

WHITAKER WRIGHT COMMITTED SUICIDE ENDED HIS LIFE WITH CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM

Court Officials Had Been Warned to Keep Careful Watch Over Their Prisoner.

London, Jan. 26.—The trial of Whitaker Wright ended in a tragedy within an hour of being found guilty and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude...

Whether Wright's death was due to heart disease, following the excitement of the trial, as announced by the doctors, or by poison, as grimly hinted by his friends, is still undecided...

Spending with his hands in his pockets and looking very pale, but not so anxious as during the judge's severe summing up, Wright heard the judge's condemnation and sentence without apparent excitement...

His solicitor, Geo. Lewis, Jr., who was with him at the same time, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "Wright seemed to be stunned by the sentence, but he did not give the slightest indication either before or after his sentence of an intention to take his own life."

"Of course," said Mr. Lewis, "no one can really tell the cause of death until the post-mortem examination."

In summing up Justice Bingham described as singular in the hopelessly thousands of pounds sterling became millions on paper, so far as the Lake View shares were concerned.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against Wright, charged with fraud, on all counts.

Justice Bingham, in passing sentence of seven years' penal servitude, said he could see nothing to excuse the crime of which Wright had been convicted...

The sentence was followed by a commotion in a distant part of the court and the cry of a woman was heard.

According to a court attendant, who was in the ante-room when Wright was stricken, the latter was talking to Solicitor Lewis about his family and giving instructions regarding their future...

Wright's friends say that all along, while he was hopeful of his acquittal, they were certain he would not survive a sentence and would commit suicide.

London, Jan. 27.—The inquest over the remains of Whitaker Wright, who died suddenly yesterday after being sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for fraud...

The tragic event is the one topic of interest. The possibility of the financier's escape from justice by suicide was clearly foreseen by Detective Willis during the voyage.

Towards the conclusion of the trial, and especially during Justice Bingham's trenchant criticism, it became evident that there could be only one verdict, so

THE CORONER HAS ISSUED WARRANTS IN CONNECTION WITH CHICAGO THEATRE FIRE

Several of Accused Already in Custody—Present Grand Jury May Hear Charges.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Although the coroner's jury, which has just rendered a verdict in connection with the Iroquois theatre disaster, did not make any specific charge against the persons held, the implied charge is homicide, as each was held to be responsible in a measure for the death of Iroquois victims...

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Bearing the eight mittimus issued as the result of the inquest into the Iroquois theatre disaster, Coroner Traeger and a number of detectives today left the city hall with authority to arrest Mayor Carter H. Harrison, Manager Will J. Davis and the six lesser city officials and stage employees who were ordered held, to await action of the grand jury.

The first persons taken into custody were William McMullen, operator of the "light" from which the Iroquois fire is said to have started, and James E. Cummings, the stage carpenter at the Iroquois, under whose direction it is alleged the apparatus was constructed...

The mittimus for Mayor Harrison was taken in charge by Coroner Traeger in person. The coroner said: "Mayor Harrison's mittimus will be served some time today. The mayor is ill, and therefore will not be disturbed unnecessarily."

The coroner ordered as the other mittimus were served the accused should be taken to the central police station and held until all had been arrested. The prisoners were then to be taken before a judge to furnish bonds.

Will J. Davis was arrested in bed at his home. His attorney asked that Davis be taken to the sheriff's office, but the arresting officer replied that he could not do so without a warrant.

Bonds Furnished. Chicago, Jan. 26.—Mayor Harrison presented himself at the coroner's office accompanied by his brother and cousin, and former Mayor Hempstead Washburne. The party went to Judge Walker's court where bonds for \$5,000 were furnished.

Fire Marshal Musham was served with a mittimus at his office. A similar course was pursued with City Building Commissioner Williams and Loughlin. In custody of two detectives they walked to the criminal court building, and gave bonds to answer any action by the grand jury.

The stage fireman, Wm. Sellers, was the last of the accused to be taken into custody.

Canadian Notes. Centennial Passes Away at Dominion City—New Supreme Court Judge For Territories.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Jane Gainer died at Dominion City, Manitoba, aged 108. She was the oldest person in the Northwest.

Portage la Prairie, Jan. 26.—The town council has reinstated Chief McDougall, of the police force, and the constables dismissed two weeks ago.

