



WAS CONVICTED OF STEALING

CHARLES OTENDORF'S SENTENCE DEFERRED

Chinaman Elects to Take Speedy Trial After True Bill is Found.

(From Wednesday's Daily). In the Assize court yesterday Chas. Otendorf, the man charged with knocking down James Wilkes and robbing him of his money and valuables...

After lunch yesterday the case was resumed before Chief Justice Hunter and a jury, G. H. Barnard, K. C., for the crown, and J. A. Aikman for the defence.

The first witness was the victim Wilkes. He testified to having been drinking at the Half Way house, Esquimalt road, on the Sunday in question, and of leaving that place about midnight in company with the prisoner. He had not gone very far before he felt a violent blow, and he knew no more for some time.

Harry Burke, at present a teamster, but formerly a bartender, said that he was on duty tending bar all the day in question and throughout the evening up to about midnight. He had advised the two men to go home together as the cars had topped running, and they were going in the same direction.

Isaac Reno, a longshoreman, who speaks better French than English, gave evidence that the prisoner slept with him on the night in question, and that on the following day he saw the watch hanging in his cabin.

Detective Clayvards told of seeing the prisoner at the Half Way house on the day of the assault, and of arresting him the following day near the Victoria Transfer Company's stables. They took him to the cabin, where the prisoner, on seeing the watch hanging on the wall, said: "I guess I am up against it." He had previously been cautioned by the police that anything he might say would be used in evidence against him.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Otendorf said that he had lent Wilkes \$2.50 and taken the watch and chain as security. The knife becoming tangled with the chain he had taken that too. He had been drinking and was unable to keep up with Wilkes, so had allowed him to go ahead. He denied having said that he was up against it when he saw the watch, but he had made that remark when he was told that he was held for attempted murder.

After hearing Mr. Barnard for the prosecution and Mr. Aikman for the defence, the Chief Justice charged the jury, explaining that if they considered the explanation of the prisoner to be sufficient they would acquit him, but if on the other hand they believed the constables there was nothing to do but to convict. They, however, had the privilege of convicting of any lesser offence, such as theft.

At the end of three-quarters of an hour the jury returned a verdict of robbery without violence. His Lordship explained to them that robbery indicated violence, and they therefore again retired, and this time returned a verdict of theft. Sentence was reserved until the conclusion of the assizes.

Wants Speedy Trial. During the afternoon session of the assizes the grand jury brought in true bills in Rex vs. Huck To, Rex vs. Smith and Rex vs. Leach.

When they had reported W. H. Langley asked permission for his client Huck To to elect for speedy trial before a judge.

H. G. Barnard, K. C., on behalf of the crown, objected to this action after the case had gone before the grand jury. He quoted a decision of a Supreme court judge to show that it was a course should not be allowed. His Lordship, however, decided that the prisoner had that privilege any time before he was indicted before the petty jury, and the prisoner was accordingly brought before him for election.

HER GREATEST IMMIGRATION.

Winnipeg, May 13.—The Rev. Dr. Eaton, the eminent divine of Cleveland, Ohio, in an address before the Canadian Club yesterday said the greatest immigration Canada had known was that of American farmers to the Canadian West. There was no danger of the United States being Americanized by this movement, and he hoped Canada would take them by the hand and welcome them.

OFFERS BABIES FOR WORK.

Winnipeg, May 13.—Mike Korspanki appeared at the city hall yesterday with his wife and three babies, being looking for work, and tried to bribe Chief Clerk Bald in the street commissioner's office by offering to make him a present of the babies. The offer was declined.

INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGY.

Ottawa, May 13.—Dr. Robert Bell, of the geological survey, has been appointed by the Scottish Meteorological Society as their representative at the international congress which meets at Quebec the week following the terecentenary celebration.

SHOWS WINNIPEG'S GROWTH.

Winnipeg, May 13.—Winnipeg's real property assessment for 1908 will run slightly over one hundred million dollars, an increase of about ten millions over last year.

FURTHER HONOR FOR SIR PERCY GIROUARD

Noted Canadian Gazetted as Governor of Northern Nigera.

London, May 13.—Sir Percy Girouard has been gazetted governor and commander-in-chief of Northern Nigeria.

Distinguished Career.

