million Dollars.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The total estimated annual expenditure at Esquimalt for maintaining the Pacific squadron of the new Canadian navy is given as \$1,088,000. Details are as follows:

For pay, allowances, victualling, etc., of 40 officers and 742 men, composing the complement of the two new Bristols, \$443,000.

For the up-keep of these cruisers, \$268,000.

For pay, etc., of 16 officers and 163

men of the cruiser Rainbow, \$115,000.

Up-keep of cruiser, \$115,000.

For the maintenance of a dockyard at Esquimalt, \$160,000.

This latter figure is based on the admiral's estimate of cost.

In addition there will be an annual expenditure for contingencies, etc., aggregating probably \$50,000 per year.

The cost of the cruiser will be about \$50,000. The cost of construction of the proposed Bristols is \$1,885,000 each, based on British prices. These cruisers will be of about 4,800 tons each, 22,000 horse-power, length 430 feet and speed 25 knots.

SUFFRAGETTES AWAIT GOVERNMENT'S ACTION

They Will Resume Militant Tactics if Claims Are Refused

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 21.—Hope certainly springs eternal in the English suffragette breast, and militant ones confidently expect that their case will be settled soon. While their militant tactics are in abeyance, they are trying to arouse the interest of the entire feminine community by means of a "woman's mission." This is a series of meetings for women only, which are to be held simultaneously all over the country. They are also making preparations for another general action, which they say will come within a few months. Their abandonment of militant tactics, which is considered by the Liberal party as an indication of a willingness to be merely a "woman's mission," they declare to be merely a temporary measure. They wish to give the government one more chance to do the right thing and are willing to wait a reasonable length of time, but at the end of this period of time, if the government refuse to consider their claims as to their former militant tactics will be mere child's play to what will happen in the future.

One effective result of the suffragette invasion of Holloway jail and the constant complaint of prisoners there as to their treatment, is a new scheme which has just been framed by the home office. In future women prisoners between the ages of 18 and 23 will be separated from hardened criminals and will receive lessons in sewing and dressmaking. A committee of ladies will also assist them to obtain salaried positions when their sentences have been served.

FIGHT FOR A STONE QUARRY

HUSON ET AL VS HADDINGTON QUARRY

Trial is Proceeding To-day in Supreme Court Before Mr. Justice Morrison

(From Monday's Daily)

In the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice Morrison is presiding at the trial of A. W. Huson et al vs. the Haddington Island Quarry Company. Frank Higgins is appearing for the plaintiffs and W. J. Bestor, K. C., for the defendant company.

In opening the case this morning, Mr. Higgins outlined the features. The suit had to do with the possession of the celebrated Haddington Island Quarries, from which the stone for the parliament buildings, the Empress Hotel and the Bank of Montreal in Victoria, Vancouver, under construction, is also being built from this stone. The plaintiffs included A. W. Huson, one of the original owners of the stone quarry, and the heirs of the other original owners. Under stress of circumstances the original owners of the quarry placed a mortgage on the quarry in 1904. The mortgage passed into the hands of the government.

Mr. Fulton assigned the mortgage to the Haddington Island Quarry Company, Ltd.

Mr. Huson, according to his statement, was never asked to pay the principal or interest on the mortgage, nor was any intended to assign the mortgage. The receiver, James Forman, who had been appointed to administer the affairs of the quarry some years before under order of the courts, received no notice previous to the transaction. Mr. Huson on the contrary offered to redeem the mortgage but said he received no replies from the government.

The firm of McDonald, Wilson & Snider, contractors for the Vancouver court house, are now working the quarry.

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KING EDWARD.



QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

be seen. They attracted little attention for the eyes of all were waiting for a glimpse of King Edward.

Presently the state coach of the King came in sight. Hundreds of years old, clumsy, without springs, its sides are of glass and most of the rest of the coach is of gold. An uncomfortable conveyance surely, but all the same looking every inch the vehicle in which one would expect a king to ride. Even a stranger on the route would have no doubt of the popularity enjoyed by King Edward among his people. Hardly had his coach come in sight than the air was rent by salvos of cheers that seemed almost to make the houses rock. No one enjoys his popularity more than King Edward VIII, and as he came in sight he was seen to be smiling broadly as he bowed repeatedly. He wore the uniform of a field marshal, carrying the cocked hat in his hand and the queen by his side wore a dress of her favorite color of mauve.

Arriving at the Victoria tower at the houses of parliament, the King was greeted by a salute of 41 guns. He entered the House by the royal entrance, and proceeded to the robing room.

They took up their stand behind the bar of the House. The King then stepped up and in a loud strong voice read the speech. That over he bowed to the House, then turned around and bowed to the throne, and giving the Queen his hand escorted her from the throne.

In the speech from the throne His Majesty outlined the plan of the ministerial campaign against the House of Lords as follows:

"Recent experience has disclosed serious difficulties due to recurring differences of strong opinion between the two branches of the Legislature. Proposals will be laid before you, with all convenient speed, to define the jurisdiction of the House of Commons over finance and its predominance in legislation. The measures, in the opinion of my advisers, should provide that this House should be so constituted as to be empowered as to exercise authority impartially in regard to proposed legislation of the functions of initiation and revision subject to proper safeguards against delay."

Representatives of both sides from the states mentioned will attend the joint conference to be held later and from the statement of President Lewis, it is apparent that both sides are willing to concede somewhat of their demands to avert a great industrial struggle.

MINERS' STRIKE WILL BE AVERTED

PROSPECT OF EARLY SETTLEMENT OF TROUBLE

President of Mine Workers Says Men Will Receive an Advance in Wages

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—Mine operators and miners of the middle and eastern states, who have favored the possibility of a great strike in the coal fields of the country, are assured to-day that all difficulties between employers and employed will be settled amicably.

President Thomas L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, made the following statement to the press through the United Press exclusively:

"You can say that a joint conference will be held between miners and operators, and that every miner in the districts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana and possibly Illinois, will get an advance in wages.

"There will be no strike, not even an interruption of work pending a settlement of the matters at issue."

According to the Mine Workers' president a preliminary conference will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, next

TRANS-CHANNEL AERIAL SERVICE

Airships May Be in Operation Between England and France Within Year

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—A trans-channel aerial service, operating both dirigibles and aeroplanes, will be in operation within a year, according to an announcement to-day by officials of the Paris-London Aerial Company. The company yesterday opened negotiations for the erection of sheds at Dover which has been selected as the English terminus. These sheds will be used to house the aerial cars.

STRIKE RIOTS AT PHILADELPHIA

MORE THAN SCORE OF STREET CARS BURNED

Many Persons Injured in Fights Between Police and Mobs

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Every man of the regular police force was called out for strike duty, and the enrollment of three thousand special policemen to-day gave this day an appearance of a beleaguered garrison.

Rioting, in which several passengers were injured, two of them seriously, marked the attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to resume operation of its street cars.

A mob of workmen and their sympathizers attacked a trolley car at Kensington avenue and Cambria, stoned its passengers until they fled, then beat its crew and a detail of police who were following in a "trailer" to protect the carmen.

Scores of working men in the outlying districts, unwilling to board the cars to reach their work, began attacking the first cars as they appeared from the barriers.

Police and specials broke up scores of incipient riots. The conflicts were not serious and displays of force deterred workmen and their sympathizers from violence. The crowds were not as large as those of yesterday, when rioting resulted in serious injury to dozens of persons among police and mob. Most of the workmen who participated in the disorders yesterday have returned to their work except those in the outlying districts where the principal disorders of to-day occurred.

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DARING HOLDUP AT COAL CREEK

Two Highwaymen Seize Sum of \$1,800 in Cash and Cheque and Escape

(Times Leased Wire.)

Coal Creek, B. C., Feb. 21.—A posse searching to-day for the two men who held up and robbed J. W. Quinley, of Fernie, B. C., and Thomas H. Baird, head grocery clerk for the Triton-Wood Company, at their store here Saturday night, as they passed the city jail and got \$1,800 in cash and cheques.

Quinley, as usual on pay nights, went to Coal Creek to get the day's collections, and Baird was accompanying him down the hill to the midnight train for Fernie. Both thought they were victims of a joke and attempted to draw their guns. Several sound raps from the highwaymen's guns silenced them, however.

STORMS SWEEP BRITISH COAST

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

Unknown Steamer Believed to Have Foundered—Heavy Property Damage

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—Reports today from various points along the south and east British coasts indicate that at least 100 persons lost their lives in the storms that have swept the British Isles for the last 48 hours.

The storm has been general all along the coast.

No news was received to-day of the large steamer that was sighted last night, drifting apparently helplessly off the coast of Scotland. It is believed she has gone down.

Property damage on land has been heavy. It was estimated to-day that it will reach several thousand dollars.

CRUSHED TO DEATH IN GRAVEL PIT

PASTOR AVERTS PANIC

Explosion of Magic Lantern Causes Exciting Scenes in Church.

(Special to the Times.)

Regina, Feb. 21.—Rudolph N. Morrison, aged 33, a Scotchman, was killed on Saturday afternoon by the cave-in of a gravel bank at which he was working near here. Morrison was laboring with a farmer named Jack Craft seven miles northwest of the city. They were taking gravel out of a pit and Craft seeing the danger of the position, warned Morrison not to go in. Morrison, however, would go ahead with the work and he had barely stepped back into the pit when tone of gravel fell and completely buried him. The body was brought to town Saturday night. No inquest will be held.

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(Special to the Times.)

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—A pastor's cool head and nerve is believed to-day to have prevented loss of life at the Methodist church at Prosser, Wash., during an illustrated lecture Saturday night when the magic lantern exploded, throwing burning liquid over the audience. The hats of several women in the church caught fire and were burned. The rush that followed for the exits was halted by Rev. Mr. Rountz, who arose in the pulpit and quieted the excited spectators. All were taken from the church without serious injury.

WOMAN WHO WAS ATTACKED IN HER HOME NEAR NORWOOD, SUFFERS

Premier Indisposed

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still confined to his house suffering from cold, but expects to be out tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur continues to show improvement, but will not likely be able to leave for Florida until the end of next week.

LABOR MEASURES WILL BE URGED

FORTY-EIGHT HOUR WORKING WEEK WANTED

Nationalization of Railways is Also in Programme of Laborites

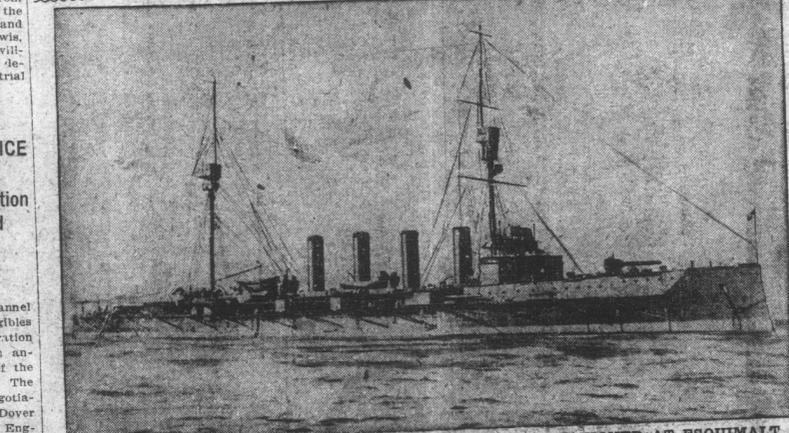
(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—The Labor party of the United Kingdom is preparing to make extensive demands on the Liberals in the present session of parliament as the price of their support of a Liberal programme, according to politicians here to-day.

One of the first demands of the Laborites will be for the early passage of a bill providing a forty-eight-hour working week. This bill is favored by the forty Laborites in parliament as being of the first importance.

The nationalization of railways and a more favorable legislation regarding industrial strikes will also be demanded by the Laborites.

It is probable that the safe engineering of these measures through parliament will be left to the party leader, George N. Barnes, who recently succeeded A. Henderson.



THE CRUISER BRISTOL, OF WHICH TYPE TWO WILL BE STATIONED AT ESQUIMALT.

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Victoria, B. C.

GHEST FOOD-VALUE.

as Cocoa is a treat to Children.
A Sustainant to the Worker.
Boon to the Thrifty Housewife.

EPPS'S COCOA

BREAKFAST SUPPER

strength delicacy of flavour,
strenuousness and economy in use
"Epps's" is unsurpassed.

children thrive on "Epps's."

cut out the gas supply in the whole
l. On the arrival of Detective Mead
and Constable Campbell they
once brought the body down. An
evidence will be held.

LADY LAURIER FINED.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Lady Laurier's
plea was convicted in the police
court this morning of exceeding the
speed limit and as owner of the auto-
mobile Lady Laurier was fined \$20 and
costs. She did not appear in court
this morning, and was not in the auto-
mobile at the time the chauffeur was
caught exceeding the speed limit.

HOPE ABANDONED.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Officials
of the navy department announced this
afternoon that all hope had been aban-
doned of finding the navy tug Nina and
her crew of thirty-two men.

Form No. 11.
LAND ACT.

FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
Notice is hereby given that Murray C. Potts, of
Victoria, B. C., occupation, rancher, in-
tends to apply for permission to lease the
lands described below. Commencing at
the west end of Call Creek, about 3
miles east of Call Creek, thence
along easterly 30 chains along shore
to, thence to point of commencement.
dated Nov. 26th, 1909.

MURRAY CLARKE POTTS.
December 20th, 1909.

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Notice is hereby given that Gilbert Oswald Smith,
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lands: Commencing at a post planted on
the north shore of the head of said Call
Creek, thence following shore line easterly
to, thence following shore line 20 chains,
thence following shore line 30 chains dis-
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KAISER ATTACKED IN REICHSTAG

SOCIALIST'S SPEECH CAUSES UPROAR

Chancellor Replies With Bitterness Which Adds to the Turmoil

(Times Leased Wire.) Berlin, Feb. 19.—Emperor William and Chancellor Bethman von Helldorf were attacked on the floor of Reichstag by Dr. Frank, the leader of the Socialists, in the German representative body. Frank declared that the same law which brought the Reichstag into being was responsible for the creation of "Kaiser." Dr. Frank declared that as Chancellor von Helldorf had attacked the basic suffrage represented by the Reichstag as a demoralizing and dangerous influence in public life, and at the same time to use those terms concerning the Kaiser. When Frank attacked the Kaiser, he-President Shah, who was present, called him to order saying that speaker would be allowed to drag Kaiser's name into the debate. "I will say what I like about the Kaiser," retorted Frank. "We have no cause to shrink from mentioning the Kaiser as though he were a divinity. I favor respecting the Kaiser, but I must insist that the same respect be given the Reichstag." The Conservative side tried to knock Frank down, but the Socialists kept outmarched cheered and applauded wildly. Frank continued: "The Prussian government in suppressing public demonstrations with rods such as have been employed during the last week, will yet provoke a revolution. If a revolution starts, the Socialists will sweep away the Chancellor and all obstacles to popular government." The speech was accompanied by one of the most uproarious scenes witnessed in recent years in the Reichstag, which has been torn by furious dissension frequently of late. The Socialist members, who have been stirred to a fever of intense resentment by the attacks made by soldiers upon strikers during the last week, were with their enthusiasm over the leader's speech. Chancellor von Helldorf replied in a sterner speech in which he in turn attacked the Socialists. The Socialists declared that the Conservatives had which at Frank were in turn taken over by the Socialists, who greeted the Chancellor with disrespect equal to that passing that which their leader had received from their opponents. The Chancellor declared that denunciation of the popular franchise had degraded the tone of public life.

KITCHENER'S ARMY SCHEME

Longer Compulsory Training of Men in Australia. Sydney, Feb. 19.—Lord Kitchener's report on military affairs reaffirms his high opinion of the capacity of the Australians, but insists on a longer compulsory training of the men. Education for officers he considers necessary. He suggests first, the establishment of a college on the lines of the Staff College in the United States with a staff of imperial officers. He advises Australians to later return to the system with an Inspector-General at its head. A board of inspection approves of the government's decision to manufacture locally arms and ammunition.

RAISUL REPORTS OWN DEATH

Tangier, Morocco, Feb. 19.—The authorities announced to-day that the semi-official report of the death of Raisul, the bandit, was erroneous. Raisul said the bandit himself was responsible for the report, and believe he was the first move in some coup d'etat planning. He is said to be in the hands of his followers.

COASTING ACCIDENT

Lady Smith, Feb. 17.—Leonard Ryan, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ryan, while coasting down Gator street with a number of young boys, met with a serious accident. The sled on which young Ryan was riding was started from the top of the hill, and he was travelling very rapidly and got beyond control, and just as it crossed the Esplanade it ran into a telegraph pole, precipitating the coasters. Young Ryan was carried to his home on Roberts street, where it was found he had sustained a fracture of one leg just below the hip. It was impossible to discover if other bones had been broken. The patient was taken to the hospital at Nanaimo, yesterday, where further investigation will take place just as soon as the swelling is reduced.