Supreme Court Judge. H. W. Newlands has arrived in Regina from the Yukon to assume the position of judge of the Supreme court of the Northwest Territories.

Smallpox. Macleod, Jan. 26.—A case of smallpox has been discovered in the jail here, Chickie, an Indian, who is doing twelve months, being the victim.

Useful Invention. Berlin, Jan. 27.—A patent has been taken out here for a combination meter calculating machine and automatic press, which is predicted, will render disputes between the consumers of gas, water and electricity and the companies or municipalities supplying them quite unnecessary.

Every Physician Knows. About the great merit of Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut which cleanse the system, cure constipation and piles. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

Sudden Deaths on the Increase. People apparently well and happy to-day, tomorrow are stricken down, and in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred the heart is the cause. The cause of heart troubles, Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, is within reach of all. It relieves in 30 minutes, and cures most chronic cases. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—91.

DISCUSS FINANCES. In Event of War Japan Will Be Able to Raise Money at Home.

Tokio, Jan. 26.—The cabinet and elder statesmen to-day discussed the financial programme in the event of war.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—The exchange of communications between the foreign office, the members of the committee of the Far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio is still going on.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—As the German government understands the present situation the feeling is such at Tokio that a student cause for war no longer exists and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.

London, Jan. 26.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that first reserves resident there have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for active service.

The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that Viceroy Alexieff's illness is graver than had been supposed. Military preparations, the correspondent adds, are only half completed.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard says that 2,000 Chinese were held by the Russians despatched on the Japanese steamer, the leading Japanese journals continue to be sceptical of Russia's pacific intentions and argue that the patching of a hollow peace would prejudice the future rivalry in armaments which would cause a greater strain than a war, whereas a fight to-day would be a preface to many days of peace.

Warsaw says arrangements have been made to call out 80,000 reserves in the Kynkoff and Odessa districts should it become necessary to do so.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—The Liberal returned for North Oxford leads by more than one thousand votes in the Ontario bye-election.

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C. P. R. STEAMERS ARE ALWAYS FULLY EQUIPPED

Captain Troop's Evidence at the Coroner's Inquest—Several Witnesses Are Coming Over From the Sound.

(From Thursday's Daily.) "No C. P. R. vessel leaves this port without its full equipment of life-saving apparatus."

This statement was made by Captain Troop in giving evidence at the inquest on the bodies of the Chalmers victims, which was resumed before Coroner Hart today.

At this morning's inquest two witnesses were examined. Besides Captain Troop, James Wm. Troop, general superintendent of the British Columbia Coast service of the C. P. R. Company, said that on January 8th he had come from Vancouver on the steamer Chalmers in passing Trial Island.

On his arrival E. E. Blackwood came aboard and told witness that the Chalmers had gone on sight in the neighborhood of Trial Island about 3.30.

Witness replied that generally the first officer was in charge of the small boats. In a case of emergency he should expect the master to take the matter in hand and see that there was a proper equipment and full crew before the women and children were placed aboard.

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Simultaneously with the surrender of the mayor to the sheriff application for writ of habeas corpus was made with the above result.

In delivering his opinion, Judge Tutthill said: "I have gone over the testimony of Commissioner Williams and Building Commissioner Harrison, and I can say without hesitation that I find no ground for judgment to show that the mayor was in any respect negligent of any duty imposed upon him by the laws of the city which render him responsible for the loss of life."

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Important Time in Every Girl's Life

Is Between Fifteen and Eighteen Years of Age—And Avoid the Danes of the Arise Duric of the Period.

The mental activity of school life coupled with the terrible strain that must come during these years, taxes the vitality of even the strongest.

At this age often does not understand the physical change she is undergoing. She will in all probability be nervous and puzzled.

She should have the benefit of good motherly advice and a long treatment of Ferrerozine, which will supply new energy to bear her safely past the critical event.