Sir Percy is a Canadian with a distinguished career. He was born in Montreal 41 years ago, receiving his education at the Royal Military College, Kingston. In 1888 he entered the army and was promoted to the rank of major in 1896. In 1896 he served with the Dongola expeditionary force and received the Khedive's medal with two clasps. He next saw service in the Nile expedition, where he was further decorated with a clasp. In 1898 he was appointed to the directorship of the Southern railways, which position he held for two years. On leaving that post he became president of the Egyptian railway board. From 1899 to 1902 he served in the South African campaign. From the latter year until 1904 he was commissioner of railways in the Transvaal and the Orange River colony.

DEATH OF JOHN TEMPLEN.

Fergus, Ont., May 13.—John Templen, carriage builder and senior member of the firm of Templen & Co., and father of J. T. Templen, of the Fergus News-Record, died suddenly yesterday of heart failure.

WILL SUPPLY GRAVEL FROM MOUNT TOLMIE

Material Will Be Brought Into City Over Extension of Electric Railway.

The Lineham Sand & Gravel Company is the name of a new concern which proposes to cater to the needs of Victoria in these commodities. The source of the company's supply will be Mount Tolmie, where a branch line of the B. C. Electric Railway, one and three quarter miles long, is to be run along the Mount Tolmie road from its junction with the line to the Willows. The announcement of the company's plans and of the building of the electric line out to Mount Tolmie is made by Arthur Lineham, of Grant & Lineham, who is interested in the venture.

Messrs. Lineham and Scott have secured the control of the entire gravel deposits at Mount Tolmie, which, according to experts, amount to 4,000,000 cubic yards. This it is proposed to bring into the city over the line of the B. C. Electric Railway, and the company hopes to be in a position to take orders within six days of the completion of the line. The gravel required for ballasting its line from the former, so that work will, it is expected, be pushed ahead on this line with the least possible delay. The company will also have bunkers in the city from which they will supply all orders for sand and gravel for building or other purposes.

When nothing has yet been given out regarding the street railway's intentions as to giving a passenger service on this line, it is said that that will be eventually be done. The line will run through the Dean farm, now owned by Mr. Scott, one of the principals in the sand and gravel company, and would, if the company so desired, form part of a loop line from the end of the present line at the Willows to the Upland farm, being subdivided by Andrew Wright, of this city, and Oldfield, Gardner & Kirby, of Winnipeg, and through to Mount Tolmie.

STRIKING IN SYMPATHY.

Cotton Deadlock in Montreal Shows No Sign of Reaching Settlement.

Montreal, May 13.—There were further developments in the cotton operators' strike yesterday, when 300 employees of St. Anne's mill, Hochelaga, went on strike in sympathy with the Merchants and employees of the Merchants' cotton mill of the Dominion Textile Company. About the same time the Magog mill of the same company, now owned by Mr. Scott, one of the principals in the sand and gravel company, and would, if the company so desired, form part of a loop line from the end of the present line at the Willows to the Upland farm, being subdivided by Andrew Wright, of this city, and Oldfield, Gardner & Kirby, of Winnipeg, and through to Mount Tolmie.

KAISER REJUVENATES FEUDAL CASTLE

Brilliant Ceremony Invests Inauguration of Restored Hokoensburg.

Strassburg, May 13.—The Emperor and Empress, who have arrived here from Vienna, accompanied by a brilliant suite, among whom are the vicereine of Alsace, representatives of the federal council of the Reichstag and of the Alsace Lorraine provincial council, today attended the solemn inauguration of the restored Hokoensburg, near Schlettstadt in lower Alsace.

The Hokoensburg, which was one of the largest and most picturesque remnants of feudal times in Germany, passed into the possession of the Emperor in 1899 and his majesty immediately ordered its complete restoration. Today the work was taken in hand, what remained of the original pile was part of the main building with three towers and two towers, the so-called "Vorburg," and the outer wall. The castle is perched on an eminence and its history can be traced back to the thirteenth century. Since that time has been partially destroyed and rebuilt. Three thousand persons took part in today's pageants.

FIENCE ORNADOES SWEEPING STATES

BIG PROPERTY LOSSES IN NEBRASKA

Number of Victims as Yet Unknown—Northern Texas Suffers.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—At least five persons have been killed, several others sustained serious injuries and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by a tornado, which late yesterday afternoon passed over portions of Sarpy Cass and Neola Cos. Telegraphs and telephones are down so that full details are not obtainable and it is feared that there may be more persons to be added to the death list when all is known.