WOMEN FARMERS

London, Feb. 18.—Miss Minnie Clark, a lady farmer, hopes to raise \$100,000 from women to form schools of agriculture for women in Canada. Miss Clark suggests that the difficulty of obtaining sufficient and reliable labor would be overcome by training women in the home, and that farm implements should be made to suit women. She also urges government efforts to encourage women to large manufacturing concerns in Victoria. He thought Victoria West was being discriminated against in the proposed agreement. At this point the mayor expressed the opinion that the board might be assisted in their deliberations if they were to hear from the gentlemen who were present representing the Oak Bay Council. Ald. Fullerton protested against this suggestion. "We are quite competent to run our own affairs," said he. Ald. Ross said if Oak Bay was so anxious to live on the best terms with Victoria it ought to make an endeavor to avoid the streets of Victoria in planning a route for its water pipes. Ald. Langley explained that it was erroneous to suppose that the people of Oak Bay were going to get water for ten cents per thousand gallons. As a matter of fact they would have to pay more for it than the people of Victoria. The mayor said he was amazed that some people were apparently prepared to stonewall the growth of Greater Victoria. They should assist the uplifting of Oak Bay by every means in their power. Ald. Bannerman at some length explained why he was in favor of the agreement and closed by asking, "If Victoria West and Oak Bay are lost to the city as markets, where is Victoria going to sell her water?" In his opinion if these two sections were to take their supply from an outside source it would be impossible for the city to finance the Sooke lake scheme. Should they get water from Sooke lake then the city will have no place to sell it in order to make a profitable undertaking. Ald. Mable—Can you sell Sooke lake water at ten cents? The question was answered in the affirmative by a number of aldermen and also by the water commissioner, but Ald. Mable remained unconvinced. Mayor Morley at this point entered into an elaborate argument to show that Victoria could afford to sell water wholesale at 7 1/2 cents per thousand gallons. He illustrated his argument by suggesting that if all the people of Oak Bay were assembled at the mouth of the delivery pipe before the water is taken into the distribution pipes for Victoria, they could be supplied at 7 1/2 cents per thousand gallons, and there would be no injustice done Victoria in charging that municipality 30 cents per thousand gallons. On this point Mr. Raymer said that the arrangement with Saanich had been made at the express request of the people of that district. They did not wish to undertake the cost of distribution, and the city had done it for them. Mr. Floyd, on behalf of the deputation from Oak Bay, made a brief statement. He explained that the system of distribution had cost Oak Bay \$30,000. He was proceeding to point out that the suggested agreement was not a matter of Oak Bay's seeking, but one which emanated from the city council, when Ald. Fullerton interrupted. Ald. Fullerton—No instructions were given by this council for any committee to open negotiations with Oak Bay for any such agreement. Mayor Morley—I am surprised at you, Ald. Fullerton. You ought to know that any committee of the council has the right to initiate business. Ald. Fullerton—That's all right, but not in this fashion. Mayor Morley—Now, Ald. Fullerton, that is absurd. There is a good deal going on in some of the committees which the council does not always hear of privately. The committee of which you are chairman does a good deal of hole-in-the-corner business. Ald. Fullerton—That is not so. Everything is open and above board in that committee. Mayor Morley—Ald. Fullerton seems to be laboring under a misapprehension as to the prerogatives of committees. In his benefit and the benefit of all of us, I want to state now that any committee of this council has a perfect right to initiate any proposal it thinks right, and that the council will give its recommendations the fullest consideration. Ald. Sargison was sorry that the discussion had drifted along these lines. He believed the proposed agreement was an excellent one and thought that any committee which had taken the trouble to prepare such a report should be commended rather than otherwise. After some further discussion the motion to adopt the agreement was put and declared lost on the following division: Ayes—Mayor Morley, Ald. Sargison, Bannerman, Langley and McKeon, 5. Noes—Ald. Fullerton, Mable, Ross, Gribble and Bishop, 8. As the deputation from the Oak Bay Council withdrew his worship remarked that he was very sorry about the result of the vote. Ald. Fullerton thanked the council for having given the question prior consideration at the proceedings of the meeting and the deputation retired.

SHORE

New street lights on Dallas road and it is distinctly dangerous to drivers of vehicles rare watch-

AGAIN LOST ON TIE VOTE

CITY COUNCIL REJECTS OAK BAY AGREEMENT

Meeting of Board Last Evening Was a Very Lively One

The city council at a special meeting held on Thursday again rejected the proposed agreement with the municipality of Oak Bay in respect to a supply of water. This outcome of the vote on the resolution could hardly have been anticipated, for it was taken as a foregone conclusion that it would be carried by the council. At the last sitting of the board voted in the negative, was absent and when this fact was noted when the meeting opened it seemed certain the agreement would pass, as Ald. Bannerman was present. The vote was known to be favorable to the proposal. Quite unexpectedly, however, Ald. Bishop took a stand in opposition to the agreement and the eyes and ears were therefore fixed when the vote was taken, and the mayor declared the motion lost. Present at the meeting was a delegation from the Oak Bay Council, but only one of their number, J. S. Floyd, clerk of the municipality, was given an opportunity to speak. The meeting was replete with lively incidents. Ald. Fullerton and the mayor had several little clashes which were given zest to the proceedings. On the agreement being taken up, Ald. Langley, chairman of the legislative committee, explained how it came about that such recommendation had been made to the council. He explained at length the provisions of the agreement and declared that if it were turned down Oak Bay would secure a supply from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, which would mean a larger territory for the company and the city streets. He believed that it would be a most unwise policy to allow the water company to go through the streets and lay mains which if the city should acquire the Goldstream property, would become dead and worthless pipe. In the next place he believed it would be unwise to allow a private company to acquire territory which directly adjoins the city. Such a policy, without regard to what might happen this year would be very much against the interests of the city. In his opinion all the territory adjoining the city should be tributary to Victoria. In regard to the matter of fixing the rate at ten cents per thousand gallons, he said this figure had been made after a calculation given by the water commissioner, which he believed to be correct. This was the cost of the water as delivered at the Oak Bay boundary line from the mains outside the city—7 1/2 cents per thousand gallons had been added to the actual cost which brought the price up to ten cents. The question had been asked: Is this fair to the large manufacturing concerns in Victoria who are charged a higher rate? He did not believe this point ought to enter into the question at all. The manufacturers got water at the same price that it costs the city, counting the cost of redistribution. Ald. Fullerton declared that the agreement was a good business proposition. It would prevent conflict with Oak Bay, would obviate the necessity of tearing up the streets and preserve a valuable market for Victoria's water supply. Ald. Mable could not understand how the calculation that the water costs the city of Victoria only 7 1/2 cents had been arrived at. At the request of the mayor, James L. Raymer, water commissioner, made a lengthy explanation on this point. He had calculated the value of all the properties belonging to the city in connection with the water department, estimated the interest, took depreciation at 2 1/2 per cent, considered the cost of pumping, and then arrived at the figure that the actual cost of the water was 7 1/2 cents. Ald. Mable was still unable to understand how it cost the people of Victoria 14 cents and how they could in that event justify selling at 10 cents. Mr. Raymer said the reason why the people of Victoria found the cost of water was because the cost of distribution throughout the city had to be borne by them. Ald. Fullerton with some heat, declared that Mr. Raymer had told the council a different story last year. The water commissioner denied this. Mayor Morley tried to set Ald. Fullerton right on the question of the cost of the water, but that worthy declared he would not see eye to eye with his worship, and in this attitude he was warmly supported by his neighbor, Ald. Mable. Ald. McKeown, who by the way, has all along been favorable to the agreement, tried to pour oil on the troubled waters by saying that what appeared to be disturbing both Ald. Mable and Ald. Fullerton was that they did not understand the sale of water as a commodity to outside parties which was costing the consumers of the city more. Mr. Raymer, who was "still on the stand," said he would hardly be expected to answer this question, as it was the reality of policy. Ald. Fullerton said that Spring there would be discriminated against in such an agreement were to be made with Oak Bay. Ald. Mable would be agreeable to selling water to Oak Bay for the same price as it costs the people of Victoria, but not for the people of Victoria. The justice of such an arrangement, the Bishop said that while he had voted in favor of the agreement last week he had changed his mind. He believed that it would be unfair to sell water to outsiders cheaper than to large manu-

facturing concerns in Victoria. He thought Victoria West was being discriminated against in the proposed agreement. At this point the mayor expressed the opinion that the board might be assisted in their deliberations if they were to hear from the gentlemen who were present representing the Oak Bay Council. Ald. Fullerton protested against this suggestion. "We are quite competent to run our own affairs," said he. Ald. Ross said if Oak Bay was so anxious to live on the best terms with Victoria it ought to make an endeavor to avoid the streets of Victoria in planning a route for its water pipes. Ald. Langley explained that it was erroneous to suppose that the people of Oak Bay were going to get water for ten cents per thousand gallons. As a matter of fact they would have to pay more for it than the people of Victoria. The mayor said he was amazed that some people were apparently prepared to stonewall the growth of Greater Victoria. They should assist the uplifting of Oak Bay by every means in their power. Ald. Bannerman at some length explained why he was in favor of the agreement and closed by asking, "If Victoria West and Oak Bay are lost to the city as markets, where is Victoria going to sell her water?" In his opinion if these two sections were to take their supply from an outside source it would be impossible for the city to finance the Sooke lake scheme. Should they get water from Sooke lake then the city will have no place to sell it in order to make a profitable undertaking. Ald. Mable—Can you sell Sooke lake water at ten cents? The question was answered in the affirmative by a number of aldermen and also by the water commissioner, but Ald. Mable remained unconvinced. Mayor Morley at this point entered into an elaborate argument to show that Victoria could afford to sell water wholesale at 7 1/2 cents per thousand gallons. He illustrated his argument by suggesting that if all the people of Oak Bay were assembled at the mouth of the delivery pipe before the water is taken into the distribution pipes for Victoria, they could be supplied at 7 1/2 cents per thousand gallons, and there would be no injustice done Victoria in charging that municipality 30 cents per thousand gallons. On this point Mr. Raymer said that the arrangement with Saanich had been made at the express request of the people of that district. They did not wish to undertake the cost of distribution, and the city had done it for them. Mr. Floyd, on behalf of the deputation from Oak Bay, made a brief statement. He explained that the system of distribution had cost Oak Bay \$30,000. He was proceeding to point out that the suggested agreement was not a matter of Oak Bay's seeking, but one which emanated from the city council, when Ald. Fullerton interrupted. Ald. Fullerton—No instructions were given by this council for any committee to open negotiations with Oak Bay for any such agreement. Mayor Morley—I am surprised at you, Ald. Fullerton. You ought to know that any committee of the council has the right to initiate business. Ald. Fullerton—That's all right, but not in this fashion. Mayor Morley—Now, Ald. Fullerton, that is absurd. There is a good deal going on in some of the committees which the council does not always hear of privately. The committee of which you are chairman does a good deal of hole-in-the-corner business. Ald. Fullerton—That is not so. Everything is open and above board in that committee. Mayor Morley—Ald. Fullerton seems to be laboring under a misapprehension as to the prerogatives of committees. In his benefit and the benefit of all of us, I want to state now that any committee of this council has a perfect right to initiate any proposal it thinks right, and that the council will give its recommendations the fullest consideration. Ald. Sargison was sorry that the discussion had drifted along these lines. He believed the proposed agreement was an excellent one and thought that any committee which had taken the trouble to prepare such a report should be commended rather than otherwise. After some further discussion the motion to adopt the agreement was put and declared lost on the following division: Ayes—Mayor Morley, Ald. Sargison, Bannerman, Langley and McKeon, 5. Noes—Ald. Fullerton, Mable, Ross, Gribble and Bishop, 8. As the deputation from the Oak Bay Council withdrew his worship remarked that he was very sorry about the result of the vote. Ald. Fullerton thanked the council for having given the question prior consideration at the proceedings of the meeting and the deputation retired.

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BOARD OF TRADE DELEGATES AT CAPITAL

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(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Simon Lelser, president of the Victoria Board of Trade, and Joshua Kingham arrived here to-day to interview the government on the question of improving Victoria harbor. They had a meeting with Hon. Wm. Templeman shortly after their arrival, and the Minister of Inland Revenue will take up the subject with the Minister of Public Works without delay. The delegates express their appreciation of the cordial reception extended to them by Mr. Templeman, whom they found to be in hearty sympathy with the object of their mission. Geo. A. Keefer, public works engineer in British Columbia, and H. F. Bullen, of the British Columbia Marine Railway, accompanied the delegates here. The trouble between the army league and the navy was augmented by the proposed appointment of a military dictator. The army man proposed was Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has been in Constantinople for several weeks, is hastening to Athens to-day. It is believed he has been called home by his father, King George. May Abolish Militia League. Constantinople, Feb. 18.—King George of Greece late to-day summoned a council of the royal family at Athens to consider the ability of abolishing the militia league. It is generally conceded that the militia league is at the root of the present trouble between the Greek army and navy, which had its origin in a proposal to appoint a military dictator for the Kingdom. The abolition of the league undoubtedly would make or break the present dynasty. It would leave a clear path for the appointment of a navy man to the dictatorship. It is argued on the other hand, however, that the power of the army might be great enough to precipitate general domestic strife if the league were abolished.

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(Times Leased Wire.) Constantinople, Feb. 18.—All that prevents an open clash between the Greek army and navy is a difference that exists between Admiral Miaoulis and Naval Lieutenant Tipaldo, according to messages brought here to-day. It was heard to-day that following Tipaldo's banishment for participating in a naval mutiny several months ago, he did not relinquish his command as had been supposed. His followers who are with him in Athens are in almost open revolt against Miaoulis over the latter's attitude toward the army men who are in practical possession of the city. Tipaldo urges that the navy take Piraeus, the port of Athens, and then forcibly suppress the members of the navy league at the capital. Miaoulis is opposed to violence, but it is feared that his supporters are in the minority and that a clash cannot be avoided. The trouble between the army league and the navy was augmented by the proposed appointment of a military dictator. The army man proposed was Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has been in Constantinople for several weeks, is hastening to Athens to-day. It is believed he has been called home by his father, King George. May Abolish Militia League. Constantinople, Feb. 18.—King George of Greece late to-day summoned a council of the royal family at Athens to consider the ability of abolishing the militia league. It is generally conceded that the militia league is at the root of the present trouble between the Greek army and navy, which had its origin in a proposal to appoint a military dictator for the Kingdom. The abolition of the league undoubtedly would make or break the present dynasty. It would leave a clear path for the appointment of a navy man to the dictatorship. It is argued on the other hand, however, that the power of the army might be great enough to precipitate general domestic strife if the league were abolished.

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Toronto, Feb. 18.—Mrs. W. S. Blackstock, died yesterday. She was the daughter of Thomas Gibbs of Oshawa and sister of the late Hon. T. N. Gibbs and W. H. Gibbs, formerly M. P. for North Ontario. She was born in Terrebonne, in the province of Quebec, in 1827, but early in life came with her parents to upper Canada, and resided at Oshawa until her marriage. She leaves one son, G. T. Blackstock, K. C., and three daughters.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Washington Professor Says It Is Not as Brilliant as on Last Visit.

University of Washington, Seattle, Feb. 18.—Halley's comet has been sighted from the university observatory. "A strange impression seems to have got abroad regarding the observation of this comet," said Prof. J. E. Gould. "For several weeks it has been possible to see the so-called Halley's comet from points in the northwest, with the aid of a two-inch lens. It is a mistake to believe it will be visible but a short time to residents of this section. I look for some spectacular features the latter part of May."

No credence is given by Prof. Gould to the report that cyanogen gas of sufficient quantity to destroy human life exists in the comet's tail. Indeed, he is of the opinion, and declares every new observation strengthens his belief, that the comet is by no means as brilliant as on the occasion of its last visit seventy-five years ago.

THREE CENT CAR FARES AT CLEVELAND

Scheme Adopted After Fight Which Has Lasted for Fifteen Years

(Times Leased Wire.) Cleveland, Feb. 18.—After a fight begun fifteen years ago and waged at various times by former Mayor Tom L. Johnson, three-cent car fares will hereafter prevail in this city. A new franchise, placing the street car system under the supervision of the city, was approved in a referendum election yesterday by a majority of 3,100. The franchise was proposed by Judge Robert W. Taylor, of the Federal court. The Cleveland Trolley Company must furnish the city with car service at cost, plus six per cent, return to holders of stock in the concern.

FIGHT FOR FREE TRADE IN INSURANCE

Canadians May Insure in Foreign Companies Without Payment to Government

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The Senate banking committee this morning decided that any Canadian individual or firm should be allowed to go outside of Canada for fire insurance without being charged extra for it by the government. The clause in the government bill requiring the payment by the insurer to the insurance department of an amount equal to 15 per cent of the premium paid by any insurance company not licensed in Canada was struck out. This is a victory for the British Columbia lumbermen and Canadian manufacturers generally, who have been demanding free access to big reciprocal and mutual companies in the United States.

WOUND MAY CAUSE DEATH

Former Crown Prince George of Servia Reported to Be Dying From Blood Poisoning.

NINE PERSONS INJURED

Montreal, Feb. 18.—A local passenger train on the Waterloo branch of the Central Vermont railway was wrecked last night near West Sheffield, Que. Nine persons were injured, none seriously. From some cause, at present unknown, the two rear cars of the train left the rails and plunged down a fifteen foot embankment, the rear car, a first class passenger car, in which most of the injured people were riding, turning over completely. The heavy snow on the ground prevented loss of life.

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No Agreement Yet Reached Between Nationalists and Ministers

London, Feb. 18.—That another general election is not unlikely within three months is the constant assertion to-day following the event which made yesterday one of the most exciting since the election. All evidence points in the direction of an acute crisis. The cabinet council, which is now sitting daily, had a two hours' session yesterday, and the Prime Minister had an audience with the King, after which the cabinet council resumed its sittings and did not adjourn for more than an hour. George M. Barnes, new chairman of the Labor party in parliament, sent a manifesto to Premier Asquith protesting against the budget question preceding the veto, and declaring that in the event of this protest being disregarded, the Laborites would vote against the government. Negotiations between the government and the Nationalists are in an unsatisfactory state. It being reported that John Redmond failed to carry his demands, while an alliance between the Nationalists and Laborites in a campaign to force Premier Asquith to take up the veto first would undoubtedly present a serious situation, the Premier does not seem to be worried. He sought relaxation last night by attending the theatre. Reform of House of Lords. London, Feb. 18.—In view of a flat proposal received by Premier Asquith to-day, it is believed the crisis in the political situation is approaching. The Nationalists and Laborites this afternoon demanded that the premier either swing the cabinet to support their intention to abolish the veto power of the House of Lords immediately or resign the premiership. It is thought there is little likelihood of Asquith being able to harmonize his cabinet and comply with the demands of the other parties. Should he attempt to fill the objectionable cabinet officers' places with persons who would do his will in the matter, a split in the Liberal party might be the result.

PIN CAUSES DEATH

Tacoma Woman Passes Away From Blood Poisoning.

CORNWALL PIONEER DEAD

Cornwall, Ont., Feb. 18.—Patrick Denny, a well known citizen of Cornwall, is dead, aged 83 years. He was the son of the late James Denny, and was for over 40 years a prominent dealer. He was local agent of the E. O. Navigation Company for fifteen years. His wife, two sons and one daughter survive him. The latter are John P. Denny, of the Royal Bank, Montreal; Clarence Denny, of the E. C. and Miss Edith Denny. He was a prominent member of the C. M. B. A. and the Knights of Columbus. (Concluded on page 16.)

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THE NAVAL PROGRAMME AS IT AFFECTS VICTORIA.

We have to thank a couple of correspondents for calling our attention to certain editorial articles, evidently intended to be interpreted as of dread and terrible import, which have lately been appearing in the Colonist. From the position in which the articles in question were placed—cut off from the main body of editorial opinion by advertising rules—we had hastily reached the conclusion that they dealt specifically with miscellaneous items created by some potent proprietary medicine. In this assumption we erred most grievously. The articles were evidently written by the editor in a moment of temporary aberration. After reading over the thoughts committed to paper in this moment of weakness, the editorial heart could not bear the thought of consigning the manuscripts to the place to which they belonged, so they were printed in such a position as to dissociate the curious hodge-podge of prize ring phraseology and figure and vague prophetic rubbish from the ordinary responsible editorial matter.

We are inclined to think that the rambling and incoherent disquisitions of which our contemporary is evidently in its heart ashamed are intended to lead up to something not remote from denunciation of the naval programme of the Dominion government. Now while we believe that programme to be broad enough in scope, in its preliminary stages to satisfy every reasonable Canadian and honest Briton, there is an aspect of it which is of special interest to the people of Victoria in a local sense, and to British Columbians in a provincial sense. One of the naval stations will be at Esquimalt. At that depot there will be maintained to begin with a naval force of close upon, if it will not actually exceed (all branches of the services considered) a thousand men. The annual expenditure for maintenance alone will be considerably in excess of a million dollars. The details of the scheme as it affects Victoria particularly will be found set out in another column of this issue of the Times.