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RALPH SMITH AT COLQUHOUN HALL

SPLENDID MEETING THERE LAST NIGHT

A Resolution Endorsing His Candidature Was Carried Unanimously Amid Enthusiasm.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

One of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings ever held in Colquhoun hall was addressed last night by Ralph Smith, M. P., and a number of others. The hall was crowded to the doors, and all the speakers were accorded flattering receptions. The chair was occupied by John Chandler, and besides Mr. Smith the speakers were George Riley, M. P., Henry Tanner, M. P., P. Thos. Brydon, M. P., J. A. Yates and John Percy, M. P. Mr. Smith spoke for an hour, his address dealing with matters of moment to the people as a whole and to the farmers in particular. The speech was punctuated at intervals by bursts of applause.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS THE CITY COUNCIL

To Discuss Question of More Accommodation for Young Victoria—Want More Buildings.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At the meeting of the city council on Monday a deputation from the school board, consisting of Chairman Jay, Trustees Messrs. Jenkins, Movat, Boggs and Lewis, conferred with the city council on the burning question of more accommodation for the school children in the city, before the board's annual estimate of ordinary and extraordinary expenditures was submitted. The board had been struggling with this question of accommodation for three years. At the school board's buildings had been erected since 1882. The board had been struggling with this question of accommodation for three years. At the school board's buildings had been erected since 1882.

PREPARING FOR SHOWS.

P. K. L. Representatives Held Meeting at Seattle—Amendments to Constitution Discussed.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Delegates representing the different kennel clubs included in the Pacific Coast league, met at Seattle, the other day in order to consider arrangements for the forthcoming spring shows, and to deal with proposed amendments to the constitution of the association. Victoria was represented by J. W. Crighton, president of the local club, and G. E. Duff, one of its most prominent members. These delegates report that the proceedings were most harmonious. It was agreed that the dates already decided upon for the shows in Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle should remain unchanged. There was some difficulty, however, in coming to a decision as to dates for the shows in Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco. The two latter will be held under P. K. L. and A. K. L. auspices respectively, and the "Prisco" show has been arranged for the same date with proposed amendments to the constitution of the association.

BALEFUL EFFECT OF NEW POLICY

NANAIMO COMPANY'S OPERATIONS CRIPPLED

Manager Shows How Outlay Will Be Reduced Through Recent Bill Legislation.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Nanaimo, Jan. 28.—"The small sawmill which we are contemplating building near Nanaimo is not being built, as the result of the new Assessment Act, as the Colonist would try to make it appear in its lengthy editorial on Sunday," said W. E. Wilson, secretary of the British Columbia Logging & Lumber Company, who recently closed up their logging camps at French creek and Comox, throwing over 250 men out of employment, with a financial loss to this city of over \$5,000 a month, as a direct result of the new act. In an interview he said: "You recollect that I told you last May, when we first came to Nanaimo, that it was our intention to erect several small portable sawmills as soon as we had our camps thoroughly opened up in the district, and if everything went well would probably erect a large mill later on. The machinery for one of these mills has been ordered for some time past, in fact long before the new assessment law was thought of. Had we known that the machinery was going to be sprung on us at the time, the order for the mill would have been promptly cancelled and the mill never built. The new law has nothing whatever to do with the building of this mill. It has always been our intention to build a large mill of a capacity of at least 300,000 feet per day, which would have given employment to at least 300 men."

B. & K. Rolled Oats. Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour. \$1.35 Sack. Dixie Brand Pastry Flour. \$1.25 Sack. B. C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb Sack. \$1.00. Morgan's Eastern Oysters. 75c Tin. Dixie H. Ross & Co., CASH GROCERS. The Only Independent Grocers.

ACME MILLS CO. OF PORTLAND, OREGON. Will have one of their famous chefs at our "West End" Store for the next two days, who will give instructions in cooking and display the merits of their delicious Breakfast Food. All are cordially invited. These goods can be had at our stores.

The Saunders' Grocery Co., Ltd. The "West End" Grocery Co., Ltd. JOINED IN MARRIAGE. NOTICE. Mr. Robert Henry Pooley and Miss Laura Loewen Principals of a Happy Event.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DAIRYMEN'S AND LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION. Will be held in the Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, Wednesday, February 2nd, at 2 p. m. for the election of officers and members.

IMMIGRATION ACT. Committee Report It Being Enforced as Well as Could Be Under Circumstances. In the legislature this afternoon W. J. Bowser presented the report of the select committee which inquired into the British Columbia Immigration Act. The report was short and was to the effect that there was no foundation for the charges preferred against the government, and that the act was being enforced as well as could be under the circumstances.