Besides the damage done by wind, the heavy rainfall caused floods which badly demoralized the railroads in the territory mentioned. The heaviest property losses so far as heard from were sustained by the United States army post at Fort Crook and the Presbyterian college at Bellevue.

TEXAS TORNADO SWEPT.

Dallas, Texas, May 13.—One person is known to have been killed, several others sustained serious injuries and considerable property damage resulted from a tornado which swept through the northern section of this state late yesterday. At Leland, Texas, Mrs. Bowley lost her life and her husband was injured when their home, a two-story structure, was demolished. At this place a number of barns and small buildings were destroyed. In the neighborhood of Crandall about fifty houses were wrecked and several persons were injured. Among the buildings destroyed are the Christian church and Shelter Home. In the vicinity of Gainey a number of small buildings were demolished. Both telegraph and telephone communication with the storm swept section are interrupted and all the most meagre reports are as yet obtainable.

ST. LAWRENCE COLLISION.

Steamer Ottawa Returning to Quebec in Damaged Condition.

Montreal, May 13.—The steamer Ottawa, which was on Monday reported as having been in collision with the golfer Trold, below Fame point, reached Father point on her return to Quebec late night.

Capt. Evans reported that the collision took place in a dense fog early on Monday morning. Both vessels were going slowly at the time they were first sighted, but good discipline was maintained, and Capt. Evans was soon able to assure them that they were in no danger. The Ottawa has a portion of the bow of the Trold still embedded in her own.

RIVER DISPUTE ON BOUNDARY.

Ottawa, May 13.—It is understood that the Washington authorities are agreeable to submit to arbitration the case of the proposed diversion of St. Mary's river in the state of Montana into the Milk river, so that justice may be done to settlers on both sides of the boundary.

MONTH IN JAIL FOR THEFT FROM BOAT

William Bowles, Fireman on Princess May, Pleads Guilty.

(From Wednesday's Daily). William Bowles, a fireman on the steamer Princess May, pleaded guilty yesterday before Magistrate Jay to stealing a sack of vegetables from a vessel and was given a month in jail. Bowles pleaded not guilty and Sergeant R. H. Walker was called to give evidence. He said he had met Bowles at 1:15 a. m. on May 3rd, on Wharf street, carrying the bag of vegetables. As he did not give a good account of himself he had arrested him. After being cautioned, Bowles admitted having taken the vegetables from the May, saying he was going to give them to a chum who had befriended him last winter. He had afterwards changed this story and had said he got the vegetables from the steamer Trader and also from a schooner. On the following Monday, Bowles told still another story and said that they had been given to him by a longshoreman named Smith to take to the latter's cabin.

IMMIGRANT'S SAD DEATH.

Gorrie, Ont., May 13.—A young Englishman named Hyne died yesterday as the result of injuries received when a team he was driving to a hand roller became unmanageable and ran away. Hyne was thrown under the roller and badly crushed. He was only out from the old country a couple of months.

TRAVELLERS' CONVENTION.

Vancouver, May 12.—On June 5th and 6th one thousand members of the United Commercial Travellers of America will be in Vancouver in attendance on the sessions of the grand council of the order. The convention is under the management of local council No. 284. The council covers Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and its members will include travellers covering the entire country from the Mississippi west and from Mexico to the Arctic Circle.

THREATENED YOUNG GIRL.

Toronto, May 13.—Robert Scott, a married man, was arrested after admitting he had written to a young girl threatening her with exposure if she did not meet him at a lonely spot. She kept the appointment, but a plain clothes policeman accompanied her.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

Albany, N. Y., May 13.—Both houses of the legislature in extraordinary session today adjourned until next Monday.

BOMB KILLS 29 RUSSIAN FUGITIVES

Yakovtostav, May 13.—The attempt to break out yesterday by prisoners to break out from the government jail here after making a breach in the wall of the guard with a bomb has resulted in the death of 29 of the fugitives. The prisoners were either killed outright or received wounds from which they have since died. Out of the 28 wounded, 11 are in a serious condition.

MORE PIT VICTIMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Seven Die in Explosion in Mount Lookout Colliery—Bodies Recovered.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 13.—Seven mine workers were instantly killed and more than a dozen injured yesterday afternoon in an explosion in the Mount Lookout section of the Temple Coal Iron Company near here. The explosion occurred six hundred feet underground, and eighteen hundred feet from the shaft up which the miners make their way. A miner left a small gas feeder burning in the extreme end of a gangway all of Monday night, which set fire to the timbers and the coal. Early yesterday, when the fire was discovered, the mine bosses and their men were driven back by gas. Shortly afterwards a slight explosion occurred, burning the four men slightly. Then they came out of the mine, and later another gang of men was sent down to fight the fire.