Yet we shall probably be asked in the course of a short time to meet in public assembly and denounce this naval programme with all it implies directly and indirectly, and to endorse the substitute of the Ottawa opposition, which suggests that our duty is to contribute two Dreadnoughts to the British navy, and to take a plebiscite of the people of all Canada before entering upon the programme outlined by the Canadian government. Victoria is probably the only place in Canada, and unquestionably the only place in the world, which contains or would contain individuals capable of such mad political partisanship.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The Colonist advises the members of the city council to resolve themselves into a streets committee of the whole and go out to-day for the purpose of noting the disreputable condition of the majority of Victoria's main thoroughfares. The advice is good; but perhaps it might be as well to postpone the inquest until a more propitious season. The weather is abnormal. The ordinary mud has been covered with a garment of dazzling white. This condition will not last long. After it passes the council will be enabled to see the streets at their worst.

But we do not know that an investigation of the kind suggested will do any good. The probability is the aldermen are thoroughly informed in regard to the deplorable condition of Victoria's main thoroughfares. If they are not, they must go about their business with closed eyes. The evil has been chronic for years, and council after council has been appealed to to find and apply a remedy—not always in vain. Many of the leading streets have been paved and present a very creditable appearance, but in respect of others which have long been crying for a garment more in keeping with the importance and dignity—not to speak of the reputation—of the capital of British Columbia, we cannot shut our eyes to their vagabondish appearance.

We are not disposed to censure the council unreservedly for this state of things. That body is not absolutely untrammelled in such matters, unless it is disposed to charge the cost of improvements against the general revenue of the city. And that cannot be done where the principle of local improvement is in force.

Nor would it be advisable to give the council power to initiate and carry out works of local improvement regardless of the inclination of the ratepayers affected.

That would be too arbitrary a system to set up in this country, however desperate the straits to which we may appear to be reduced. If the Seattle city council has such powers, as the Colonist suggests, it is just possible that the authority may be exercised to the ruin of property-holders. Indeed, we understand that not a few former owners of real property in the Sound city have been impoverished by the costly works of improvement in progress there.

Of course the idea of borrowing a million dollars on the general credit of the city to be applied to street improvement is preposterous. It was probably written in the heat, generated by a bump of the writer's motor-car into a more than ordinary deep rut on Douglas or Fort street, or some of the other thoroughfares mentioned as in need of immediate attention. We have no doubt that the city council will do the best it can during the present year to rouse ratepayers to a sense of their duty, that as a consequence more attention will be given to paving the streets in the business centres and less to improvements in the outskirts, and that as a consequence substantial progress will be made before the spring and summer are ended.

SPIRIOUS LOYALISTS.

The naval issue in Canada has been whittled down to a fine point. It is now a question as to the loyalty or the disloyalty of the two parties in the House of Commons. Speaker after speaker on the Tory side has got on his feet in the course of the debate and accused the leader of the government of being a disloyal person. That is no new thing, of course. It has been an issue in many elections, and the people of Canada have expressed their opinion upon it in unmistakable terms. But it appears to be the only policy the opposition can think of now that its former policy of protection as they have it in the United States has been thoroughly discredited by revelations of the most convincing character as to the evils which inevitably follow in the train of high protection. High tariffs have been demonstrated to be breeders of trials and tribulations and of every economic abuse detrimental to the true interests of the public. The leaders of the party in power in the United States have been forced to declare that the tendency of the tariff from henceforth must be downward; that the relief given by the Payne-Aldrich measure adopted at the last session of Congress was merely a sop which must be supplemented by more drastic action in the immediate future. In other words protection has been given a thorough trial and has been proved a failure. So that the ground is cut from the feet of the Tory high protectionists of Canada and they are stranded as far as a real political issue is concerned.

Hence the adoption of a cry which a sage of the past has described as "the last refuge of scoundrels." Colonel Sam Hughes had the floor in the House of Commons yesterday, and of course he made the welkin ring with denunciations of the disloyalty of the Liberal party, making direct charges against the leader of the government. There were no sly Fosterian insinuations from the mouth of the Don Quixote of the late Boer war. He came out strong and direct. For his candor he is to be commended. Not that anybody takes Colonel Sam seriously. His words never were taken as worthy of serious consideration at any time. He had earned for himself a place in the realm of the political burlesque long before he ignored the Dominion militia authorities and defied the Imperial War Office by throwing himself and his man Turpin into the South African Campaign, capturing a Boer commando with his lone lieutenant, the man Turpin, aforesaid. But, unfortunately for Sam, according to his own confession in a postscript following a lurid description of the carnage which preceded the capture, the commando would not stay in captivity. Just when the gallant colonel and the equally gallant manservant were preparing to take it into camp as prisoners of war, it got up and walked away about its business, leaving the intrepid and valorous contingent of two Canadians all forlorn upon the veldt. Then Sam became discouraged. He was convinced that the ignorant Boers did not understand the ethics of the game. They refused to play fair, so he shook the dust of the veldt from his warrior's feet and came home, bringing along poor Turpin as the only trophy of the campaign.

It is a glorious thing for the sacred cause of Imperial unity that some stray Boer bullet did not find a billet in the great loyal heart of Sam Hughes when he was fighting for his own hand in South Africa. It is clear that if Sam had fallen the traitorous Laurier would have had too much of his own way in Canada. Of course there is no doubt that the true and loyal Foster and the faithful Burrell would have "done their devils" against the false knaves who are known to be plotting against the Empire. But if Sam's sword were rust, his turbulent soul troubling the rest of the saints, and Turpin left a martial orphan, who knows what might have happened. The ambition of Laurier might have had free course, and Canada might be independent to-day, with the present Prime Minister acting as either its first president or sitting upon a throne at Ottawa. Let

us therefore be thankful that Colonel Hughes, stout bulwark of the Empire, was cajoled by a strong shield and buckler when fighting in South Africa—that he was miraculously spared for the greater work still left for him to do, and that Canada is still safe within the Imperial realm.

In the meantime there is a possibility that there may be a rod in pickle for the various Tory loyalists who have chosen the occasion to question the motives of the Premier of naval defence. The Premier has endured the poisonous insinuations of the notorious Foster, the taunts of the blatant Burrell and the direct assaults of the windbag Hughes with calm disdain. He has not opened his mouth as yet to reply any of the charges which have been levelled against his political honor and integrity. But he will probably wind up the debate. His remarks on that occasion will be worth listening to and reading after they are published.

Some inexperienced person has called the Colonist's attention to the fact that the game laws are being violated in a section of the Saanich district. So far as Vancouver Island is concerned, there might almost as well be no game laws on the statute books. The effect which the laws have could be gained just as completely by a common understanding amongst sportsmen as a matter of honor to refrain from shooting during the breeding and the growing seasons. The class which will not observe the law except under compulsion violates it at will in all sections of the island during every season of the year. No serious attempt is made to enforce the law. This is something which every sportsman knows. Vancouver Island is a no-man's land so far as the provincial game warden is concerned. Yet it is the finest natural game preserve on the continent of America, and if a serious attempt were made to enforce the existing laws it would provide good sport and wholesome, healthful recreation for the present and future generations. The chief end of the game department of the provincial government appears to be to provide fine sport for the big game hunters from other countries, not to conserve the small game for the benefit of residents of the province. In our opinion this is putting the cart before the horse. The interests of our own people should have priority of position.

The action of the city council Thursday upon the water agreement with Oak Bay municipality indicates a further addition to the accumulated difficulties of the general water question. There appears to be one thing which the two municipalities cannot agree upon, either in their individual or their representative capacity. Water has certainly got upon the brain of some of us. The probability is that each one of us thinks he can point his finger at his neighbor and say, "Thou art the man."

SPRING FLOWER SHOW IN EMPRESS HOTEL.

Preparations are being made for the spring flower show which will be held again this year under the auspices of the King's Daughters in the palm room of the Empress hotel. This is an ideal place for the event, and the present indications are that it will be very successful. The spring flowers are the most highly prized of all, and the Victoria climate is particularly suitable for the growing of bulbous flowers and English primroses. The date set for the event is Monday, April 11th. The general committee on arrangements include: Mrs. A. T. Watt, Mrs. Edward Dickenson, Mrs. H. A. S. Morley, Miss Wilson (Duncan), Mrs. L. H. Hardie, Miss M. M. Leitch and Miss Sorby. Entries may be sent in to Mrs. Henry Croft, Mount Adelaide, Esquimalt road; Mrs. R. B. McMicking, 464 Kingston street, or Mrs. Hasell, the Alexandra club, not later than Thursday, April 7th, 1910.

Prize List.

- Class 1—One dozen yellow long trumpet daffodils.
Class 2—One dozen double daffodils.
Class 3—One dozen short trumpet daffodils.
Class 4—One dozen bi-color long trumpet daffodils.
Class 5—Collection of six varieties, six blossoms each.
Class 6—Collection twelve varieties, six blossoms each.
Class 7—Bowl of star daffodils.
Class 8—Collection polyanthus narcissus.
Class 9—Bowl of daffodils, mixed varieties.
Class 10—Six hyacinths, shown singly.
Class 11—Three varieties tulips, single, six blossoms each.
Class 12—Three varieties tulips, double, six blossoms each.
Class 13—Collection of carnations.
Class 14—Collection of polyanthus.
Class 15—Collection of wallflowers.
Class 16—Collection of primroses.
Class 17—Bouquet spring flowers.
Class 18—Basket spring flowers.
Class 19—Trade exhibit of spring bulbs.
Class 20—Bowl of wild lilies.
Class 21—Special competition for schools, with special prizes—1st, 2nd and 3rd—collection of wild flowers.
Class 22—Floral designs for table decoration.
The dining room will be open for afternoon tea from 4 to 5.15 p. m., and the orchestra will play during the afternoon. There will be a concert, with vocal numbers, during the evening.

EXPLOSION CLAIMS EIGHT VICTIMS

Several Employees of Powder Works Blown to Atoms

San Leandro, Cal., Feb. 18.—Surgeons at the county infirmary to-day declared their belief that Eng Sing, a Chinese powder mixer, will die from his injuries sustained in the destruction of several buildings of the Trojan powder works at Roberts Landing yesterday. The Chinese received serious injuries, and his death would add a ninth victim to the list of those killed by the explosion. All others injured will recover.

Officials of the Trojan powder works to-day began an investigation into the cause of the disaster, although the inquiry is regarded as hopeless. The men who could have thrown light on the cause were seen to pieces by the explosion, and those who escaped with more or less serious injuries were in the outer buildings which were shattered by the force of the concussion. Several of those in the list of dead are placed there because they are reported missing. It is probable that they were blown to atoms, and that there will be no trace of them found.

FIGHT FOR A STONE QUARRY

The action of Hon. Mr. Fulton is called in question, and in connection with the suit it will have to be decided whether he had any right to assign the mortgage as he did. Alden W. Huson, in company with Henry Rudge and Samuel Gray, were the original owners of the land where on the Haddington Island quarry is situated. In 1906 Henry Rudge died in Victoria. He left no will, but his heirs are H. A. Rudge, W. P. Rudge, H. Rudge, Fred Rudge, Nellie Barlow and Jennie Stannard, all children. Samuel Gray is also dead, dying in Oakland, Cal., and his wife died in 1903, leaving two children, Samuel Gray and Elizabeth Wright. These heirs of the two former partners, with Mr. Huson, are now partners in the quarry.

In 1893 the three original owners of the quarry gave a mortgage on the property for \$3,500 to W. J. Macaulay, of Victoria, the mortgage bearing interest at 12 per cent. The mortgage showed that in 1894 the mortgage was assigned to Hon. G. B. Martin, then chief commissioner of lands and there appears to be one thing which the two municipalities cannot agree upon, either in their individual or their representative capacity. Water has certainly got upon the brain of some of us. The probability is that each one of us thinks he can point his finger at his neighbor and say, "Thou art the man."

Coming down to the year 1906 a receiver was appointed by order of Judge Harrison to administer the affairs of the Haddington Island stone quarry, belonging to the plaintiffs, James Forman, of this city, was appointed receiver, and into his hands was committed the carrying on of all business. According to the records in connection with the requests from Mr. Huson, Hon. F. J. Fulton on March 11th, 1908, for the sum of \$12,000 to pay off the mortgage on the mortgage given by Mr. Huson and his partners several years before to Mr. Macaulay and assigned in turn to G. B. Martin on March 12th, 1908, James Forman, acting as receiver for the Haddington Island Quarry Company, made the payment of the same due.

James Forman, the receiver for the Haddington quarry, wrote the government on May 11th, 1908, stating that he had been informed that some of the stones were being taken out for the court house at Vancouver, and that if such was the case no contract had been entered into with him as receiver for the quarrying being done. On May 15th Mr. Forman was informed by letter from the department that the assignment by the government to the Haddington Island Quarry Company, Ltd. Not until February, 1909, according to Mr. Huson's statement, was he made aware of the situation with respect to his property. Believing that his obligation with the government had been met he waited upon the deputy commissioner of lands and works with the object of paying off the said mortgage. He was then informed that the government claimed an interest in the mortgage, he being assigned by Hon. Mr. Fulton.

Action was then begun by the issuing of a writ of summons and the requesting of Mr. Taylor, this morning, for defendant company, entered a preliminary objection against the course of procedure proposed by Mr. Higgins. He contended that it was admitted by counsel for plaintiff that the mortgage had duly passed to the crown and that as the crown could do no wrong" therefore the attempt to prove title to the defendant company would not hold. Counsel for plaintiff should attempt to get a remedy by applying for petition of right.

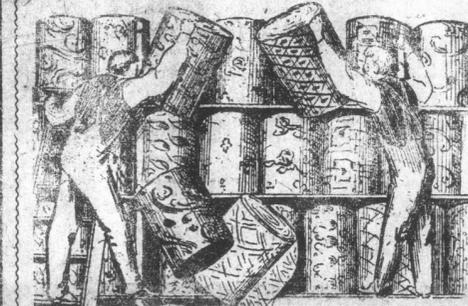
Mr. Justice Morrison remarked that in the event of plaintiff's taking this course they might find themselves without a remedy at all. The history of similar applications in this province in the past would hardly justify the hope that they might succeed in that direction. Mr. Higgins said it was not denied that the crown was duly vested with the mortgage, but it is denied that the chief commissioner of lands and works had by order in council been authorized to transfer the property from the possession of the crown and grant title for the same. A lis pendens had been filed with a Registrar prior to the action of Hon. F. J. Fulton in transferring the property to the defendants.

SMALLPOX ON CRUISER.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 18.—Doctors in charge of the quarantine station announced to-day that all the smallpox patients taken from the cruiser Washington are improving and will recover. A sixth case has developed on the ship E. Nelson, a coal passer taking ill last night.

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CUTTING DOWN LICENSE

AMENDING LICENSE LAW IN WRONG

Proposal to Extend Rest Defeated Vested Licenses Interests

Legislative Press G. February 22.—The first session in committee new license act has not im from a temperance point of view, was heralded as going to be a reduction in the number of houses in the province so that government had direct control of granting of liquor licenses. The unit for three licenses, hundreds as at present, to a place. Male inhabitants of the area. But to-day the attorney general had "made" struck out, cutting down the number of licenses to at least two-thirds. In any case, as long as in existence main in force so long as the observe the law, so that as Hester pointed out a day or two ago, the law is growing to gain to be felt for a lifetime supposing that a government party of progress does not.

The principle was laid down by the attorney-general that these licenses, and it follows all from a vested interest which not be right to confiscate them of without other cause there is an excess over what of population would allow. It is characteristic of this kind every pseudo-concession to a franchise element there is which apply protects the licentia friend of the McBride.

The only other work done, the passage through the stage of the education act and the introduction of three-erment measures.

Prayers were read to-day. Mr. Miller.

The Liquor Act. The liquor license bill was in committee with W. S. (Dewdney) in the chair. A began to come with the the John Jardine moved that a provision empowering schedule to appoint a deputy inspector to help to improve the trade in the district had an opportunity to control school tions. Trustees were elected to administer the affairs of their locality and themselves up with liquor.

The amendment was voted. Extending the Section H. C. Brewster moved that the act, relating to the grant of licenses for the sale of liquor, the mode of sale of liquor licenses, apply to the whole instead of only to the unincorporated. The member for the district what he had already second reading, that it is in this part of the bill it made to apply to the whole if it was not to be applied there was no merit in bringing the provision as to licensing of hotel premises, inspection of license-holders, inspection of suspensions, transfers and were and should be made to municipalities as to unincorporated.

Hon. Mr. Cotton declared member for Alberni did what he was proposing, involving less than 4000 local municipal government organized districts the people the control of the traffic have, by it being necessary to have from at least two inhabitants of a district.

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LORDS WILL PASS BUDGET

FINANCES TO HAVE FIRST CONSIDERATION

Naval Programme Will Provide for Six or Eight Dread-noughts

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 21.—The only reference made by the King in his speech at the opening of parliament to-day to the proposal to limit the veto power of the Lords was as follows: "Recent experience has disclosed serious difficulties due to recurring differences of opinion between the two Houses. Legislative proposals will be put forward with all speed to secure the unimpeded action of the Commons in matters regarding finance and the use of the veto power."

The speech refers to desired impartiality of the Lords which is generally construed as meaning that the existing system renders undue partisanship in the upper House inevitable. The suggestion that the Commons should be supreme in matters of finance is practically a guarantee that the bill to curtail the veto powers of the Lords will receive the King's earnest support. It has decreased the hope of the Nationalists and Laborites, however, that the matter would be taken up before the budget.

The naval programme is clearly indicated by the reference to the King's speech, which carries in the programme is said to include six or eight Dreadnoughts for this year.

Premier Asquith, replying to the King's speech, announced that the bill concerning the veto power of the House of Lords would be considered prior to the bill proposing Home Rule for Ireland.

He publicly denied the report that he had declared that the Liberals elected to parliament would not accept office without certain guarantee from the King.

In behalf of the Lords, Lord Lansdowne accepted the King's speech. He congratulated the government upon the business-like attitude regarding the budget, and declared that if the Commons approved the budget, the Lords will give their approval without delay.

Lansdowne's speech indicated that the programme to give the budget priority in the legislative programme is "cut and dried."

Government Aid Asked TO PROTECT DALLAS ROAD TO PROTECT DALLAS ROAD

Grant of \$25,000 is Requested by City Members Towards Urgent Work

Government assistance in the work of protecting the Dallas road foreshore has been asked by the three private city members. After consultation between Aldermen Langley, John S. Adams, of the city engineer's department, and Messrs. Thomson, Behnen and Davey, the latter addressed the following letter to Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works:

Dear Sir:—The city of Victoria proposes to carry on extensive improvements which have been made urgent and absolutely necessary by the rapid encroachment of the sea on Dallas road, along which the public park extends.