DAUGHTERS OF PITY. Initial Arrangements for the Annual Children's Choral in Aid of Hospital. The Daughters of Pity, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, held their regular meeting in the city hall on Monday, when donations were acknowledged from Mrs. Roche and Miss W. G. Robinson, Miss W. G. Robinson (per T. R. Smith), Messrs. Hall & Co., Fell & Co., Mrs. W. F. Burton, Mrs. Hasell, Miss Dunsmuir, Miss Williston and Miss Fell. Also a gift of twelve yards of Victoria will have telephonic facilities unsurpassed on the coast.

THE TELEPHONE PLANT. Splendid progress is being made in the installation of the new equipment of the Telephone Company in their quarters in the Bank of Montreal building, and it is probable that everything will be in readiness for operation by the middle of next month. When the change occurs Victoria will have telephonic facilities unsurpassed on the coast. The new switchboard is a marvel of mechanism, a model of convenience and time economy. The equipment will be the most modern obtainable, a fact which becomes appreciated without inspection when it is considered that the whole represents an outlay of something like seventy-five thousand dollars. The improvement will commend itself to the public in such a manner that the local system will become extremely popular, and the list of subscribers is bound to increase in consequence.

Foot Elm Makes New Shoes Easy. Foot Elm has given foot comfort to more people than all other foot remedies in Canada. If you suffer from chilblains, bunions or chafing shoes, try Foot Elm, 18 powders, 25c., at druggists or by mail postage free. W. Stott & Jary, Bowmanville, Ont.

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FOUND DEAD. Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 27.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown, of Linbeck, Ia., were found in the bluffs of town yesterday. Mrs. Brown had been shot in the breast, and the bullet failing to take effect her throat had been cut from ear to ear with a razor. Her husband had shot himself in the head and made death certain had swallowed poison.

The couple came here some time ago from Iowa. On failing to arouse them, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, with whom the couple had been stopping for two weeks, entered their room and found the bodies. Mrs. Brown's body was found lying on the floor. The couple had agreed to die together. The left directions as to where the bodies would be found, and following the directions the sheriff succeeded in locating the scene of the tragedy. Mrs. Brown had addressed a letter: Dear Brother: When this reaches you will be no more. I have found a man in Oregon I love better than my husband.

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ever had, which was greeted by laughter even by Conservative members.

Stuart Henderson thought the speech of Mr. Bowser was the best example of wit that had been heard in the legislature.

He had gone from one end of the Dominion to the other seeking "light." He was not surprised that the member became lame over the continued lease of power enjoyed by the Ross government in Ontario.

He knew that the Conservative party was the friend of monopolies, but he never heard before that that party had a monopoly of the honesty and purity in electioneering.

He knew that the opposition side of the House was in a minority. It had quality, but it lacked a little in quantity.

The Assessment Act passed had no other effect but being a tax on the industry of the province. The act was a drag upon the industries of the province.

Not one act had been introduced by the government to show that the conditions of the province were really under control. Had they done anything in the way of opening up the lands of the province.

They had the Grand Trunk Pacific about to be built. Why did they not use the lands on both sides of it so as to derive revenue and not tax men who were now overburdened.

Instead of taking advantage of the natural resources of the country they taxed merchants so as to embarrass them.

The answer given as to the taking up of the debentures showed that the conditions of the country were not so disastrous as represented by the government.

came in getting others to accept them. The time was not come for convincing the government. The public was not in a position to know what the result of the legislation introduced would be.

The government could not help itself in the financial position. He did not approve of the reference to being in the hands of the pawnbrokers. He hoped they were in the hands of honest bankers.

The bank he really said they must call a halt and adopt new systems of financing.

The attempt had been made not to oppress the iron industry. He insisted the blue rick crying should cease. He thought interminable warning should cease.

The government gave a chance and prosperity unparalleled would result. Mr. W. C. Wells said the Finance Minister seemed to think that the country should have no choice to refuse, but must open its mouth and swallow the pill offered.

The member for Victoria, Mr. J. H. Richardson, had said, when Minister of Finance, that deficits should be covered by cuts in expenditure.

But there had been an election in the meantime. Yet this was the government of retrenchment—retrenchment except in point of travelling expenses.