SHOCKING CRIME OF IMPULSE IN P. E. I.

Farmer is Shot Down While Walking With Two Girls.

Summerside, P. E. I., May 13.—One of the most sensational murders that ever exercised this almost crimeless province occurred on Sunday night at Miscouche, a small village five miles from here. The victim is Joseph McMillan, a farmer, and his slayer is Alonzo Docherty, aged 21.

On Sunday afternoon McMillan, accompanied by Stella McDonald and her sister, walked from Miscouche along the railway track. When about one and a half miles from their destination they met Docherty coming towards them. He had a revolver in his hands. "Hold on," he said. "I have a revolver you have," asked McMillan.

"Yes," replied Docherty, and pulled the trigger. A 32-calibre bullet crashed into McMillan's heart. As he lay on the ground, Docherty put two more bullets into the head of his victim. He then dragged the body into the woods and accompanied by the horrid woman, he carried it to the shore. The murderer later drove to Miscouche, awaited the arrival of police from Summerside, and gave himself up.

In a statement Docherty said he had no quarrel with McMillan; he was one of the best fellows in Miscouche. The deed was not prompted by jealousy. He was in the habit of carrying a revolver through the woods, and had placed one in his pocket on Sunday. Some uncontrollable impulse seized him when he met McMillan and his sister. He had kept company with her for three years.

An inquest was held yesterday and the jury brought in a verdict holding Docherty responsible. Docherty was remanded till to-morrow. The affair has created intense excitement all over the province.

WINDING UP MONARCH BANK.

Ottawa, May 13.—An order has been made for the winding up of the Monarch bank. It was incorporated in 1905 but never commenced operations. The recent bank failures have made investors chary.

IDENTIFYING GUINNESS VICTIMS

AUTHORITIES STILL BAFFLED BY MYSTERY

Full Details of Matrimonial Murder Bureau May Never Be Known.

Laporte, Ind., May 13.—Unless the sifting and sifting of the powdered debris taken from the cellar of the ruined Guinness farm house results in startling discoveries to-day, the prosecution of further tangible evidence in the big tragedy is not likely. Yesterday's developments exhausted most of the sources of sensation in the case, and the authorities are now confronted with the task of finding details confirming the main points already adduced. Just how successful they will be, will probably not be revealed until Ray Lamphere is brought to trial.

Prosecutor Smith has evidently modified his suspicious determination to rush the case into court, finding that the state side may be strengthened in many particulars.

Coroner Mack has made public the results of his investigations on all the known bodies except that of Iowa, Wis. It is expected that the mystery surrounding the bodies yet unidentified will never be fully solved. The decomposed state of the fragmentary masses of flesh and bones makes identification practically impossible.

What developments are to come probably will be in the direction of establishing the identity of more of the mysterious men seen to enter the farm house, but never to leave it. Yesterday three such persons were connected with the Guinness woman, the evidence regarding John Moe, of Elbow lake, Minn., and Henry Gerholt, of Scandinavia, Wis., being almost conclusive. The fate of George Brady, of Tuscola, Ill., is less certain.

Moe was traced to the farm house by means of the banking actions which preceded his visit. The facts as then are shown startling and similar to those brought to light in the cases of Ole Buddsberg and Andrew Helgelein. Each of the men cashed a cheque, draft or note for a considerable amount at one or the other of the local banks and at the desks of the cashiers, all trails would reveal further evidence of a similar nature.

Denies Cohesion. Laporte, Ind., May 13.—Mrs. Guinness' hired man, Ray Lamphere, vigorously denied to-day that he had made any confession or promise any to the Rev. T. A. Schell or any one else. Lamphere is under arrest, charged with complicity in the wholesale murders at the Guinness farm.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN NEW YORK.

Dastardly Attempt to Wreck Beautiful Residence at Port Henry.

Port Henry, N. Y., May 13.—Dynamiters attempted to wreck the residence of George D. Sherman near here yesterday. A heavy charge of the explosive placed near the front of the dwelling tore off the piazza and broke all the windows on that side of the house.