We beg to append a map showing the property, and also a descriptive outline of what is proposed to be done by the city; the retaining wall is marked in red on the plan.

The point on which we are asking for assistance from the government is the item of \$25,000, estimated cost of the retaining wall and groins for same. The city is making arrangements with the Dominion government to fill in at the base of the wall with the material now dredged from the harbor.

The reasons why government assistance is an equitable and fair request are: (1) The government own and control the foreshore along this beach.

(2) The property affected is a public park and was such prior to the incorporation of the city.

As the estimate of \$25,000 for the retaining wall is only a small portion of the money which the city propose to expend on the part of the public park, we feel justified in urging upon the executive that an appropriation of at least \$25,000 be made and placed on the estimates for this work.

Hoping that you will press this urgent matter before the executive, and get this reasonable appropriation placed on the estimates, for what we consider to be a very necessary work.

Faithfully yours, H. H. THOMSON, H. F. W. BEHNEEN, FRED DAVEY.

The Canada Loan Trust & Savings Company, Limited, with a capitalization of \$2,000,000, in 200,000 shares of \$10 each, was organized this week in Vancouver. The directors are M. B. Corbin, president of the Canada Northern Coal & Coke Company, president Garley Sound Lumber Company and president Saanich Lumber Company; John Arthurson, president Pacific Coast Coal Company, president South Wellington Coal Company, J. A. Harvey, K.C., Vancouver; A. E. Hepburn, consulting engineer, and George Salmon, financier, Vancouver.

REDMOND EXPECTS ANOTHER ELECTION

Appeals for Funds as Dissolution May Shortly Take Place

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 21.—Following a meeting of Nationalist members of the new parliament, John Redmond to-day made known the fact that an appeal for funds should be made to the people of Ireland, and in regard to it he said: "This appeal is vitally urgent by reason of the strong probability that another dissolution of parliament will be upon us immediately, perhaps before Easter."

ORANGE GRAND LODGE ADOPTS PLATFORM

Comm. on Legislation Appointed at Meeting at Kamloops

Kamloops, Feb. 18.—The most important business at the Orange Grand Lodge sessions, which has just closed, was the adoption of a Protestant platform prepared by a special committee and adopted as a whole. It was decided to publish this broadcast and send copies to all provincial Grand Lodges in Canada and Newfoundland.

The platform follows: The entire separation of church and state. A non-sectarian public schools system which shall be the only system to receive aid from the public treasury.

The resistance of any further special privileges to any section of the population on the basis of race or religion and the gradual elimination of any special privileges which they now possess.

The English language as the only official language in Canada and the compulsory teaching of the English language in all its schools.

The maintenance of British connection and support of any movement which tends to make closer and more binding the relations between Canada and the Mother Country.

Close supervision of all new settlers and encouragement of suitable white immigration from the British Empire, the United States and Northern Europe.

Public inspections of all institutions under the control of any religious denomination which receives aid, in any way, from the public treasury either by direct grant or rebate of taxes, and that the books and all other records of these institutions be inspected by public auditors at any time, also the public inspection of all nunneries, convents, monasteries, church schools, academies or other institutions, and that all registers in the aforesaid institutions be compelled to hold a government certificate.

The full recognition in every province of the Dominion of marriages performed by a qualified clergyman of any religious denomination or any other persons vested by the law with that power.

We recommend that each primary lodge appoint an agent to see that every member is on the voter's list.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on legislation in British Columbia: Thomas Duke, E. J. Clark, J. W. Whiteley, Geo. Grimason, S. C. Court and G. Harkeveas.

An amendment was proposed and adopted to change the date of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge from the third Tuesday to the third Wednesday in February. This change was made to suit the convenience of delegates at a distance who otherwise must begin their journey on the Sunday in order to attend the opening session.

In the course of one of the reports presented to the lodge it was shown that there are now 2,100 lodges of the Orange Order in Canada, with a membership of 700,000. The total membership in the Empire is over 2,000,000.

The grand secretary reported that since the last session seven new primary lodges have been opened, as follows: No. 2082 at South Vancouver, 2083 at Galena, 2084 at Creston, 2102 at Princeton, and lodges to which no numbers have been assigned at Duncan, Healey and Cedar Cottage. New charter chapters have been organized at Merritt and Keremeos.

CREW OF ALGERINE LEFT THURSDAY NIGHT

New Ship's Company on the Way to This Coast From England

Three officers and seventy-seven men of the sloop Algerine left for England Thursday, travelling by way of the C.P.R. They have been two years on this coast and are like a lot of schoolboys going home for the holidays. A number of special cars have been engaged to carry them across the continent. There are still a number of men left aboard the vessel who will not leave until the new ship's company arrives. The officers are being changed with the exception of Navigating Officer Henson.

A special dispatch received Friday morning from Winnipeg says: A large party of English sailors arrived in this city Thursday en route to Esquimalt to join the Algerine. There are seven officers, seven petty officers and 141 men.

The death occurred on Thursday at the family residence, South Saanich, of Mrs. Francis Jane Harrison. Deceased was a native daughter and was 44 years of age. She has resided on this island for the greater part of her life.

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USE OF CHARCOAL IN SMELTING IRON

Matter Discussed by the Clayoquot Development League

(Special Correspondence.) Clayoquot, Feb. 18.—The Edith mine at Elk River is to be given another trial, Mr. Hanberry having arrived to commence operations. He brought four other men with him. He purchased a launch from S. S. Stone to ply between the mine and the wharf at Tofofo.

The regular meeting of the Clayoquot Branch of the Development League was held on Monday night, J. Crice introduced the subject of the iron and steel industry. He explained how the best iron and steel is smelted by charcoal, as in Norway, and pointed out the fact that many of the districts on the West Coast where iron is found, might engage in this method of smelting iron if smelters were built. It would aid the settler in clearing his land. Instead of burning of the timber it might be utilized in making charcoal and by using special retorts the by-products alone would be of considerable value.

At the next meeting the subject will be further discussed. J. J. McKenna, who has been in partnership with Mr. Sieman in the store business, has sold his interests to his partner and is leaving the district. Not only is the Development League losing an efficient secretary, but the whole district will be the loser by Mr. McKenna's departure. His many friends regret to see him go.

J. P. Jensen returned from Victoria on Saturday night. He engaged a launch to take him to the Estevan light station. His two boys accompanied him. Mrs. Jensen will follow later.

The light-house inspector came up on the boat to inspect the light at Leonard island.

MISS HALL DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Daughter of Former Police Magistrate of City Passed Away in South

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hall, of 3038 Douglas street, will have the sympathy of their many friends in the sad bereavement they suffer in the loss of their daughter, Miss Ester May Hall, who passed away on Thursday at Los Angeles, Cal. Deceased, who was suffering from tuberculosis, left this city some time ago accompanied by her mother for the South in the hope that she might regain her strength. The late Miss Hall showed signs of improvement, but a fatal turn was noticed a few days ago.

She was but 19 years of age and was a native of this city. For several years she attended the Victoria schools, but when signs of the disease developed she had to cease her studies. Mr. Hall, who was notified a few weeks ago that his daughter was sinking, hastened to the South and arrived there just before her death.

Friday evening the Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday school was filled with an appreciative audience in response to invitations sent out by the "Try Company," the Young Men's Bible class of the school. The programme furnished exclusively by members of the company was much enjoyed, and was rendered as follows: Instrumental selections, E. Elford and B. Sutherland; organ recital, B. Entery; recitation, G. B. Rutherford; song, C. Stephens, assisted by E. W. Whittington; violin selection, C. Sargent; dialogue, in a doctor's office, B. Emery, W. Charlton, W. Billard and C. Smith; mouth organ band, the British Grenadiers and other selections, E. Elford, C. Stephens, C. Sargent and B. Rutherford; recitation, C. Sargent; song, "Help Somebody To-day," Rev. Mr. Holling expressed the pleasure it had, given him to listen to the excellent programme furnished by the young men, and predicted that in the near future some of the important positions in the city would be held by the class. Refreshments were served at the close.

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OLDIERS AND HINDUS CLASH

NATIVES BESIEGE CITY OF JAGDALPUR

Several British Residents Reported Slain—Rushing Reinforcements

Allahabad, Feb. 21.—Severe fighting between thousands of native revolutionists, who have besieged Jagdalpur, and the military is taking place, according to dispatches reaching here to-day.

Every available British trooper is being rushed to the scene of hostilities. The uprising near the city followed the suppression of the power of the Rajah, who had been overthrown by the British. Tribes rose in protest and revolt.

Several British inhabitants of the city are reported to have been slain. The military in the district is inadequately equipped with the situation. It is feared that trouble will spread among surrounding tribes.

It will be impossible to get reinforcements from any of the surrounding military posts in time to forestall further hostile moves on the part of the natives, and the situation is admitted to be extremely serious.

PROPOSED CENTRAL FIRE HALL AT NELSON

Question of Police Magistrates' Salary Also Discussed by Council

Nelson, Feb. 18.—The city council has adopted estimates for the year amounting to \$115,000. It also decided to incur an expenditure of \$15,000 to place the electric light consumption on a meter basis, and to take up the question of a central fire hall in a new location.

The council also passed unanimously Ald. McMorris' resolution asking the post office department to revoke the regulation closing the post office lobby on Sunday.

Ald. Carie, speaking for the board of works, noted that \$1,000 had been pared off the proposed appropriations for streets, and another \$1,000 from sidewalks, and that the \$1,500 put in for repairs to the city hall had been stricken out altogether.

He reluctantly agreed to these reductions, but felt that the audience chamber of the city hall ought to be put in shape for public use. Ald. Rutherford remarked that perhaps this might be done out of the fund for raising rates, but his fellow worship thought that fund was small enough at \$3,400 without any draughts upon it. The opinion was expressed that some way should probably be found to expend a small sum for this purpose.

The board of works recommended laying out \$210 in making the central fire hall more habitable. The report was adopted.

Ald. McMorris said this item of repairs to the present central fire hall raised the question of whether it was advisable to build a new central fire hall in a more central location, doing away with the second hall. One of the aldermen asked if the fire underwriters would make such a move an occasion for raising rates, but his fellow worship were confident that the underwriters would be glad to see the move.

On motion of Ald. McMorris, this matter was referred to the fire, water and light committee for investigation and report.

A communication from the provincial government announced the appointment of William Irvine as police magistrate of the city of Nelson, at a salary of \$80 a month. His worship thought this an excessive charge for the city to meet, in view of the fact that A. E. Crasse, the late magistrate, received \$70 a month, and started at \$50, the increase being made at the city's instance in view of the fact that Mr. Crasse was a barrister, and was through his other law practices in the habit of taking refuge on the other side of the boundary line. The Whimnaw was fast enough to avoid anything that was likely to be used for that purpose.

The new appointment has been made on representations made by Ralph Smith, M.P., and James Lepiate, of Dodge's Cove, West Coast, was passing this point a sudden violent squall struck the boat, catching the sail, which swept Thomas overboard into the raging sea. The sloop was travelling fast, and when Lepiate tried to bring her up sharp to rub her unfortunate man struggling in the sea out of the question. By the time Lepiate got the sail lowered and had rowed back to the scene of the accident he could find no trace whatever of his companion. After the search and came here. His hands were badly frost-bitten, and will doubtless need medical attention.

He reports a big was passing at the time, but he was unable to attract the attention of those on board to assist him in the search for his sailing mate.

SWEEPED OVERBOARD AND DROWNED IN SQUALL

Louis Thompson, of Banfield, Drowned-Near Otter Point This Morning

Otter Point, B. C., Feb. 21.—About 9 o'clock this morning while a small sloop, manned by two men named Louis Thompson, of Banfield, late of the steamer Teas, and James Lepiate, of Dodge's Cove, West Coast, was passing this point a sudden violent squall struck the boat, catching the sail, which swept Thomas overboard into the raging sea. The sloop was travelling fast, and when Lepiate tried to bring her up sharp to rub her unfortunate man struggling in the sea out of the question. By the time Lepiate got the sail lowered and had rowed back to the scene of the accident he could find no trace whatever of his companion. After the search and came here. His hands were badly frost-bitten, and will doubtless need medical attention.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—At the Inquest held on the body of the late James G. Campbell, an employee of the Vancouver Gas Company, who was found dead from asphyxiation in the attic of the Carleton Hotel, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death." The jury was of the opinion, however, that the deceased should have

A MIRACLE IN MANITOBA

CAPTAIN BANISTER STAYED IN CAMP

HAD TO BE CARRIED TO TRAIN. HELPLESS IN BED FOR SIX WEEKS

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WILL PATROL GULF ISLANDS

CUSTOMS OFFICER HAS BEEN APPOINTED

A. R. Bittancourt to Prevent Smuggling With Aid of the Launch Winnimac

The Dominion government has appointed A. R. Bittancourt, of Ganeg, customs protecting officer for the Gulf Islands. He will use his fast launch Winnimac for patrol purposes, and will commence his duties on March 1st.

For a long time there have been complaints of smuggling between the islands and the American coast, which is not far distant. The illicit work has been done with sloops and launches, and has resulted in considerable loss of revenue to the Dominion government.

Besides the smuggling which it is alleged has been going on, there have been numerous complaints of sheep-stealing. On one occasion a party landed with well-trained dogs, rounded up a flock of sheep and drove them on to the boat and were never again seen in that neighborhood.

The officers on the Winnimac will have power to deal with such acts of piracy through the aid of the coast guard, in the habit of taking refuge on the other side of the boundary line. The Winnimac was fast enough to avoid anything that was likely to be used for that purpose.

The new appointment has been made on representations made by Ralph Smith, M.P., and James Lepiate, of Dodge's Cove, West Coast, was passing this point a sudden violent squall struck the boat, catching the sail, which swept Thomas overboard into the raging sea. The sloop was travelling fast, and when Lepiate tried to bring her up sharp to rub her unfortunate man struggling in the sea out of the question. By the time Lepiate got the sail lowered and had rowed back to the scene of the accident he could find no trace whatever of his companion. After the search and came here. His hands were badly frost-bitten, and will doubtless need medical attention.

What Other People Think

To the Editor:—With reference to this much discussed problem, I am extremely glad to notice at last some active interest being taken in this matter. The people of the country feel the loss of a conveniently arranged market, particularly in respect to accommodation for putting up horses and vehicles—and new settlers in the vicinity of the city when inquiring for the market on their first trip in and also many of our visitors, for it need not be mentioned that a very great number of visitors are agriculturists and coming many of them from places so much attention is given the farmer by towns and cities not nearly so favorably situated as Victoria, find it hard to believe that Victoria city can only afford to contribute the miserable and most unsanitary row of box stalls in return for the revenue which the most fertile from the rich agricultural country surrounding her, not taking into account the market building, which it seems the people will not take to at present and is therefore not of any use to the farmers. The country tributary to Victoria is the oldest settled portion of British Columbia and one of the most fertile portions, climatically, of Vancouver Island, and is famous for its wonderful crops of fruit and other produce. News-papers and pamphlets never cease to praise, the exhibition held each year is another advertisement, and yet all the

URGES REDUCTION OF DUTY ON OIL

Bill to Give Relief to California Exporters Introduced in Japanese Diet

Tokio, Feb. 21.—Following the receipt of a cabled petition from the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific coast, President Nakanos, representing the Japanese chambers of commerce, on Saturday introduced in the House of Representatives a bill to reduce the tariff rate on crude oil from 50 to 20 per cent. A cablegram received from the Pacific Coast Chamber of Commerce of America urged a reduction in the crude oil rate. It urged that the present tariff is so high that the exportation of California oil to Japan has entirely ceased, and that in the interests of the trade between Japan and the United States the diet should reduce its present tariff deliberations, considered its reduction.

President Nakanos' bill is known to have many supporters among the members of the House.

PRODUCERS SEEK RELIEF

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The cablegram to the Tokio chamber of commerce urging a reduction in the tariff rate on crude oil, was dispatched in behalf of the exporters of the Pacific coast, the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast by their secretary, C. W. Burks, of San Francisco.

Burks stated Saturday that the present charge by Japan for the entry of crude oil had effectively stopped the importation of the California product, and that in the interests of the Pacific coast producers, the Associated Chambers determined to appeal to the Japanese chambers to prevail upon the diet to modify the prohibitive duty.

WORK OF INCENDIARY

Falls City, Ore., Feb. 21.—Fire, which is thought to have been incendiary, originated early to-day destroyed the general store of Walter Loose and an office building owned by Mrs. E. F. Butler. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The progress of the flames was checked by a bucket brigade.

MARRIED

GARDANIER-GRIFFITHS—On the 17th, in St. John's church, by the Rev. Percival Jenks, Miss Grace Kathleen Griffiths of Kingston, Ont., to Mr. Walter Nelson Gardanier, B. S. C., of Tacoma, Wash.

DIED

HUGHES—At the family residence, 2922 Blanchard street, on Feb. 19th, 1910, Capt. William Otis Hughes, aged 41 years, a native of Dieppe, Nova Scotia.

HARRISON—On Saturday, Feb. 17th, 1910, Francis Jane Harrison, a native of Victoria, V. I., aged 44 years and 2 months.

NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF TRADE Site for University Discussed—Officers Elected—Publicity Work

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—The following officers were unanimously elected at the annual meeting of the board of trade: President, L. B. Lueby; vice-president, A. E. White; secretary, treasurer, C. H. Stuart Wade.

The site for the new university caused some little discussion, and it was finally decided to ask the different municipalities of the mainland to hold a conference with representatives of the board of trade to see if they could not come to some definite agreement about the site and urge the advisability of the same on the university commission.

Rev. S. J. Henderson remarked that, in his opinion, it would be calamitous if the institution were placed on Vancouver Island and it was in accordance with his suggestion that the decision to hold a meeting of the different places interested was made.

Serious objections were made to the diversion of the north road in order to build an overhead traffic bridge at the Brunette river railway crossing, as suggested by the railway commission and the matter will be thoroughly sifted before any action in confirming the scheme is adopted by the board.

The finance committee reported that a free mail delivery service has been secured and that indications pointed to the change from the present to a semi-start basis soon being an accomplished fact.

The president's report reviewed the work that had been accomplished during the year. The most striking achievement of the board during the year was the establishment of a satisfactory service on the Great Northern Fraser valley lines, a result which was only completed few days ago.

The report of the municipal committee, read by M. W. Minthorne, after reviewing the progress of the city during the past year, made several valuable suggestions of which the following were the most important: That a building inspector be appointed by the city; that all public buildings be inspected with a view of having proper exits in case of panic; that the present city hall property be disposed of and a building erected on the site.