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The reforms in the civil service consisted in dismissing five civil servants and replacing them by holders of the party. (Cries of "Names" from government side.)

Mr. Oliver referred to the appointment of a police magistrate in Vancouver. He said that Joseph Martin had made him resign a case just the other day.

Mr. Bowser said that the practice was that begun by Mr. Russell before. Mr. Oliver wanted to know what satisfaction there was in the fact that the practice had been begun by another one.

Pressed further for names Mr. Oliver named Rev. Mr. Vest, of New Westminster, who had been in the employ of the government for months.

Amid uproar the matter was dropped here.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that although the main estimates last year provided \$187,500 for works and buildings, and the supplementary estimates provided \$338,200 to this, yet they found in the expenditure that \$75,000 was expended in addition to this for works, \$25,000 for roads and bridges and \$22,000 for contingencies.

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the public funds for election purposes. In the present estimates he allowed that 95 per cent of the appropriations was for constituencies represented by government members.

The Dewdney report he found in a most deplorable condition for the amount of money expended on them.

Mr. H. Hawthornthwaite described the member for Delta as the dead man for the Liberal circle. He added to the classes in the House as including also "wind-bag."

Referring to the assertion of the member for Newcastle as to the request for cheap labor, he charged that the member for Delta appeared in the report as a member.

Mr. Oliver took exception to the false statement. He said that he had been denied being a member of the delegation.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite took exception to the references to the Socialists in the House by members of the opposition party. He pointed to the Socialists as the back of the Liberal party.

The Socialists were not objecting. If the government endeavored to extract revenue from a rich Jew it mattered not to him or to the government left the wage earners to be taxed.

Striking the right men, the class of coal mine speculators. Their representatives in the Liberal party raised a great squall over it.

The Liberal party he described as a jelly fish, which reached out its tentacles to grab concessions in the form of a bribe.

He said that he did not know whether or not it was the lateness of the hour or the monotony of the speech he had heard which made him drowsy.

He thought it was a sound financial position. This was what the banker had told the government with respect to the country.

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Had he joined it it would have done so. The member for Vancouver knew that if (Houston) joined it he would be predominant. It would not be a "Me, Bowser" government.

The question of retrenchment, he wanted to know what had been done. Had they cut down the expenditure when they assumed power? (Cries of "No.") They had cut the head of a poor government agent at Wells or Bennett or some place.

They could have cut off the department of mines and this kept down expenses. By cutting it off there would be no loss to the province.

position fought one another from the two sides of the House. When were they patrolling, who on the other side of the House or when on this side?

He was convinced that the members of the government were not patriots when in opposition, and were now no more patriots.

Referring to the time thirty years he had when he personally was in bed shape financially, he said he went to a sawdust pile, who was about as glib as the Attorney-General was when interrupted by the member for Delta.

When he passed his watch the broker told him he was in a sound financial position. This was what the banker had told the government with respect to the country.

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Columbia. The fair wage clause would not overcome the difficulty fully with respect to the employment of Orientals on the line. It was not pointed out that the opposition speakers that of the \$187,500 for works which was voted last year over \$20,750 was expended. Of the \$175,000 appropriated only \$40,250 was expended.

Mr. Oliver wanted to know why such large supplementary votes were asked for this year.

Hon. Mr. Green said that the reason was that the government provided for supplementary works not provided for in the original estimate. He would spend the amounts left over in the appropriations.

In Cariboo instead of \$10,000 being appropriated there was \$94,000. The Chimney Creek bridge was to be completed. There was \$2,000 appropriated for the Cariboo road and \$10,000 for road and bridges. The government had done the best it could with the money available for these works.

Reading from the Dominion statutes he said that the money for the mining head tax could not be paid until the end of the fiscal year.

In mining the province was in better shape than it had been for years. The silver-lead bounty of the Dominion government had been had done something in this respect.

The amendment of J. A. Macdonald to amend the motion to go into committee of supply by adding after the word "chair" the following words: "But the House condemns the conduct of the government in proceeding with the committee of supply before amending the statutes in respect to taxation on mines, as promised by the Minister of Finance."