The explosion started a fire which was checked before it had gained much headway. Mr. Sherman and his family were not injured. The dynamiters gave warning of their intended outrage in a note received by Mr. Sherman. The "idlest" is considered one of the most beautiful residences in this part of the state, where the Sherman family is prominent.

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KILLED IN ATTEMPTING SACRILEGIOUS ACT

Belgian Villagers Carry Out Summary Vengeance on Church Robber.

Courtrai, Belgium, May 13.—Practically the whole population of the village of Courtrai, a suburb of Brussels, were set on and killed a man who was caught in the act of burglarizing the famous Chapel of the Virgin yesterday. The villagers had been highly incensed at previous church robberies, notably that of the Church of Notre Dame in this city last December when Van Dycke's masterpiece "The Elevation of the Cross" was stolen. Seven of those implicated in the killing of the burglar were arrested. The doctor who made an examination of the body found 27 knife wounds.

CARNEGIE'S GIFT TO WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, May 13.—At a meeting of the library board yesterday afternoon the announcement was made that an additional sum of \$30,000 has been donated by Andrew Carnegie to the Winnipeg public library for extensions for increased accommodation.

NOMINEE OF KENORA LIBERALS.

Kenora, Ont., May 13.—At the Liberal convention held here last night, H. F. Hannis, of Dryden, was chosen standard bearer for the new electoral district of Kenora for the Ontario legislature.

NATURAL RESOURCES OF UNITED STATES

Question of Conservation Occupies President and Governors.

Washington, May 13.—The White House was the scene to-day of the assemblage of many of the most distinguished figures in the west and in the industrial life of the United States. The occasion was the conference of President Roosevelt with the governors of nearly all the states and territories to consider the question of the conservation of the country's natural resources. The conference will continue through Friday.

MURDER OF AUSTRIAN.

Toronto, May 13.—The police yesterday arrested Stephen Savilla, a Pole, suspected of being the man who murdered Alex Luitick, of Waskowitz, Austria, who was found dead in the bush on Eakens' farm, near Clarkson, Ont., on Monday, May 4th. He was arraigned in the police court and remanded. He will be taken to Brampton to-day. The officers are trying to trace his movements at the time the young Austrian disappeared.

SUIT OVER MINING DEALS.

Toronto, May 13.—Messrs. Neill, Johnston, Atkins and Rey, a mining partnership of New Lickens, are suing George A. Woodward and George W. Plicker, of Detroit, and Frank L. Calder, of Toronto, to obtain \$14,000 said to be a balance due under certain agreements between the parties regarding mining deals.

WHEAT FOUR INCHES HIGH.

C. P. R. Crop Report Gives Promise of Exceptionally Good Harvest.

Winnipeg, May 13.—The crop report issued by the Canadian Pacific railway yesterday shows wheat seedling to be completed in most parts of Western Canada. In some districts wheat is four inches high, a splendid showing at this time of year, and promises an exceptional harvest.

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R. MARPOLE WILL GIVE LECTURES IN ENGLAND

Hon. James Dunsmuir's Election to Directorate of C. P. R. Augurs Well.

The C. P. R. Company is not going to allow the advantages which Vancouver Island possesses in the way of agriculture and trade, as well as a tourist resort, to lie undeveloped. On the contrary the company is manifesting a deep interest in the development of the Island. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in the interview given in Montreal, in which he praised the scheme for beautifying Victoria, showed the deep interest he took in the development of the Island. Sir Thomas, it is a clear indication that this point is to receive every attention at the hands of the company.

The elevation of Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir to the position of a director of the C. P. R. is also indicative of good for the western portion of the Old Land. The interests of Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir are nearly all on Vancouver Island. He is the only director of the company resident west of the Great Lakes, so that his elevation to the position of director makes his presence in the city yesterday attending to pressing business in connection with the E. & N. affairs before leaving. The trip will occupy about three months' time.

The visit to Europe of Mr. Marpole will not be one of pleasure alone. On the contrary the results of his trip, in so far as the awakening of interest in British Columbia, should be of inestimable value.

Mr. Marpole is exceptionally well informed upon what Vancouver Island has to offer for tourists and for intending settlers. He has since the time he acquired the E. & N., been thrown into very close touch with the land end of the E. & N., and is well qualified to give information on the subject.

On his approaching visit he is going prepared to give exact information relative to settlement and to report already in view of his coming several lectures here. He has also arranged to give public addresses upon British Columbia in general, and Vancouver Island in particular. Mr. Marpole has a valuable collection of photographs, showing some of the hunting and fishing resorts, some of the scenic attractions and the agricultural valleys.