CHURCH EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION Question Will Come Up at a Meeting of Vancouver City Council

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—No change has been made in the exemption of the various charitable organizations from taxes, and the city council will have a lengthy session decided to leave things as they were.

Whether the advisory committee to the Kettle River Fruit Landings Company, was in this city Thursday and visited the legislature, his company now owns 2,000 acres of fruit lands in British Columbia, and all this is planted with trees.

Mr. Tait's visit to the coast has been partly in connection with the annual meeting of the company, which has just been held in Vancouver.

MILLMEN FOR THE FRASER. More Hands Will Be Brought From Eastern Canada.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—The Fraser River Lumber Company may make another attempt to secure some hands for their mill from Lower Canada. Of the families brought out last spring over two-thirds are still working at the mill and are proving very satisfactory.

It is stated on good authority that there are many of the French-Canadian around Quebec who are very anxious to come out here if they are assured of a job when they get here.

MILITIA CORPS FOR GRAND FORKS Riflemen Decide to Form Battery or Company for Rangers

Grand Forks, Feb. 19.—At a meeting of the Kettle Valley Rifle Association E. Spraggett was reappointed captain, Alex. O'Hara, secretary, and Dr. Follick, treasurer.

The meeting took up the matter of forming a company or battery to be attached to the 102nd regiment at Nelson, and it was unanimously voted that the matter should be left to Capt. E. Spraggett for the settlement of details, and to see the commanding officer at Nelson regarding the matter.

Many members of the association are very good shots, and this year the new rifle range will be made, which will give the men a chance to practice up to 1,000 yards, as up to this year only 200, 500 and 600 yards range has been available.

He suggests that the railway company build a bridge over the road and the Brunette river, the cost of the same to be borne proportionately by the railway company, the municipalities of Burnaby and Coquitlam and the city of New Westminster.

The letter refers to the present dangerous state of the crossing and strongly advocates the change. The crossing is especially dangerous, as it is approached from the north side by a sharp curve in the railway.

Mayor Lee has written to the railway commission regarding the crossing and has prepared of the proposed structure.

PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS Resolution is Adopted by Juvenile Protection Association

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The Juvenile Protection Association has unanimously passed a resolution calling on the attorney-general of the province to make provision this session for the establishment of an industrial school for girls, pointing out that such provision is made in the province for boys.

The resolutions cited the recent cases of girls in the police court as emphasizing the need for the immediate establishment of such an institution. It also was decided to keep close watch on the moving picture and other cheap theatres in the city from now on. In this connection a resolution was passed asking the city council to appoint officials with power to immediately stop objectionable exhibitions and to pass on the theatre programmes before they are offered to the public.

The authorities at Saratoff, Russia, have prohibited the performance of Schill's "The Robbers" on the ground that the play tends to excite revolutionary ideas.

IMPORTANT SALE OF LIVE STOCK, GRAIN, FEED, ETC. Stewart Williams & Co.

Duly instructed by M. H. B. MEDD, Esq., will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on Shoptand's old farm, part of the Taylor Ranch, North Saanich, on Thursday, February 24, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

A quantity of Live Stock, Horses, Sheep, Pigs, Poultry, Hay, Grain, Roots, Machinery, etc., including: 1 Registered Clydesdale Mare, 5 years old, in foal, crippled but able to plough; 1 Clydesdale Filly Foal, 6 months old; 1 Styish Driving Horse, 15 hands 2 inches, rising 4 years; 1 Athol (thoroughbred), dam a mare by Lockhart, son of Nutwood, breeding guaranteed; Pure Bred Jersey Bull, 2 years old; 10 Jersey Cows, springing now or to calve very soon; 1 Yearling Jersey Heifer; 2 Heifer Calves; 1 large Yorkshire Brood Sows, heavy in pigs; 25 Young Pigs from 30 to 35 pounds weight; 65 Southdown, Oxford and Hampshire Ewes, with lamb at foot or in lamb, to imported Hampshire Rams; 15 Tons Timothy and Clover Hay, baled; 5 Tons Oats and Peas; Straw, baled; 12 Tons Pure Manitoba Hartley; 10 Tons Pure Garnet Oats; 5 Tons Blue Stem Spring Wheat; 5 Tons Field Peas; 5 Tons "Up-to-date" Potatoes; 5 Tons Sutton's "Bellance" Potatoes; all grain and potatoes sacked; 5 Tons Mangos and Turnips; a number of Laying Hens, Ducks, Turkeys and Rabbits; 1 Dandie Dinmont Terrier; 6-Hole Nugget Range (nearly new); New Massey Harris Mowers; New Massey Harris Hay Rake, 21 teeth, Gales and Shafts; Cart, Sulky Cart, etc.

TERMS—Sums of \$10 and under, cash. Over that amount eight months approved notes will be taken, drawings \$5 per cent. Five per cent. discount for cash. Lunch will be served on the grounds. Take the 7:45 a. m. train to Sydney.

For further particulars apply to Stewart Williams, the Auctioneer

SUNLIGHT SOAP HALF THE TOIL of household work is taken away when Sunlight Soap is brought into the home.

For thoroughly cleansing floors, metal-work, walls and woodwork, Sunlight is the most economical both in time and money.

STILL TALKING OF BIG DEAL SALE OF DUNSMUIR'S COAL MINE PROPERTIES

William Mackenzie, of Canadian Northern Makes Significant Statement

While the principals in the deal still refuse to make an official announcement either in confirmation or denial of the report that the coal property interests of the Dunsmuir on Vancouver Island have passed or are about to pass into the hands of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, evidence accumulates tending to corroborate the story.

The various shipments of pheasants that will be made from the asylum farm will in no wise affect the announcement of the government that it will ship large numbers of pheasants from the government pens at Bittawick to the game centres of the province.

GRAIDING ON B. C. ELECTRIC. Chilliwack, Feb. 18.—The grading on the line of the B. C. Electric railway is practically completed and the bridge gangs have been working on the bridging of the several streams over which the lines cross between here and the mountains.

Already considerable work has been done on the bridge crossing the Chilliwack river and also the one crossing the Atcheltz. The engineering work on the Vedder river bridge, which will be the largest structure, is now in progress, and the construction of the bridge over the Vedder river is well advanced.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT IN CROW'S NEST PASS Output of Mines is Steadily Growing—Busy Times for Sawmills

Fernie, Feb. 17.—The Free Press says: "During the past few months a large amount of development work has been done at the various collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, much new machinery has been installed to facilitate the mining of more coal, and extensive preparations made for the handling of an increased output. Several new mines have been put on a producing basis since September last, including No. 9 South, No. 1 South, No. 5 South and Old No. 1.

"This has been accomplished in such an unobtrusive manner that many of our readers will be surprised at the magnitude of the increase in output which has resulted from the adoption of this wise policy, which now gives employment to a large number of men in the camp. The present number will be very materially increased in the near future.

"The output for the month of January was 100,000 tons and the payroll was \$189,000, which will be paid at Fernie. The Fernie payroll for January exceeds the December payroll by \$15,000, which means a very busy day.

"There is every prospect that the present output will not only be maintained, but will be materially increased from month to month as development work will be carried on extensively with a view of still further enlarging the output.

"The market for lumber looks exceedingly encouraging. The winter has been ideal for logging operations and the nominal cut has been made which indicates that the sawmills will probably run double shifts, meaning the employment of a large number of men in this industry.

"There will be considerable activity in the building trades as a number of large buildings will be constructed this season. The sewerage and waterworks systems will be extended at a cost of many thousands of dollars and a great deal will be spent in general improvements, all of which would prove that the coming summer will be a most prosperous one for all classes of the community."

MINER KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Hazelton, Feb. 18.—Emil Johnson, a miner employed in driving a tunnel on the Dibble mine, Babine mountain, Bulkley river, while preparing to start a hole in the face of the tunnel, blew his pick into a missed hole, exploding it.

Johnson's legs were broken and his body badly mangled and his face shot full of small splinters of rock blinding him. The foreman rendered what assistance he could and immediately started over the mountains with the injured man, however, the foreman proved fatal, and Johnson expired when about ten miles out on the trail. He was formerly from Moyle.

The Friendly Help Society appeals to their friends for a bedstead and bedding for a sick man. They also ask for men's clothing, as there is a large demand for the articles. The society will be most obliged if these necessities are furnished.

PHEASANTS FLOURISH AT ASYLUM FARM Large Number of Birds Will Be Shipped to Different Parts of Province

New Westminster, Feb. 17.—At the Asylum farm last June a number of pheasant eggs were imported, and a setting made. The setting was more successful than expected, and there are 180 to 140 fine birds at the farm.

The original eggs, which were from Mongolian pheasants, were imported by Provincial Game Warden Bryan Ware. Other eggs were also secured from Dr. Brown, of Nanaimo. Mongolian pheasants are larger and plumper than the pheasants now in the province. The latter, by constant inbreeding are said to have lost much of their original size and plumpness.

Thirty hens will be set this spring and it is expected that the number of birds there will be a thousand birds there. The pheasants are not being kept for private use, nor for show purposes, but are being shipped to different parts of the province, where they are set at liberty in the hope of re-stocking the pheasant haunts.

Dr. Böherty, superintendent of the asylum, has made a present of fifteen of the cocks to the Delta Farmers' Game Protective Association, and representatives of the association will be here in two or three days to receive instructions as to their care for the birds after shipment have to be kept in captivity for several days before release.

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RATE WAR CONTINUES. Freight and Passenger Agent Says He Sees No Prospect of Change.

SEATTLE, WASH., Feb. 19.—The rate war to Skagway and intermediate points in Alaska will probably continue through the coming season according to steamship men to-day.

The Alaska Steamship Company practically cut the rate in half in October and has kept it there since. John H. Bunch, freight and passenger agent of the company, said to-day he could see no prospect for either a raise or cut in the present rates. The other companies want a return to the regular tariffs but admit the Alaska Steamship Company holds the whip hand.

D. E. CAMPBELL IS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD Hospital Business Transacted at Friday Evening's Meeting of Body

A. E. Lewis, who has just accepted an appointment under the provincial government, handed in his resignation to the directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital as president, at the regular monthly meeting, held Friday. He informed the directors that his new duties would prevent his attending the meetings and business of the hospital, so there was no other course open but for him to resign. He was thanked by the directors for his work in the hospital affairs during the last twelve months. He is succeeded by D. E. Campbell, vice-president, until last night, who will be the president until the end of the fiscal year, when the general election of officers is held. There were present last night in addition to the new president, F. W. Vincent, J. W. Bolshak, H. D. Holmbeck, K. C. H. E. Newton, R. S. Day and Harold Robertson.

W. H. Handley, of the detective force, wrote as secretary of the police board committee forwarding the sum of \$900, the proceeds of the police ball. The money is paid to the hospital funds and entitles each member of the force to six weeks' free treatment in a private room. The secretary's report stated that the number of paying patients treated during the month of January totalled 169. The admissions for the month were 104; free patients, 71. The day room, located 2,329 or a daily average of 77.8. The average cost per patient per diem was \$1.70, as compared with \$1.95 during the month of December.

Tenders were received from collectors to handle the outstanding accounts of the hospital, which amount to some \$2,300, the successful tenderer being Mr. Blakie.

Business matters were dealt with and a letter received from the Daughters of Charity offering to subscribe \$346 to a new X-ray table. The offer was accepted.

FIRE DRILL TESTED. Central School, New Westminster, Is Cleared in Fifty-five Seconds.

New Westminster, Feb. 17.—The efficiency of the fire drill at the Central school was given a test the other day. An alarm was turned in at exactly 1.30 p. m. and fifty-five seconds after that the building was clear. The speed with which the children got out of the building can scarcely be credited by anyone who has not seen it. At the first stroke of the bell the doors fly open, and before the sound has died away the first children are out. The time for exit from the different rooms when this means all the pupils on the lower floor are barely out of the building be-

ORE OUTPUT OF SOUTHEASTERN B. C.

Shipments for the Past Week Total Nearly 45,000 Tons

Nelson, Feb. 21.—The weekly output of the mines and the smelter ore receipts continue very satisfactory, but otherwise there has been no special mining news during the past seven days. Appended are the details:

Table with columns: BOUNDARY, Week, Year, Granby, Mother Lode, Oro Denoro, Snowshoe, Other mines, Total.

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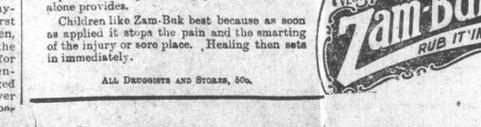
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Children like Zam-Buk best because as soon as applied it stops the itching and the smarting, and before the sound has died away the first children are out. The time for exit from the different rooms when this means all the pupils on the lower floor are barely out of the building be-



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CUTTING DOWN LICENSE UNIT

AMENDING LICENSE LAW IN WRONG WAY

Proposal to Extend Restrictions Defeated Vested License Interests

Legislative Press Gallery, February 18th.

The first session in committee on the new license act has not improved it from a temperance point of view. It was brushed as going to bring about a reduction in the number of licensed places in the province so far as the government had direct control of the granting of liquor licenses. It raised the unit for three licenses from five to six, and at present one thousand inhabitants of Caucasian race must elect the attorney-general to-day the attorney-general had "made" struck out, thus cutting down the apparent reduction by at least two-thirds.

In any case the license act as it is in existence will remain in force so long as the holders thereof, the law, so that, as H. C. Brewster pointed out a day or two ago, in districts which are growing but slow-ly the wanted reduction will not be- lieved to be felt for a lifetime—always supposing that a government by the party of progress does not get in be- fore them.

The principle was laid down by the attorney-general that these existing li- censes, and it follows all future ones, have a vested interest which it would not be right to confiscate by cutting them off without other cause than that of an excess over what the unit of population would allow. In fact, it is characteristic of this bill that for every pseudo-concession to the tem- perance element of the province which is made, there is a concession to the liquor men which is made.

The Liquor Act.
The liquor license bill was taken up in committee with W. J. Manson (Lewney) in the chair. Amendments began to come with the third section. John Jardine moved the addition of a provision empowering the attorney- general to appoint a deputy inspector of licenses. In doing so, he said it would help to improve the trade if impartial men who knew what was going on in a district had an opportunity of con- trolling the trade through an inspector.

The amendment was voted down. Extending the Scope of the Act.
H. C. Brewster moved that part I of the act, relating to the granting of li- censes for the sale of liquor and to the mode of sale of liquor under such licenses, apply to the whole province instead of only to the organized dis- tricts. The member for Alberni re- minded what he had already said on a former reading, that if there was merit in this part of the bill it should be made to apply to the whole province; if it was not to be applied to the whole there was no merit in bringing it forth. The proviso as to license reduction, nature of hotel premises, qualifications of license-holders, inspectors, renewals, suspensions, transfers and cancellations and should be made as applicable to municipalities as to unorganized dis- tricts.

Hon. Mr. Cotton declared that the member for Alberni did not realize what he was proposing, which was nothing less than the destruction of local municipal government. In un- organized districts the people would lose the control of their own affairs, and have to be it being necessary to have a population from at least two-thirds of the inhabitants of a district before an ap- plication would be considered. The policy nowadays was that of decentral- ization, whereas Mr. Brewster's pro- posal would mean the centralizing of the whole business under the superin- tendence of provincial police.

Many Women Suffer Untold Tortures in Silence

They Can Be Relieved by Keeping the Blood Supply Rich and Pure With Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

A woman needs a blood-building medicine regularly just because she is a woman. From immaturity to middle life the health and happiness of every woman depends upon her blood, its richness and its regularity. It is the blood that irregularly she suffers from headaches, backaches, sideaches and other unpleasable distress which only women know. Some women have shown to expect the same suffering at regu- lar intervals and they bear it in hope- less silence. But women would escape from this misery if they took a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to help them over each critical period. These pills actually make new blood. They help a woman just when nature makes the greatest demand upon her blood supply. They have done this for thousands of women throughout Can- ada. Why not you?
"The Joseph Kinney, Gilbert's Cove, N.S., says: 'For ten years I suffered from nervousness and those troubles that make a live-in-six-boxes woman one of ailing constant misery. At times I would be confined to my bed

for weeks, I spent sleepless nights and seemed to lose all courage. I tried sev- eral doctors but they failed to give me any relief. The last doctor I consulted told me frankly that he could not un- dertake my case unless I was under an examination. It was then I de- cided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking six boxes I was much improved in health, but I con- tinued to take the Pills for a couple of months more when I felt like a new woman, and was enjoying such health as I had not experienced for ten years before. I have had no return of this trouble since, but I have used the Pills often since that time for the after effects of a grippe, and the result was all I hoped for. These are plain facts from my own experience, and I have frequently recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to the many women who suffer as I did. You can get this great blood-build- ing, health restoring medicine from mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, from the Dr. Williams' Medi- cine Co., Brockville, Ont.

entrance to the room upstairs. The place was carried on contrary to the letter and spirit of the act, and the license was not renewed at the end of the year. Another instance of a laborer's club was at Coal Creek, where a fire took place on the premises and burned out the whole place. Drunken men were frequently seen in the club, on the verandah and in the street, and had been arrested by the police con- stantly. The House would not say that the department was not justified in refusing to renew this license also. The coal miners at Merritt had been given a license and observed the regulations, so that they got a renewal in due course. Mr. Bowerer said he would take similar action to that in the Fer- nie and Coal Creek cases in any case where he was convinced that the body of men who were given the license did not run a club but merely to get cheap drinks. The laboring man would be treated the same as any other. In order to retain proper control of the clubs they were kept out of the liquor act.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite did not think it an offence to have sawdust on a club floor instead of a Turkish or Kidderminster carpet. The Coal Creek club had visited and found a com- fortable furnished place, with a read- ing room and athletic facilities in ad- dition to its bar. It was not unheard of for fires to start in any building. Fire in Coal Creek must have been welcome in any case, for a more God- forsaken hole he had never seen. It was a sin to ask men to live there. Not unlikely drunken men might have been seen on the club premises. Would the Attorney-General lay his hand on his heart and say he had never seen a drunken man in any club he fre- quented?
Mr. Bowerer did not heed the invita- tion to tell tales out of the club.
Paying Newspapers.
In making application for a liquor license, whether wholesale or retail, the applicant has to attach a receipt for the license fee and for the pay- ment of the month's advertising in a newspaper which is necessary of his intention to apply. Parker Williams objected to the government helping one particular class of creditor to secure payment of their accounts. This led on to a discussion of the manner in which Conservative organs are en- abled to make a living out of the no- tices which the law in various re- gards makes necessary.

It was alleged by the opposition members that some Conservative pa- pers in this province could not have been so successful in their advertising if it was not for this sort of pay- ment which the government helps them. That a declaration such as sup- plies in other cases of the necessary number of publications having been made should be enough in the case of licenses was urged, but with a little effect as any other attempt to improve the Attorney-General's legislation.