The division was as follows: Yess—Messrs. Drury, King, Brown, McNeill, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Wells, Hill and Cameron—14. Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Hawthornthwaite, Williams, Tallon, McBride, Wells, Cotton, Fraser, Fraser, Fraser, Green, Fulton, Gardner, Wright, Young, Gifford, Macgowan, Shattford and Grant—19.

Supply. The House then went into committee of supply with F. Carter Cotton in the chair.

efficient and obliging official like Librarian might have increased an inspection, J. A. Macdonald.

Under the impression that insurance companies had been inspected, J. A. Macdonald pointed out that the owners found it inconvenient to have their own inspection.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that the question of insurance companies was a question of insurance companies was complete.

Mr. Macdonald did not argue in favor of government inspection of insurance companies. He made it by which the government inspection might be accepted by the insurance companies, which was not the case at present.

Mr. Brown said that one object of the inspection was that no direct inspection was given. This work was given to the inspectors. It was not altered. He wanted to know the duties of a surveyor of taxes and the duties of a revenue warden. (Laughter.)

Mr. Houston wanted to know if the Minister of Finance said that he was the officer who was sent for to advise on sales from \$1 to \$100,000. The Minister of Finance said that he himself was responsible for all the acts.

Mr. Tanner wanted the assessment done three times in the districts of Victoria.

On the question of an assistant New Westminster assessor, Mr. Oliver said that the appointment of J. J. Vise, who was now temporarily in the office.

Mr. Houston wanted to know why the government agent who filled the office should also get only the salary as the government agent. Mr. Kaslo, the government agent, said that the salary was not set by the government. He paid attention to his duties. He did not go about organizing the lodges. The mining recorder at Kaslo got \$100 a month, while that at Kaslo got \$120. There was more work performed there.

Mr. Houston persisted that it was other work about. He moved the government agent at Nelson be \$150 a month instead of \$135. The chairman said the motion was of order. "What are we here for, then?" Mr. Houston.

Mr. Brown wanted Mr. Cummins an efficient assessor, as Greenwood, a lot of duties. He did so because he was deserving, although Mr. Cunningham possessed him in the election. Mr. Oliver recommended to the Attorney-General the advisability of providing the whipping of offenders who could be punished in any district. Mr. Houston wanted to know why had become of the Vernon jail. Was it by mistake that its maintenance was left off the list? (Laughter.)

Mr. Houston said he proposed a vote of thanks to the government for the House then adjourned until next night.

Evening Session. Upon resuming at 8:30 the session of the estimates in committee was continued.

On the item of \$11,500 for a fishery, Stuart Henderson wanted to know for further consideration.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald drew attention to an instruction in Rossland though not of a public character good service. He wanted to know why the Minister of Finance said it was to be dealt with according to the act.

Mr. Henderson thought that it was for a resident physician at 150. He could be saved.

Mr. Oliver thought that the \$300 for a resident physician at 150 could be dispensed with.

The Premier said that it was a salute necessary. He did not ask because it was in Dewdney district. It was difficult to keep a doctor there out a subsidy being paid.

Mr. Oliver said he would withdraw objection if the Premier would say the cutting of this subsidy would be a vote in the doctor cutting that was necessary to have a doctor at Kaslo City.

Mr. Houston wanted to know why a grant for a resident physician at 150 had been cut off. He spoke of the fact that Creston was from places. Of course miners were not equalized. Nelson was the third office in importance in the province, and yet the salaries for the same work was less than in New Westminster. This was a New Westminster government, aided and abetted by a Vancouver politician.

The Premier explained that the head of the office in New Westminster had been a very long time in the service, and Mr. Houston proposed that as a mark of his efficient services this office should exchange places with the Premier.

On the vote for the commissioner of freight rates and supervisor of land, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Tanner paid compliments to the efficient services rendered by Mr. Palmer.

J. F. Garden wanted the salary of the provincial librarian increased somewhat.

Objection was taken by members of the government on the ground that the increases were to be made in salaries this year.

Mr. McNeill pointed out that by the time the salaries were increased this increase could be made on a par with what was done in the treasury department.

Mr. Oliver, though he opposed the increase in salaries generally, thought the Trunk Pacific being of no use to British Columbia.

Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Barber.