Mr. Marpole will have excellent opportunities to meet those who are likely to become interested in the development of Vancouver Island. His visit must be of inestimable advantage to this part of the province.

Mr. Marpole has a very optimistic concerning Vancouver Island. He thinks there will be a large influx of settlers within a short time. The work of clearing is progressing near Ladysmith, and at Little Quilicum there will shortly be commenced another clearing area.

TEXT BOOK DEBATE.

Saskatchewan Premier Says Readers Being Secured Are Best in America.

Regina, May 13.—The textbook debate was concluded at the session of the house yesterday, and the second reading of the bill was allowed to pass without a division.

The opposition will move an amendment of the third reading, proposing to refer the bill back to the committee. The feature of the speeches yesterday was that by Dr. Ellis, of Mooseomin. He made a document which he declared had been suppressed by the government until the previous night, when it was inadvertently brought down. The document was the report of the committee which sat at Calgary, and which stated that the committee had reached a majority conclusion to recommend the Canada Publishing Company's books as a set.

Individually the majority of the committee recommended the second, third and fourth books of the Canadian Publishing Company, and volume one, part one of the Morang company. He said that the committee had not acted upon this recommendation, but had adopted the Morang series complete.

The premier finished the debate with a general summary of the arguments, and the second reading was passed. He made the statement in connection with his speech that the readers being secured were the best in America, and that the contract entered into by the government was the best ever entered into by any government in any province of Canada.

PINCHER CREEK COLLISION.

Former Night Operator is Acquitted on Charge of Manslaughter.

Macleod, Alb., May 13.—W. F. Mulholland, former night operator at Pincher creek, charged with manslaughter, as a result of the death of F. Ormsby, was acquitted on Friday afternoon. He was last night acquitted in the Supreme court here. The evidence showed carelessness on the part of the train crew and the dispatcher.

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Marpole will have excellent opportunities of meeting those who are become interested in the department of Vancouver Island. His is of inestimable advantage part of the province. Marpole is very optimistic concerning Vancouver Island. He thinks will be a large influx of settlers in a short time. The work of clearing near Ladysmith, and the Quilicum there will shortly meet another clearing area.

TEXT BOOK DEBATE. Shevan Premier Says Readers Being Secured Are Best in America.

na, May 12.—The textbook debate concluded at the session of yesterday, and the second reading of the bill was allowed to pass at a division.

opposition will move an amendment on the third reading, proposing the bill back to the committee. A feature of the speeches yesterday by Dr. E. J. L. Moore, who produced a document which he de- had been suppressed by the gov- until the previous night when it inadvertently brought down. The document was the report of the committee which sat at Calgary, and stated that the committee had reached a majority conclusion to re- the Canada Publishing Com- books as a set.

vidually the majority of the committee recommended the second, third and fourth books of the Canadian Publishing Company, and volume one, part of the Morang company. He laid upon the fact that the government had not acted upon this recommendation, but had adopted the Moresco complete.

premier finished the debate with a general summing up of the argu- and the second reading was by him. He made the statement in connection with his speech that the books being secured were the best in the world, and that the contract entered into by the government was the best entered into by any government of any province of Canada.

ANCHER CREEK COLLISION. Night Operator is Acquitted on Charge of Manslaughter.

leed, Alb., May 12.—W. F. Mul- former night operator at Pincher Creek, charged with manslaughter, as a result of the death of F. Ormsby in a railway collision at Brockton, on Dec. 15, was last night acquitted in the same court here. The evidence showed carelessness on the part of the crew and the dispatcher.

FIELD WORK IN MINES OF B. C.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO VANCOUVER ISLAND

Hon. W. Templeman Approves Comprehensive Plan for Investigating Resources.

Ottawa, May 6.—The programme of field work to be conducted by the Department of Mines this summer has been approved by the minister, the Hon. Wm. Templeman, and within a short time geologists and mining engineers representing the two branches of the department will be operating in the various sections of Canada.

The work this year will be more extensive than that of any previous season, and the minister expects that it will be followed by the most satisfactory results. It is the intention to have Canada's mineral resources fully and systematically investigated, and the knowledge acquired imparted to the public.

British Columbia, as the mineral province of Canada, occupies an important place in the programme. The field parties which will operate in that province will be larger than usual, and their scope of operations especially wide.