The Population Unit.
Section 25, as drawn, proposed that "only three hotel licenses for the sale of liquor by retail shall be granted in any locality comprising all the territory lying and being within a radius of three miles from the hotel premises first established and li- censed in such locality, until the popu- lation of such locality includes one thousand adult male inhabitants of Caucasian race."

The Attorney-General proposed to amend this by striking out the word "male" explaining that this would make it uniform with the requirement of a two-thirds petition of household- ers, wives of male householders and children of full age.
Mr. Brewster protested that this would absolutely destroy the bill, as to any reduction of licenses. To make it one thousand adults instead of one thousand adult males would mean that there could be three times as many li- censes in a district as the act at present contemplated. This would do away with one of the features of the bill that were supposed to recommend it to the temperance people of the province.

ORDERED TO HOSPITAL For Operation for Acute Indigestion—Did Not Go and Was Cured by DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

A medicine that will save one from a surgical operation must be worth while. The doctors seem to be making the common mistake of dosing the stomach when the real source of trouble was with the liver and kidneys. Any- way Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills made a complete cure and here is the record.
"Mrs. F. O. Bacon, Baldwin's Mills, Que., writes: 'I was very sick and the doctors said I must go to the hos- pital for a surgical operation. I had acute indigestion and my liver and kid- neys did not act. I did not want to undergo an operation, so I began the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills and have used them ever since. I am feeling well now and doing my own work for a family of seven. I think there is no equal for acute indi- gestion and liver and kidney troubles such as I had and they' and nothing else made me well again. 'There is no did wonders for me.'"
The real serious cases of indigestion almost always have their location in the bowels and can only be reached by making the liver and kidneys active. No medicine regulates the liver, kid- neys and bowels so nicely and so promptly as Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills. One pill dose, 25 cents box, all dealers; or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Do not be satisfied with a substitute or you will be dis- appointed.
Mr. Brewster will on Monday ask

the Commissioner of Lands this ques- tion:
1. Were any persons employed by the government as fire rangers or ward- ens, or deputy fire rangers or ward- ens, in Delta electoral district during the year 1909?
2. If so, what were the persons em- ployed?
3. How long was each person so em- ployed?
4. What was the rate per day and the total amount paid to each such person, both as wages and expenses?
5. What were the duties assigned to each of such persons?
6. Is not the timber in the railway belt in Delta electoral district owned either by the Dominion government or by private persons?
7. Is not the timber in the Delta elec- toral district protected by the Federal government?
8. If so, what necessity was there for employing provincial fire wardens or rangers?
9. Does the province own any timber in Delta or Chilliwack electoral dis- tricts?
10. If so, what quality?
Mr. Jardine intends to ask what area, approximately, of what is known as the Vancouver Island railway re- serve is still in the hands of the gov- ernment.

GROWING NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY
COMMISSIONERS SEEK LARGE APPROPRIATIONS
Additional Assistant to Be Ap- pointed—More Money for Books

The library commissioners at Thurs- day's meeting of the city council presented their estimates for the year. They ask for a considerably larger ap- propriation over that made last year in order to improve the facilities at the library and to purchase a larger sup- ply of books and magazines. They re- commend the appointment of an ad- ditional assistant at a salary of \$750 per annum.
Ald. Langley, chairman of the board, in presenting the estimates, said that the council would have to give serious consideration to the matter of improv- ing the library. It was undeniable that Victoria was not doing her full duty toward the library and this fact would be a constant reminder to the council. He might mention that Seattle was expending no less than \$200,000 per annum on its public library.

The report, which was received and approved by the council, was con- sideration by the finance committee, was as follows:
The library commissioners, having carefully considered the requirements of the library for the present fiscal year, have the honor to submit their estimates of expenditure before you and to request that appropriations in ac- cordance therewith be made by your honorable body:
Salaries, \$2,570; fuel, \$200; light, \$400; bookbinding, \$250; furniture, \$640; chess and checker room, \$130; read- ing room, \$430; janoleum, \$80; re- pairs and painting, \$250; printing and sundries, \$200; magazines, \$500; books, \$1,200; total, \$5,820. Additional assistant, \$750. Total, less fees, fines, etc.—\$102—\$7,498.

SHADOW SAVES MAN'S LIFE.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18.—The authorities are searching for a man who fired a shot at A. J. Tucker through the window of a San Bruno hotel while the latter was in his hand. The shadow was cast by an electric light on the outside. Tucker believes the shooting was the result of a "controversy over the site of a new school building which has torn San Bruno for the last two months. The bullet fired at Tucker shattered a mirror in front of which he had been standing.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Peddler Shoots Proprietress of Lodg- ing House and Blows Out Own Brains.
Oakland, Cal., Feb. 18.—Frank Cor- bana, a vegetable peddler, yesterday shot and killed Mrs. Constance Pot- taq. He then committed suicide. Al- though the woman was 23 years the senior of Corbana, who is 23 years of age, he is said to have become infatuated with her. Recently he left the St. Nicholas lodging house, of which Mrs. Pottaq was proprietress, but yester- day he returned and tried to engage her. He was not permitted to stay, however. Shortly before noon yesterday he appeared at the lodging house and when he was again refused a room drew a revolver and shot Mrs. Pottaq through the left temple. He then placed the gun against his own head and blew out his brains.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Edmonton, Feb. 18.—The university senate has approved of plans for a Methodist theological college to be erected this year on the university grounds. The college will cost \$100,000, and accommodate 100 students. It will be occupied by October 1st.
ARCHER BAKER'S ESTATE.
London, Feb. 18.—The will of the late Archer Baker, who was the European manager for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, shows that he left a fortune of £12,332.

MUNICIPAL ACT AMENDMENTS

VICTORIA BENEFITS BY SEVERAL OF THEM

Fencing of Vacant Lots—Street Encroachments—Boulevard Maintenance

An amending bill which the attorney-general introduced proposes to make several additions to the Municipal Clauses Act which have been asked for by the provincial municipali- ties.
Power is to be given to enter on any lands injuriously affected by the exer- cise of any corporate powers in order to give authority for the construction, maintenance or repair, in mitigation of injury done or apprehended, or in re- duction of damages.

The boulevard sub-section is amend- ed giving authority to maintain them in proper order and condition "by means of special annual rates for the estimated or actual cost of such main- tenance, and for preventing and pro- hibiting trespass upon or injury to the same."
Power is given in cities to pass by- laws compelling the fencing of un- fenced lands in any specified street or district, to regulate the height and material of such fences, and to pre- vent their use for advertising purposes. In view of the establishment of ju- venile courts and detention homes, au- thority is given to pass necessary by- laws.

A difficulty which has been frequent- ly met in Victoria in the last couple of years especially will be met by the amendment of the sections dealing with the removal of unsanitary build- ings and street encroachments. A council may by resolution or by-law declare any building, drain, ditch, sur- face water or any matter on private lands, streets or roads, or in or about any building or structure, a nuisance, and order its removal or abatement. In such cases the cost of the work or the order as may be determined upon. Publication of the order for five days in any daily paper shall be good and sufficient service upon the owner or his agent, and in case of default the council may order that the work be done by the city's servants at the owner's expense.

Proceedings for the removal of street encroachments may be taken in a summary way, as follows: Council may serve notice on the person in occu- pation of any land belonging to a street, highway or public place, of its intention to enter upon the land, and the same within a time to be fixed, and in the event of his failure to comply with the notice the council may apply to a judge for a declaration that the mun- icipal corporation is entitled to remove the order as may be determined upon. Publication of the order for five days in any daily paper shall be good and sufficient service upon the owner or his agent, and in case of default the council may order that the work be done by the city's servants at the owner's expense.

ISLAND OF CRETE SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

New Westminster, Feb. 17.—The city council at its last meeting spent \$11,673.87 in about ten minutes. The money was distributed as follows: Fire, \$123.55; health, \$12.45; board of works, \$1,855.40; street sweeper, \$1,485.40; board of works, \$1,200.75; parks, \$1,715; library, \$250; police, \$83.30; finance for schools, \$569.48; finance, \$1,456.95; water, \$1,005.67; light, \$5,097.80; market, \$7.50.

It was declared to instruct the city assessment commissioner to charge a fee of twenty-five cents for every time he made a search of property for real estate dealers and others.
Mayor Lee suggested that the real estate dealers in the city who had no office and paid no rent should be compelled to pay a license. The finance committee will look after it.
Mayor Lee reminded the aldermen that they should get their estimates for the year's expenditures in as soon as possible, as it was essential to know how much would be left for the ordi- nary expenses.

SIX PERSONS ARE CRUSHED TO DEATH BY FALLING BUILDINGS

Crete, Feb. 18.—Crete was shaken by a severe earthquake to-day. Many buildings were damaged. Although no loss of life was reported here, six bodies have been taken from wrecked buildings in the city of Va- ripo, where the shock is believed to have been the most severe. Reports from the interior indicate that the quake was the heaviest that has visited the islands in years. Ir- reparable damage was done here when the tower of the famous mosque was damaged. The inhabitants of Canca were thrown into a panic.

LIKE LIVERPOOL

Number of Vessels In and Around Outer Dock This Morning.
The outer dock looked very busy this morning about 8:30, when the Em- press of China was tying up. At the same time the steamer Londale was tied up on the other side, the schooner Manilla was being towed out by the tug Lorne, and the steamer Tees was also passing out of the harbor on way to Esquimaux. It was remarked by several people that the place looked like Liverpool.
NEW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
Edmonton, Feb. 18.—The university senate has approved of plans for a Methodist theological college to be erected this year on the university grounds. The college will cost \$100,000, and accommodate 100 students. It will be occupied by October 1st.

STEPHEN JONES WEDS IN LOS ANGELES

Popular Victorian United in Marriage in Southern California

On Wednesday afternoon last at Los Angeles, Cal., Stephen Jones, prop- rietor of the Dominion hotel in this city, was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Eliza Thompson, of Ontario. The bride resided here for some time and possesses many friends in Victoria. Some weeks ago she left on a visit to her friends in Ontario, and thence she proceeded to California, where the wedding has just been cele- brated.
Mr. and Mrs. Jones will not return to Victoria for several months, the honey- moon trip including an extensive tour of Europe.
The wide circle of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be glad to welcome them back to Victoria.

LONG SEARCH FOR MISSING CARRIER

Tees Brought Word of Efforts of Nels Jensen to Find Son

Steamer Tees, Captain Gillam, ar- rived from the West Coast Thursday, and this morning was taken around to Esquimaux, where she will be over- hauled, the steamer Amur taking her run to Holberg leaving here on Sun- day night or as soon as she arrives.
The steamer brought a cargo of oil and fertilizer and a large number of passengers, including F. M. Kelly, who has been to Quatsino and who reports heavy snows in that district. There were also on the steamer from Winter Harbor to Quatsino N. J. Jensen, father of Lars Jensen, who was sup- posed to have been drowned in the neighborhood of San Josef Bay. When the news arrived at Quatsino that the boat had left, but that the mast had not arrived, old Nels Jensen set out to look for his son. With a neighbor, S. Kenyon, he tramped along the shore a distance of 25 miles looking for traces of the lost boat and of the occupants. In the neighborhood of Topknot Point the blankets were found and part of the engine house. They went on as far as Winter Harbor, but nothing was known of the boat there, except that she left there and that a gale sprang up very soon afterwards. There was a good deal of comment on the tramp made by the old man, Jensen. While the distance direct is about 25 miles, it is estimated that they walked 50 miles over a bold rocky coast.
The sloop had been purchased re- cently by Nels Jensen from H. Peter- son, who formerly carried the mail. She was built at Cape Scott and was named after that place. This is the first accident which has happened to a boat known to have been seen of the district Susie M. Plummer, and it is thought that she must have drifted past San Josef Bay, and is now in Queen Charlotte Sound.
No sign of the missing boat has been seen, and had she broken up her timbers would be picked up along the coast.

MUDLARK OPERATING IN UPPER HARBOR

The hum of the dredger Mudlark's engines are again to be heard on the waters of the upper harbor. After being thoroughly overhauled under the supervision of Supt. of Dredges Bay- field, Capt. Brown and Engineer Grant, the dredger is again tearing up the mud in the upper harbor and taking it out into the straits. Since lying up in December the Mudlark has been under extensive repairs. The hull has been strengthened, as strong as wood and iron could make it, and the engine has been practically renewed. The plant is in first-class condition, the government having spared no ex- pense in putting the plant second to none in British Columbia, and in future the term "old Mudlark" is a mis- nomer.
At present she is working in the upper harbor under Capt. Thos. H. Brown, and is being operated by the engines and First Officer Ahorn in charge of the crane.
After finishing deepening in front of the wharf, the dredge will still work in the upper harbor, deepening from point of commencement in the west spratt's old wharf down towards the railroad bridge to the depth of 20 feet low water. This will take con- siderable time. The depth at present is from ten feet to 15 feet on the In- dian reserve side. When completed the upper basin will contain greater depth of water than in the inner har- bor. This has been done at present to allow ships to discharge or load cargo at any stage of the tide, as had been mentioned before. The water now has been deepened to 25 feet low water in the vicinity of Sawmills, and in fu- ture the term "old Mudlark" is a mis- nomer.

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The fire leaped from one building to the other with amazing rapidity, all of the structures being razed for about half an hour, the celestials throwing all their goods into the streets. All the brigades in the city are fighting the fire.

THE ROSS RIFLE.

London, Feb. 18.—It is understood numerous inquiries have been received by the National Rifle Association ask- ing if the Ross rifle may be used at the forthcoming Bland meeting. To all in- quiring the reply made is that the rifle has not yet been submitted to the com- mittee.
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OUTLOOK WAS NEVER BRIGHTER

CANADIAN BANK PRESIDENT OPTIMISTIC

Montreal, Feb. 19.—Before leaving Toronto B. E. Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who was in the city attending a meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association, said the outlook for business had never been better in the Dominion.
Being asked what he thought of the guarantee system adopted by the gov- ernments of new western provinces in aiding new railways, Mr. Walker re- flected that they would be safe as long as they confined themselves to assist- ing good railways, danger only pre- senting itself when wilder projects came to the fore for government as- sistance. He believed, however, that the roads at present aided or about to be assisted by the governments of Al- berta and Saskatchewan were neces- sary for the development of those prov- inces.
As some one had suggested that if the western country continued to grow during the next five years as it had done in the past, banking accommoda- tions would not be sufficient to cope with the requirements of the business conditions, Mr. Walker was asked what he thought about the contention. He stated that he advocated not only additional expansion of banking accom- modation, but additional banks as well. The number of banks, he declared, did not make any difference but the ques- tion was, would we be able to borrow the necessary money abroad to keep up with our business requirements? That was the question. However, the coun- try was in the shape, the credit of the Dominion was first class, and with a good crop this year he did not appreh- end any difficulty.

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ONE PRESSING CIVIC PROBLEM HOW BEST TO IMPROVE THE STAFF

Bylaws Regulating Appointments an Obstacle in the Way

That the question of improving the outside staff in the employ of the city is engaging the serious attention of the mayor and aldermen was made manifest during the proceedings at Friday's meeting of the streets committee.

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IN MEMORY OF PAARDEBERG HEROES Drum Head Service in the Drill Hall a Week From Sunday

On Sunday, February 27th there will be a drum-head service held in the drill hall to commemorate the battle of Paardeberg and to show respect to the memory of the Canadians who fell there.

The regiment will parade at headquarters on Sunday, the 17th inst., at 10 a. m., for the purpose of attending a drum head service in connection with other corps.

The following extract from G. O. is published for general information: "Fifth British Columbia Regiment—Paymaster and Honorary Captain, J. K. Worstell is permitted to resign his commission, December 23, 1909."

PIONEER OF COMOX DIED HERE FRIDAY William E. Harnston Passed Away After Short Illness at Daughter's Home

There passed away Friday afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, G. W. Brugg, William Edward Harnston, of Comox, after a short illness. Deceased, who was a well known rancher in the Comox district, was spending the winter in this city with his daughter, Mrs. Brugg.

He was born on the Isle of Man 52 years ago. The late Mr. Harnston was a pioneer of the Comox district and during his long residence there made many friends who will learn the details of his death in this city with sad regrets.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR CHILLIWACK Superior Funds Promised to Warrant Immediate Action

Chilliwack, Feb. 18. — With nearly \$5,000 in sight, the gift of an acre of land for a site, and the promise of articles of furniture, merchandise, etc., to help furnish the building, the executive in charge of the Chilliwack hospital feel themselves almost warranted in taking the first steps towards the erection of the building.

CRUISER'S CREW QUARANTINED Fort Townsend, Wash., Feb. 19.—One hundred and fifty of the crew of the cruiser Washington are isolated on the dismantled ship Inroquois, used in the early days as a quarantine craft here.

TWO PERISH IN FIRE Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 19.—Two men are dead, three are seriously injured and a score more are painfully bruised, as the result of a fire which broke out in the big plant of the Gunney-Tilden company, stove manufacturers.

SHOOTS MAN THEN SURRENDERS TO POLICE Son of Member of Manitoba Legislature Wounded by a Young Woman

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Fred Carroll, son of A. H. Carroll, member of the local legislature for South Brandon, was shot and seriously wounded last night by Lottie McCulloch, a young woman who had been a domestic in his father's house.

HEAVY CARGO ON PACIFIC LINER EMPRESS ARRIVED EARLY FRIDAY MORNING Steamer Was Out of Communication With Shore But One Day

With a valuable cargo but a light list of passengers the steamer Empress of Japan arrived from the Orient Friday. She brought 2,200 bales of silk, the value of which is estimated at \$746,820, but which will bring a much larger sum than that when it arrives in Europe.

DO NOT WANT ODD LENGTHS IN LUMBER Proposal is Rejected by the Western Retail Dealers' Association

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—A striking evidence of the evolution of the lumber trade, which touches the public very directly, is shown in the closing hours of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Convention.

The problem was advanced by representatives of the Mountain Association as the great economic feature which must in future regulate traffic in Western Canada as well as the Western States.

As an evidence of the hostile feelings entertained by the retailers to this trade innovation, the resolution against the factory men putting the odd and short lengths idea into force was unanimously endorsed.

SOCGER GAMES IN OLD COUNTRY Third Round for English Cup—Results of the League Matches

London, Feb. 19.—The most surprising feature of the third round of the football cup this afternoon was the defeat of Tottenham Hotspur, a first division club, by Swindon, of the southern league, thus disappointing the hopes of Londoners that the Spurs would fight their way into the semi-finals at least.

JUDGES ACCUSED OF PROTECTING CRIMINALS San Francisco Grand Jury Reports on the Police Court Methods

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 19.—Criticism of the local police courts as nesting places of crime is contained in the final report of the Scott grand jury published to-day.

PRIZES FOR KENNEL SHOW NEXT MONTH Partial List of Cups, Etc., to Be Competed

The Victoria City Kennel Club dog show to be held on March 9th, 10th and 11th promises to bring together a fine collection of canines, and a number of prizes and letters and pointers have been secured.

IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA IS GROWING Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Immigration for January totalled 8,883, as compared with 4,082 last year, an increase of 82 per cent.

LABOR TEMPERE Suggested Plans Are Under Discussion by Committee.

The canvassing committee of the Labor Temple Association Friday night reported to the members at the meeting held in the hall, Douglas street. In the discussion which followed the general opinion was that a building is needed to provide rooms for the different unions to hold their meetings and also to provide facilities for entertainment of a varied character for members of the association.

ORIENTALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOUSE ASKED TO VOTE POWER OF EXCLUSION Member for Nanaimo Hints at Possible Trouble in the Coal City

The presence of Oriental children in school with white lads and lassies was condemned by J. H. Hawthornthwaite in a speech which he made in the House this afternoon, supporting a motion which he made for the addition to the Public Schools Act of a section empowering school boards to refuse admission to pupils on racial grounds.

It was intimated by the member for Nanaimo that if the government did not do something in the way of providing separate schools for these children, removing the white children from contact with them, the men of the coal city would do something—just what was left to the imagination, but was understood to imply something not very pleasant for the offending classes.

Mr. Speller in reply made a most earnest address, in which he urged all to keep in touch with the Divine will and by strong faith in God overcome all obstacles. He spoke with enthusiasm regarding Victoria, and said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his stay in the city.

FISH NETS WILL BE CONFISCATED The Chief of Police and S. Perry Mills in Altercation

At the close of the city police court business on Saturday the Marco Colitz case was completed. Colitz was found guilty of infringements of the Dominion fishing regulation and was fined \$25 with \$8.50 costs.

RUMORED MUTINY OF GREEK FLEET Ships Reported to Have Steam- ed to Sea to Avoid Being Disarmed

Constantinople, Feb. 19.—King George of Greece to-day signed a decree recalling all Greek diplomatic representatives in foreign ports with the exception of this city and Washington.

BELIEVES MISSING MEN ARE SAFE Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19.—Captain Hunter, of the steamer Farallon, which is a wreck in Ilamna Bay, Alaska, said to-day he had no fears for the safety of the six men who left the ship in an open boat the day she was wrecked.

FAREWELL SOCIAL TO REV. H. C. SPELLER Presentations Made to Baptist Pastor Who is Leaving the City

After five months as acting pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. H. C. Speller leaves on Monday morning for Moose Jaw, Sask., his former home. The congregation met last night in a social way to bid farewell to Mr. Speller and to assure him of their good wishes for the future and gratitude for the work he has accomplished during his stay in Victoria.

Dr. Wm. Russell occupied the chair. Songs were sung by Miss Freeman and R. Pomfret, and a duet by Mrs. Clyde and Mrs. Spofford. On behalf of the choir Mrs. Clyde read a letter of thanks to Mr. Speller and presented him with a gold mounted fountain pen.

The ladies of the congregation served refreshments, and the evening was spent in social enjoyment. To-morrow evening Mr. Speller will preach his last sermon to the congregation, and indications are that there will be a crowded house to hear his message.

CAMERON LAKE FOREST RESERVE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY COMMITTEE Natural History Society Has Taken Question Up Quite Fully

The committee of the Natural History Society appointed at the last meeting to discuss the question of a forest reserve in the Cameron Lake district with the board of trade, met at a committee of that body yesterday afternoon, when the facts were fully entered into and it was demonstrated that the area in question was well suited to be reserved as a national park, not only as a forest reserve but as a game sanctuary, and including as the area in question does, some of the finest specimens of our native timber trees, to say nothing of the many other scenic beauties, and would therefore be of national importance and be the means of attracting visitors from all quarters of the globe.

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The committee of the Natural History Society appointed at the last meeting to discuss the question of a reserve in the Cameron Lake district with the board of trade, met a committee of that body yesterday afternoon, when the facts were fully referred into and it was demonstrated a reserve such as is contemplated would be in the nature of a national park, not only as a forest reserve but game sanctuary, and including a large area in question does, some of the specimens of our native timber are to say nothing of the many other beauties, and would therefore be of national importance and be the means of attracting visitors from all parts of the globe.

BRIEF LOCALS

Fred Howlett, who recently cut his hair with an axe, is at present in the Joseph's hospital undergoing treatment. It may be found necessary to move the leg.

The death occurred Friday at the aged women's home of Mrs. W. W. was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and was an inmate of the home for several years.

The regular meeting of the men's Auxiliary Society, Provincial Jubilee hospital, will take place Tuesday next, the 22nd inst, at 2:30 p.m., in the auxiliary room under the Amberton chapel at the hospital.

J. A. Mara has returned from Greenwood, where in company with J. Senkler, of Vancouver, and John Innes, of Grand Forks, forming a syndicate, they attempted a settlement of the differences between the Western Federation of Miners and B. C. Copper Company. The members of the board failed to reach a unanimous conclusion.

The private bills committee of the legislature will on Tuesday next take the bill granting certain rights to the municipality of Oak Bay. No further attempt will be made by Oak Bay to get the City Council of Victoria to ally the water agreement with the neighboring municipality, and it is assumed that the Legislature will pass a bill which will enable the corporation of Oak Bay to proceed with the work of laying water pipes through the streets of Victoria.

News has reached the city of the death in Hong Kong on January 23rd of Lin Dat, a wealthy Chinese resident of this city. Deceased, who had here for many years, and who was favorably known to the business community, owned the rice mills, ores, wood yards and brick yards and employed a large number of men. He was the only surviving son of a resident of Victoria, Lim Yat, who resided away here some time ago, and was son of deceased.

At Thursday's meeting of the City Council a petition from the members of the fire department was received asking for an increase in pay. was referred to the finance committee. Accompanying the petition was a letter from Chief Davis in which he urged the necessity of the staff to be maintained at its present satisfactory state of efficiency. The cost of living was also an important factor in the case.

The application which is before the department of lands for a lease of 300 acres of tide flat land on the foreshore of Stewart townsite, at the head of Portland Canal, is meeting with opposition from railway companies which are desirous to have access to the water rights which W. Devine asks a lease to comprise the foreshore which gives the only right-of-way to deep water and cover half a mile of shore. The lease to be made to Mackenzie Stewart. It is understood that the railway arrangements will be made to give all companies access to tide-water.

The programme for the Scotch concert to be given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church school on Tuesday evening, February 22nd, commencing at 8:15, is as follows: Violin solo, Scott's; James Corlie; song, "Come ye Saints"; Charles; "Bonnie Sweetie"; song, "The Lea Rig"; Mr. Findlay; song, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton"; song, "The Wind"; Miss Jessie McKillop; song, "My Antrim"; Mrs. Allan; song, "Do you Mind Lang Syne"; Mrs. W. A. Johnson; song, "Mary of Argyll"; song, "Bonnie Sweetie"; Mrs. D. C. Reid; song, "The Scottish Blue Bells"; Mrs. G. J. Burnett; Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

MUST NOT LOSE THEIR VENISON VANCOUVERITES ARE PROTECTED BY BOWSER

Attorney-General Defers to the Popular Feeling—Second Reading of Liquor Bill

The debate on the new liquor act was held this afternoon, when W. H. Bowser, M.P., and C. E. Tisdall spoke. The bill was taken up in committee next week. Several more clauses of the Companies' Act were passed and the game Protection Act amendments were reported from committee. In the discussion of the latter was brought out another of the instances in which Victoria is placed at a disadvantage as compared with Vancouver. It is, of course, well known to lovers of a bit of venison who happen to live in the capital and on the island that it is impossible to forget the venison which is generally known that the people of Vancouver and the mainland as a whole can buy all they desire during the season. There are a great many persons who do not know anyone who will make them a gift of a portion, and so are forced to do without a treat which the residents of Vancouver are not shut out from. The member for Nanaimo to have the law made uniform by extending the prohibition of sale to the entire province, but the attorney-general, senior member for Vancouver, could not be induced to deprive his constituents of their venison. He defended the difference in the regulations by saying that deer is plentiful on the mainland and scarce in Vancouver, where the loss of both would not be popular, the attorney-general says.

The Liquor Act. Resuming the debate on the liquor act, W. H. Hayward (Covchian), referred to his utterances last year, when he said he believed that it would be very much better to regulate the liquor trade which then appeared to be a local option on the country. He was still of the same opinion and he was exceedingly glad to see an act brought in which carried out the views he had expressed very fully. He was in a more drastic fashion than he suggested. He could not let the occasion pass, he said, without disagreeing with the result of the bill. He thought that this was only the commencement of the uphill climb to prohibition. He would be strongly opposed to voting for the bill if he thought it was the best way to get the liquor trade regulated. He was a poor policy to try to make people sober by act of parliament any more than to try to make them religious. This part he believed to be impossible. It was a fact and he hoped the day would be far away indeed when this province would agree to federal legislation.

The fact that this bill was to be passed in the actions of certain religious parties trying to close the post offices throughout the country on Sunday, was a very great inconvenience to thousands of citizens. He was in favor of legislation which would always be made to that proposed by federalists. He had had an opportunity of living for a time in a state (Virginia), where they had a law which prohibited the sale of liquor on the fact that secret drinking, as it was to be seen there, was vastly worse than anything to be seen here. One of the reasons for the prohibition was to get all the liquor they wanted and to get all the people acting as parasites on the community by supplying liquor at that exorbitant price.

But while opposed to prohibition, Mr. Hayward went on to say, he could not congratulate the House on the introduction of the bill, which would lead to better regulation of the traffic. One section of the bill provided for the suspension of liquor. Anyone who had been in the mining camps, was aware of the large amount of liquor that was supplied of a sort that should never be drunk by anyone. The same thing applied to the home, too. He was pleased, therefore, to see that provision which would be compelled to sell honest liquor.

It was a right move, also, to insist on the closing of the shops on Sunday. It was done in the towns and cities with good effect and there was no reason why it should not be done throughout the country. The general feeling of citizens was for the uplifting of the hotel and liquor business; there was not a shadow of doubt in his mind that he would have this effect. In the present placing wide powers in the hands of the police officers, however, the attorney-general would have to be exceedingly careful as to the men to whom these powers were entrusted.

While the closing of the shops was in charge of the work as head of the provincial police it was certain that all things would have to be carefully administered by Sup't. Hussey's successors.

C. E. Tisdall (Vancouver) expressed approval of the principle in the bill and congratulated the government on the introduction of a bill which would have public endorsement and public support in its administration. The bill was then given its second reading. Sale of Venison. The committee on the Game Protection Act amendments, J. H. Hawthorn, moved to add a new section to the bill, the object of extending the sale of deer, dead or alive, and stands in Vancouver Island, or the adjacent thereto. The member for Nanaimo said the prohibition had been very effective in protecting the deer on the island and leading to their increase, and ought to be extended to the whole province.

GERMAN PROGRESS IN FAR CHINA REPORTS PLEASE COLONIAL OFFICE

Teuton Thoroughness Being Adopted by the Orientals

(By Herbert A. White, Berlin Correspondent of the United Press.) Berlin, Feb. 18.—Reports just received of the progress made in Germany's Chinese possessions are such that the colonial office regards the showing as a great triumph for this department. At Kiao-Chow not only has German trade and credit gone ahead, but the personal ascendancy of the Germans there seems to have vastly increased. During the year ending October, 1909, the total value of trade increased from \$48,704,985 to \$46,013,377, or over 36 per cent. Revenue receipts have also increased to the extent of 37 per cent. The expenses this year will be met by the income.

Frivolous Prospects. Provisions devised to prevent frivolous prospects were discussed in committee on the Companies Act consolidation bill, H. H. Watson (Vancouver) in the chair. Section 22 of the act provides that every person who is a director at the time of the issue of a prospectus, every person named in it as having agreed to become a director, either immediately or after a lapse of time, every promoter of the company and every person who has authorized the issue of the prospectus, shall be liable to pay compensation to all persons who subscribe for shares or debentures on the faith of the prospectus for any damage they may sustain by reason of any untrue statement therein. In any person named in a prospectus as a director of a company without or against his consent shall be indemnified by the directors and promoters against any damages, costs or expenses he may be put to.

Parliamentary referred to the case of several oil companies which had been using as opinions of Dr. G. M. Dawson, of the geological survey of Canada, statements which he had never made. Directors should be held responsible for the substantial truth of everything in a prospectus.

The attorney-general said the section was made as stringent as was possible, based on the English act, and was far stronger than had ever been in force in the province. The Placer Mining Act amending bill and the bill extending the operations of the Noxious Weeds Act to the entire province were read a third time. H. C. Brewster asked the following questions: 1. Was Charles Tupper Harvey appointed fire warden, or deputy, fire warden, in Alberni district during the season of 1909? 2. If so, at what salary? And what was the amount paid him? 3. Was Charles Tupper Harvey held any other appointment in Alberni district during 1909? 4. If so, what remuneration did he receive? Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, replied: 1. Appointed assistant fire warden. Salary, \$200 per annum. 2. No. 3. His services terminated the end of September, 1909. 4. Yes, the appointment of road foreman. \$23 per day when employed.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL BEFORE COMMITTEE Further Evidence is Given in Support of the Measure

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—When the committee on the anti-race track gambling bill met yesterday a letter was read from E. C. Drury, president of the Terminal Grange, in which he said that he, as a farmer, was convinced that race track betting was no help to the horse industry. J. E. Smith, of Copper, Smith & Co., Toronto, in evidence said that after a study of horses all his life, book-making had nothing to do with either horse racing or horse breeding. Racine did not depend upon bookmaking and racing a horse did not make him a better sire. None of the prominent racers or breeders he knew depended upon bookmaking. To take away horse racing from the control of breeders and men who raced for sport and place it in the hands of commercial men, who ran meetings only for gain, would ruin the sport. The present owners acquired the track for \$80,000, and to-day the value of it as a going concern was \$150,000.

FALL TO DEATH. —Newton, Kan., Feb. 18.—Tipped out of an overturned mine bucket, two laborers in the Taylor mine, of the New River Zinc Company here, fell the other day. The bucket, which was eight hundred feet to the bottom of the shaft, yesterday, and were dashed to death. It is not known what caused the bucket to overturn.

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COUNCIL DEBATES STAFF CHANGES WORRY OVER POLICY OF APPOINTMENTS

Believed That New City Engineer Will Be Given a Free Hand

(From Friday's Daily.) The question of how to improve the personnel of the staff in the city's employ was debated at last evening's meeting of the City Council. Mayor Morley made the announcement that the stock-taking which had been in hand for some time had been completed and it would be reported to the council. In his opinion, now he was to be appointed, he would be wise to appoint a new staff. In regard to the question of the reorganization of the staff, his worship's opinion was that until the "deadwood" is cleared away only those whose efficiency has been proved are retained, the city will never be able to do its work in the most economical manner and compete with contrast labor. He favored the policy in future when positions are to be filled, of leaving the selection of the man to the head of the department under which the appointee is to work.

MOB TRIES TO STORM JAIL ONE MAN KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED

State Militia Called Out to Prevent the Lynching of Negroes (Times Leased Wire.) Cairo, Ill., Feb. 18.—A mob of four hundred men seeking the death of John Pratt and Lincoln Wilson, negroes, accused of pure snatching, was dispersed to-day by a sheriff's posse after the deputies had shot and killed Alexander Halliday and wounded four other men. The company of state militia arrived here to-day and order has been restored. Prompt action by the men under Sheriff G. Nellis prevented the destruction of the jail and the lynching of the negro prisoners. The sheriff first learned last night that there was some talk of an attempt to take the prisoners from the jail and lynch them. Nellis then got word to Governor Deeney by telephone of the rumored plans of attack and asked the governor to send the troops. Under cover of the early morning darkness a crowd of men gathered. Nellis, after barricading the doors of the building, stepped to a window and commanded the mob to disperse. His demand was met with jeers and taunts. Stones and pieces of ice were sent hurling against the building, and Nellis then gave his men an order to fire above the riotous beslegers. The first volley, in the nature of a warning, failed to stop the disorder. Then the men became more impatient to finish the work they had set out to do. Revolvers were drawn and a rush was made toward the jail. This time the deputies fired to kill. The rifles rang out and five men dropped to the ground. The mob panic-stricken, broke and ran for shelter. One man was killed, while four others were wounded. Sam Westlager, one of the wounded men, will die. George B. Walker and Horton Crehan, by-standers, were struck by stray bullets while watching the riot. For a time it was thought the mob would form again, and the thirteen deputies of Nellis were kept out duty. Shortly after daybreak Company D of the Illinois infantry at Cairo was placed at the disposal of the sheriff, who also swore in twenty extra deputies. Friends of the dead man and of those injured are threatening vengeance and bitterly assailing Nellis for his order to "shoot to kill."

CONVICTED OF SWINDLING WORKING WOMEN Man Who Secured \$13,000 From Victim Now Awaits Sentence

(Times Leased Wire.) Denver, Feb. 18.—J. Howard Cashmere is in jail here to-day awaiting sentence following conviction on charges of having swindled working women out of \$13,000. Cashmere announced that his attorneys would ask for a new trial, if that were denied they would appeal to the Supreme Court. It was alleged that Cashmere's operations netted him more than \$30,000, although the indictment found against him charges but \$13,000 as the swindle. He was convicted of having duped his victims by persuading them to invest in shares of stock in a phytic science publishing company.

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LOCAL OPTION PROTEST MADE

VICTORIA BRANCH'S VIEWS ON NEW LAW

Attorney-General is Advised as to Weakness of the Measure (From Friday's Daily.) Yesterday afternoon on behalf of the local option committee of Victoria, a letter was sent to Hon. W. J. Bowser as the father of the amendments to the Liquor Act. The letter is self-explanatory and reads as follows: The Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General: Sir.—The undersigned committee of the Local Option League of Victoria, and acting for and in behalf of that body, hereby beg leave to offer the following observations concerning the new liquor license act now before the legislature:

We protest with all emphasis against this bill being considered in any way as an answer to the demand of the electors of this province for a local option law. The plebiscite recently held was not asked for by the temperance people, but was taken by the government by its own volition. The conditions under which this vote was taken were in many instances unjust. In some places an insufficient number of local option ballots were supplied. In the liquor business; in others, as for one case at least no ballots whatever were provided, in many instances, notably in Victoria, the ballot boxes were placed in charge of men engaged in the liquor business; in others, as for instance, in Vancouver, no scrutineers were permitted. In many instances there was not an honest and impartial count of the ballots actually cast, which is clearly shown by the fact that a recount of even the so-called spoiled ballots by an impartial government official gave a gain of over 400 votes in favor of local option. The unsatisfactory method of taking this vote is further shown by the fact that some months elapsed between the taking of the votes and the announcement of the result.