First Reading. On the motion of H. C. Tanner, a bill entitled "An Act to regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways" was introduced, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Committee's Report. C. W. D. Clifford presented the second report from the railway committee, as follows: Mr. Speaker: Your select standing committee on railways beg leave to report as follows: That the preamble to the bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni & Port Rupert Railway Company," has been proved. The report was received.

Questions Answered. John Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. What are the duties of the Agent-General in London? 2. What tangible results have been obtained by the establishment and maintenance of that office? Mr. H. C. McBride replied as follows: 1. The duties of the Agent-General are defined by an act of this legislature, passed in section 4, 1901. 2. Two reports have been submitted to the government by the Agent-General as to the work of his office. These have been laid before the House, and will be printed.

Coast-Yukon Road. In moving the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company, F. Carter Cotton said this was an important line. The object was to take advantage of the line already subsidized from the coast to Hazelton and commencing there build on to the Yukon. The road proposed would be the one already subsidized make one line of railway.

Budget Debate Closed. Upon resuming the budget debate, John Houston said the budget had been debated by members affiliated with the Liberal party, the Conservative party, the Independent-Labor party, but it remained for him to debate it from the standpoint of the Liberal-Conservative party. Possibly he was the only Liberal-Conservative in the House. He said he would not wander into Dominion politics. Some of the speeches delivered were good, some were bad.

"Names," said F. Carter Cotton. "Well, the worst speech I heard," said Mr. Houston, "was that of the Attorney-General, and the next was that of the Premier."

The government said the treasury was depleted when it took power. But when they took power the government even pleaded for retrenchment. The Finance Minister, Chief Commissioner and the President of the Council all pleaded for increased appropriations for their ridings. The Premier pleaded not for retrenchment, but for office.

The government was responsible for the expenditure made since it took office. They had expended every cent appropriated by the previous government, and exceeded the appropriations. Under contingencies they expended \$30,000, and borrowed for \$22,000 more. This \$52,000 for contingencies which provided the means for expenditures which they wished to conceal, was greater than any previous government.

The government was kept in power by the Socialists. The Socialists were doing right. They were there for practical purposes. The only thing to do with a government like this was to squeeze them when you got a chance, and that the Socialists were now doing.

He alluded to the way in which the members who had previously sat in op-

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL BRANCH

ELECTED DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION Report of What Has Been Accomplished by Victoria Mining Association During Past Year.

There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Provincial Mining Association...

Rowland Machin, who occupied the chair, in opening the proceedings, outlined the business to be dealt with. He announced that he had been called up by phone by a delegation from the Similkameen district...

The chairman called on Secretary F. I. Clarke for the minutes of the last annual meeting. These were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report for the past term was submitted, as follows:

Table with financial details: Receipts, Disbursements, Balance. Includes items like 'By cheque from A. B. Fraser, etc.', 'Hon. Treas. Provincial Board', 'Advertising', 'Postage', etc.

The report was received and adopted. Secretary Clarke then submitted his report, as follows:

By a resolution adopted by the meeting at which the Victoria branch was formed on April 23rd, 1903, all residents of Victoria who had subscribed to the Victoria Mining Association were recognized as members of this branch.

The next business was the election of delegates to the approaching convention. Mr. Higgins moved that the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and executive be appointed as delegates, with power to add to their number.

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Mr. G. Marshall took exception to the other day to the clause relating to arbitration by which a judge was to dispose of that matter. The bill will be altered to allow of a usual board of arbitration being constituted.

Mr. Stewart thought that those who had to compete for outside business should be encouraged. No one seconded the motion, which was withdrawn.

BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL BOARD

Number of matters were disposed of Motion which will re-open Question of Title to Indian Reserve—Dominion Exhibition.

During the exhibition several thousand pamphlets of British Columbia's mineral resources, published by the provincial government, were distributed to visitors.

It was a subject for regret that several fine samples were received too late for the exhibition on account of delay en route. These samples were placed on exhibition in a Government street window and attracted much attention.

While the mining exhibit was under discussion a suggestion was made by Mr. A. J. Morley that it would be advisable to hold the annual meeting of the association in the city during convention week.

During the year about forty new members were received. Recently your president and secretary have been making a canvass for subscriptions, and are pleased to report that they have met with ready and generous response from nearly every firm or individual visited.

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