Nevertheless, in spite of all these adverse influences, over twenty thousand electors of the province, by a popular majority of nearly four thousand, have demanded the enactment of a local option law. This demand is just and reasonable. It asks that the different municipalities of the province be given the right to regulate their own local affairs according to the wish of the majority—a right that was granted to every county in the Dominion over thirty years ago, by the parliament of Canada. This surely is the right of every community of free-born citizens enjoying self-government. In fourteen constituencies the handicap imposed by the government, unjust and unreasonable as it seems to us, was fully met. Under a local option law these fourteen constituencies, with others, might, if a majority had wished, rid themselves from the evils of open licensed bars. To refuse these places this right because certain other places failed to meet your requirements seems to us most unjust, while to enact legislation in answer to their demand, which simply shuts up these bars on Sunday and one hour earlier at night, and which protects "prostitutes," "drunkards" and "dissolute persons" from the evil effects of these licensed bars, where a majority of the people do not wish bars at all, is certainly not calculated to satisfy the wishes of an intelligent people. We submit that it is not "prostitutes" or "drunkards" whom we wish first to save, as the lives of these have already been wrecked by liquor. Our first thought is for the young, the pure and the innocent whom we wish to save from the temptation of the licensed bar-room, as it is from the ranks of these that the "prostitutes" and "drunkards" are recruited.

We therefore, acting on behalf of the Local Option League of the city of Victoria, beg leave to protest against the passage of this new liquor license act as in any way meeting the demand for a local option law, and we take the liberty of informing you that we shall continue the fight for complete local control of the liquor traffic either by means of federal or provincial legislation, until this has been fully secured. Signed in behalf of the Local Option committee of Victoria. W. A. GLEASON, President. WILLIAM STEVENSON, Secretary. Victoria, February 17, 1910.

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APPOINTMENTS TO PROVINCIAL POSITIONS Many New Companies Are Granted Letters of Incorporation

Several appointments are gazetted this week in the B. C. Gazette. John Carstairs to act as governor's agent, gold commissioner, assessor and water commissioner for the Atlin district during absence of James A. Fraser, government magistrate. William Irvine is the new police magistrate at Nelson, replacing C. M. Macdonald, who resigned to contest that constituency in the Liberal cause at the late election.

Medical health officers appointed are: Dr. James H. Hamilton, for the district of Revelstoke and vicinity; Dr. Rodgerick Gordon, for the district of Field and vicinity. Ernest T. W. Pearce, Kamloops, is to be gold commissioner for the Nicola mining division. Frank Roberts and William Tipler, Highway, and James C. McMillan, Myra, will be fence viewers for Greenwood electoral district.

Authority is given for the organization of a Farmers' Institute at Crawford Bay. The following: B. C. Laundry Co., Ltd., the Burridge Mercantile Co., Ltd., Campbell Cartage Co., Ltd., Campbell & Muir, Ltd., Collingwood Oil Co., Ltd., Cooney Steam Laundry & Dye Works, Ltd., Grand Trunk Terminal Club, Ltd., Kalfida Confection Co., Ltd., Lumber, Ltd., and Lynde of B. C., Ltd.; Lees, Limited, Hawthess, Ellis & Bremner, Ltd.; Mercury Lines, Ltd.; Minnehaha Dairy & Stock Ranch, Ltd.; Morrison-Thompson Hardware Co., Ltd.; Mutual Investment Co., Ltd.; North River Power Co., Ltd.; Northern B. C. Lumber Co., Ltd.; North Shore Real Estate Co., Ltd.; Okanagan Lumber Co., Ltd.; Portland River Mining Co., Ltd.; Provincial Land and Co. of B. C., Ltd.; Radiger & Janion, Ltd.; Salmson Arm Realty Co., Ltd.; Stewart-Portland Canal Power, Light & Water Co., Ltd.; Terminal City Press, Ltd.; Vancouver Texada Lime Co., Ltd.; Victoria Mining & Stock Exchange, Limited; Western Canada Land and Investment Association, Ltd.; W. J. Boyle, Ltd.; Murray-Ripley Co.; and Warren Construction Co., the two latter extra-provincial.

UNIVERSITY SITE RECEIVES ATTENTION Sub-Committee Will Collect Data for Presentation to Commission (From Friday's Daily.) There was a meeting last night of the committee having in hand the question of presenting the claims of Victoria as the site for the provincial university. Speeches were delivered by George Jay, chairman of the school board; H. Dallas Heitcken, John Jarline, M.P.P., J. Stuart Yates, A. B. McNeill, Mrs. (Dr.) Ryan, Reeve Nicholson, of South Saanich; D. Tait, A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P., A. B. Todd, R. L. Drury, Bishop Perrin, Bishop McDonald, H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., H. Behnsen, M.P.P., and M. B. Jackson. Some very valuable suggestions were made and considerable information imparted relative to the question. Bishop McDonald, who is one of the more recent arrivals in Victoria, said in the course of his remarks that he had seemed to have destined Victoria for university city. The bishop was formerly a professor in the university at Antigonish.

A sub-committee was appointed to prepare data to be presented to the commission when it enters on its duties and report back to the general committee. The committee is composed of: Chief Justice Hynes, Rev. W. Leslie Perrin, Bishop McDonald, George Jay, Dr. E. B. Paul, Dr. R. L. Fraser, C. H. Lugin, J. Nelson and J. McGaffey.

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CHICKEN RANCH—7 acres, at the end of Mt. Tolmie car line, all planted in fruit trees, very central, home, brooder house and 2 Cypher brooders, 400 eggs each, modern dwelling and good well. Apply to J. Irvine, Mt. Tolmie P. O.

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TANGLED POLITICS IN BRITAIN

WHAT COURSE WILL ASQUITH TAKE?

The Budget, Reform of the Lords and of Election Law Will Follow

(By Charles P. Stewart, London Correspondent of the United Press)

London, Feb. 21.—When parliament gets fairly down to business to-day it will be up to King Edward and Premier Asquith to deal with the most tangled situation ever known in English politics.

Here is the position: A House of Commons passes a finance bill by the biggest majority recorded. Against all constitutional practice, the House of Lords throws it out. Premier Asquith refers the matter to the electorate. Furthermore, he implicitly declares that he will not accept office again until:

1. The legislative veto of the Lords is removed.
 2. Every vestige of power of interference in finance is similarly removed from the Lords.
- The election takes place. But as in every English general election, thousands of small local matters obscure the great point and every other subject under the sun is talked about rather than the main issue. In this case Asquith's opponents had no wish to fight on his ground. They preferred to fight on their own. Their platform was:

A supreme British navy on the assumption that at present the navy is insufficient.

A reversal of the present policy of free trade.

Class opposition to the Liberal social reform policy.

The House of Lords question was never fairly answered. In every country district the Conservatives swept the board on the matter of protection. Similarly in the great towns the Liberals more than held their ground because of their adherence to free trade. And so the elections finished thus:

Labor, 49.
Conservatives, 273.
Nationalists, 71, following Redmond.
Nationalists, 11, following O'Brien.

This means that Liberals and Conservatives, the two great antagonists, are equal. The balance of power is held by the Laborites and Nationalists. On many matters the Liberals will get their undivided support. Trusting to this they have taken office. But the Laborites and Redmond group can throw them out when they please.

With precarious support of this kind how is Asquith going to carry out drastic reforms? How far can he go? This much is certain. Liberal Redmond's followers and Labor men are united on points that:

1. In administration and finance the elected representatives of the people shall have absolute control.
2. In legislation the final and deliberate will of the people shall prevail.

This is all very well so far as it goes. But it only satisfies the moderate branch of the Liberals. The rest want something far more drastic. They want to see the House of Lords, in its present form, swept away altogether.

This is where King Edward comes in. He does not want a complete end made to the peers. So far back as last April he said to Asquith: "I don't want to be the only hereditary institution left in this country." And just present King Edward holds the key to the situation.

It happens like this: The only way to destroy the House of Lords is by legislation. For this to become law it must be passed by the peers themselves. In fact, the Lords will be asked, more or less politely, to commit political hari-kari.

Disappointing as it may be to the Liberals, the Lords will refuse to do anything of the kind. Then there will be only one way out. Sufficient new peers will have to be created to swamp the present Tory majority in the House of Lords.

It was a threat of this kind that brought the peers to their senses after they had twice rejected the great reform bill of 1832. But that case was different from the present one, the bill had the united support of the country behind it with the exception of a small group of landed aristocrats. Obviously, as a result of the recent election Premier Asquith can hardly go so far as to claim this much for his policy. And so should he go to ask King Edward to take this course the latter might easily refuse.

The King would probably say, "You mean that you have the country behind you. Your party by itself has only a majority of two over the Conservatives. You hold office by the precarious support of the Labor party and the Nationalists, people who might take it into their heads to fire you out any moment. You had better wait until your support is stronger before you start taking drastic steps and completely changing the constitution of England."

It is no longer a secret in Great Britain that King Edward bitterly resented the action of the Lords in throwing out the budget. It is now known that he fiercely resents the manner in which the leaders of the Lords refused to follow his advice and pass the bill. But, despite this, as a constitutional monarch he can scarcely consent to an overwhelming and revolutionary change in a delicately balanced constitution like that of Great Britain, unless there are unmistakable signs of its being desired by the great majority of his people.

He is willing, and has promised Asquith, to see the powers of the Lords curbed and checked. But just now he will have no extreme courses.

On the other hand, Asquith leads a party, which embittered by the fiercest fight ever known, has come back to Westminster determined and pledged to see their hated hereditary enemies swept away. Nationalists and Labor men are of the same view. And so the premier is in this dilemma if he listens to the voice of his followers he will find the King against him; if, on the other hand, he tries to steer the medium course he will be faced with a

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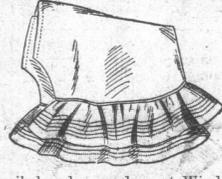
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- NIGHTDRESSES, with hemstitched yokes and embroidery, slightly soiled. Wind up price **\$1.00**
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- NIGHTDRESSES, shoulder, yoke and neck embroidery trimmed, with sleeves. Reg. \$1.75. Wind up price **\$1.00**
- NIGHTDRESSES, high neck, embroidery trimming, with Swiss lace yoke. Wind up price **\$1.50**
- HANDSOME NIGHTDRESSES, embroidered, low neck. Reg. \$2.90. Wind up price **\$1.75**

Wind Up Prices in Drawers

- LADIES' DRAWERS, with 2 tucked flounces, embroidery edges. Reg. price \$1. Wind up price **50c**
 - LADIES' DRAWERS, with heavy lace trimming. Reg. price \$1.50. Wind up price **75c**
- A few pairs of slightly soiled and mused up at Wind up price. 90c. \$1.25. \$1.50 and \$1.75. Reg. values go as high as \$4.00.



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New Costumes arriving daily, more stylish and becoming than ever. The models are really exquisite and with us quite exclusive.

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party revolt that will drive him out of power.

But the Liberals are now asking, "Couldn't Asquith defy King Edward?" The reply is that to some extent he could. It would be by refusing to take office.

It stands to reason that the Tories could not form a government. If they did it would be defeated by the combined forces of the Liberals, Laborites and Nationalists almost before it reached the House of Commons. But if Asquith refused office this would be the only alternative.

But there is this difficulty in the way. Some government has got to take office and pass last year's budget and this year's before the beginning of May. Otherwise finances will be in a state of "confusion worse confounded" and something like state bankruptcy would result.

Asquith's refusal to take office would mean, therefore, an utter deadlock. It would mean another general election and make it impossible to fix up financial matters in time. If Asquith should take this course it would bring its own retribution.

For English people as a whole are a constitution-loving race and hate seeing things upset. Anybody who deliberately stopped the wheels of the machine would be fairly jumped on by the country and his opponents would be sent back to Westminster with an overwhelming majority.

Asquith won't upset his career in this way.

The contest, therefore, will, for the present, end in a sort of compromise, that English people love. The premier will have to persuade his followers that for a short time and a short time only, they must curb their impatience. He must try and do this even though he should fall in the end. It is better for him to bear the antagonism of his immediate followers than that of the nation.

With the aid of the King he will gain for them the absolute and uncontrolled right of the Commons in matters of finance. He will further see that the House of Lords shall not delay the passing of a bill for more than three years. On these two points he knows he can win. But he cannot, for the present, go further.

There will be no ultimatum either to Edward or to the Lords. For the time being the latter are saved. Their powers will be curtailed but they are temporarily secure from summary execution.

The programme then for the forth-

STRIKE RIOTS AT PHILADELPHIA

(Continued from page 1)

In the morning a drizzling rain was falling but although walking was bad, thousands of workmen refused to ride on the cars. Many of the workmen in the Kensington district, the scene of the worst rioting yesterday, were late today. They refused to ride to work and considered the distance too far to walk.

The company made no attempt to operate the cars during the night but continued its efforts to preparing for service to-day.

Scores of strikebreakers were brought into the city and lodged at the various car barns under the protection of special police. The enlistment of three thousand specials was considered by National Organizer Pratt of the platform men as an indication of weakness by the company and a tacit admission that the company was "licked."

Notwithstanding this, the leading members of the labor council have been considering a call for a general strike of all union men in Philadelphia as soon as it may become apparent that the union platform men would lose. From the intimations of the union leaders it is probable that a general strike may follow if the street car men are successful.

The labor leaders here consider that a vital principle of unionism is at stake. The present strike of the street car men was called by National Organizer Pratt following the dismissal by the Rapid Transit Company of several of its employees actively identified with union work. The leaders hold that the transit company discharged the men for their activity in union circles.

Pratt, with the authority of the leaders, considered this an unreasonable cause for dismissal and on the company's refusal to return the men to work called a strike.

As a result of rioting yesterday and last night, twenty policemen and thirty citizens are in hospitals and more than one hundred citizens were placed under arrest. The rioters burned 20 cars and attacked the head offices of the transit company.

A MOTHER'S PRAISE FOR BABY'S OWN TABLETS

There are thousands of mothers throughout Canada who have no hesitations in saying that the good health enjoyed by their little ones is entirely due to the judicious use of Baby's Own Tablets. And there are many mothers who do not hesitate to say that at a critical period Baby's Own Tablets have saved a baby's life. Such a medicine should always be kept in every home. Mrs. J. A. Porter, Paquetville, N. B., says: "We give Baby's Own Tablets all the credit for keeping our little one well. They are an excellent medicine for children." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

—Percy Richardson, of the Army and Navy cigar store, at the corner of Government and Bastion streets, has secured a lease on the premises now occupied by M. and H. A. Fox. It is Mr. Richardson's intention to enlarge the present cigar store to take in the adjoining building. Messrs. Fox are taking up new quarters in the new Hibben's block.

MORE SILK FOUND ON STEAMER SUVERIC

Valuable Fabric Stowed Behind Partitions in Crew's Quarters

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 19.—Silk goods, consisting of bolt dress patterns, embroidered waist patterns and other finery, were added to another pile of silks and 12 pounds of opium to-day at the customs office all of which was found hidden away on the Weir liner Suveric here.

The new assortment of silks was discovered by inspectors behind the partitions in the crew's quarters. The other lot was discovered stowed in sacks of rice. All will be sold at auction by the government.

The meeting of the milkmen of Saanich, which was to have been held on Thursday, has been postponed until Saturday evening, February 26th. It will commence at 8 o'clock in the agricultural hall at Saanichton. Owing to the inclemency of the weather it was decided to take this step as many of the farmers who wished to attend would not be able to owing to the long drive before reaching the meeting place. All the milk and cream producers of the district are invited to attend. The ladies will furnish refreshments, which will be served at the close.

FORM NO. 11, LAND ACT.
FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
Take notice that Murray C. Paris of Cranford, Island, occupation, farmer, intends to apply for permission to enclose the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the shore near the westerly end of Public Bay, Call Creek, thence running easterly 30 chains along shore line, thence to point of commencement. Located Nov. 26th, 1909.
MURRAY CLARKE POTTS.
December 20th, 1909.

FORM NO. 11, LAND ACT.
FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
Take notice that Gilbert Oswald Smith, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Call Creek, about 2 miles westerly from the head of said Call Creek, thence following shore line 100 chains thence southerly 20 chains, thence following shore line 20 chains to point of commencement. Located Nov. 26th, 1909.
GILBERT OSWALD SMITH.
December 20th, 1909.

Fresh Fruits

- RHUBARB, local, per bunch **15c**
- APPLES, Jonathan, 3 lbs. for **25c**
- PINEAPPLES from Honolulu, each **25c**
- BAÑANAS, very choice, per dozen **35c**
- ORANGES, sweet and unfrozen, per dozen **25c**

SPECIAL.
4 lbs. FORD DATES for **25c**

The Family Cash Grocery

CORNER YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS
PHONE 312.

"BIG STICK" W

Business Men of W. with Mayor Morley—All Gam

(From Thursday's D...)
The following letter appeared in the Victoria Times and the Mayor Morley was directed to answer it.
"Immediately after the meeting of the police commission every fan club and lotto club in Chinatown ceased operations. I understood that a simple withdrawal of the police authorities had resulted in obedience to the law. What comes of the old myth that the Chinese are so easily intimidated? In 1907 and previous years the Chinese have met with the same result. It is rumored now that Chinatown is so quiet that the white working men are being prosecuted. Against municipal politics and respectability loving administration can have any effect. Knowledge of such corruption is there is no statute of limitations. I enclose my card so that you can call upon me to see evidence before the grand jury in April next."
"Yes," said his worship, "and I can give you something to do with it. The police had nothing to do with it."

PERISHES FROM THIRST ON D

INDIANS FIND SKELETON OF MISS

Entries in Diary Tell of Deaths When Water Failed

(Times Leased Wire)
San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 21.—A diary of how he died of ten on the sun scorched diary found beside the skeleton, a young Norwegian, Amargosa desert, and brought to light by Charles Lee, an Indian.

The mysterious disappearance of a young Norwegian, Amargosa desert, and brought to light by Charles Lee, an Indian. The diary tells how Sumner started last July at the Norwegian consul in Nevada to prospect and had written:

"The first pages are full of his brave spirit. I saw a scant water supply gave dry heat of the desert began to melt. He soon realized the situation. He tried to, however, and for four days without a drop of water. He parched lips and the last entries show his mind and finally his pen merely a wretched scrawl that the product of a delirium."

"I thought I saw a man in Good-bye. If it is not to get to 'Good-bye.' These lines dated are thought to have been written by Sumner left in the desert. Since had evidently realized of his predicament under that date he had written the second day with an 'lost.' Tried all to the ranch but it is no use. The entry of July 21st says that had been bled sun. Hello! If it is not words. 'To friends—N."

A message followed by a letter and illegible. The diary was tucked in pocket of his coat which had placed it so that it was found it might be a book was discovered by a miner, whom the Indian spot where the skeleton was found. The book took the diary. The book it crumpled. By leaves could be pieced together of the opinion that the hot desert floor for months.

The diary and such other identification as possible, will be sent to the western part of the country.

FOR CITY PLAY

Toronto, Feb. 24.—E. J. has donated \$25,000 for ground in the western part