British Columbia will be of interest. Vancouver Island will come in for considerable attention. The geology and topography of the interior of this island is unknown, and it is proposed to begin a geological examination this year. In order that a start under the most favorable auspices may be made, it is proposed to commence in the Victoria district, which is better opened up and developed than other points of the island. It is intended to place this work under the charge of C. H. Clapp, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Though a young man, Mr. Clapp has had considerable experience under the guidance of the best economic geologist in America.

Other work proposed for Vancouver Island is the collection of plants, trees, birds, insects and mammals, and also of marine life on the coast, by Prof. Macoun and Mr. Sprengel. These collections are being erected in Ottawa, and which, when completed, will be one of the finest in America.

The copper and iron deposits of Texas and Arizona are receiving great deal of attention. Their favorable situation as regards mining and smelting operations makes it desirable to assist in their development. E. J. L. Moore has studied similar deposits in the White Horse district, and the information there gained will be valuable in the conduct of his examination of the Texas district.

Mr. Graham will continue the work of examining the Pacific coast and inlets which was begun in 1906 and carried on in 1907. Mr. Graham is in charge of the department of Mineralogy of McGill University.

Further north and in the interior Mr. Leach will continue the reconnaissance of the Bulkley valley, through which is expected that the Grand Trunk Pacific will pass. There are coals and ores found in this valley, and the exploration proposed is of great importance to prospectors and developers. Mr. Leach is assisted by Mr. Dawson near Fort George in 1876, which disclosed evidence of the existence of coal and copper in this region. As this country was soon opened up, numerous inquiries relating to the prospectors regarding the mineral resources of the district.

Further south in the province at Camp Hedley, the department will commence the work of mapping the Tulameen district. This latter investigation is important because of the platinum, gold and other ores. The improved transportation makes it probable that this district will now receive the liberal attention of mining men, and it is hoped that a geological study of it will assist in its rapid development.

Messrs. O. E. Leroi and W. H. Boyd will make a study of Phoenix camp, which is one of the most important mining centres in British Columbia. Mr. Leroi will also be instructed to study in detail the geology of the Slocan district. The attempts to revive the silver-lead industry of this section justify the department making a detailed survey of the geological structure, to assist in the search for ore. This work has been urged by the Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia.

Mr. Boyd will prepare a topographical map for this district, as well as for Phoenix camp. These maps are invaluable to mining companies in preventing the location of trails, tramways, flumes, etc. Mr. John Macoun will study the fungi which cause the rotting of the timbers in dry places in the mines, and attempt to discover a method of preventing their growth. He will also secure photographs illustrative of the forests of British Columbia, and will collect samples of the woods for the museum.

In the Yukon Territory under D. B. Cairnes and Joe Keele will conduct investigations. The former last year was working at Tantalus and White Horse, where good coal measures were discovered. It is proposed that this year he will define more accurately the coal area, and trace the measures toward White Horse, for the purpose of getting as close as possible to transportation.

Mr. Keele will explore the territory near the Great Divide, at the head of the Pelly river. He began this exploration last year, and has spent the winter there. The department expects in the future to be able to place before the public the results of some very important investigations undertaken last year. Among these will be the report on the mineral industry of Canada, which, when completed, will be the largest and the most important work of the kind ever attempted in Canada.

Another report which will be of particular interest to the people of British Columbia generally, and to those of Vancouver Island specially, will be that of Mr. Lindemann on the iron ore deposits of Vancouver Island. With regard to the question of peat, it might be mentioned that an appropriation has been made for experiments with Canadian peat, to ascertain its fuel value.

The Department of Mines, in conjunction with the American Museum of Natural History, has arranged for an interesting exploration to be undertaken by V. Stefansson, at Coronation Gulf, in the Mackenzie river. This investigation will have three phases—ethnological, geographical and mineral. Mr. Stefansson and a companion will spend a couple of years with the Eskimos, studying their habits, particularly of those who have never come in contact with white people, and obtaining geographical information and data as to the occurrence of minerals. This exploration will be conducted with considerable interest in scientific circles in Canada and the United States. Mr. Stefansson is a well-known explorer and ethnologist, and accompanied by Dr. Mikkelson on his exploratory trip to the Arctic in the steamer "Duchess of Bedford" two years ago.

SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY ON "THE CITY BEAUTIFUL"

COMMENDATION OF THE TASSE SCHEME

Head of the Canadian Pacific Railway Exhorts Montreal to Follow Example of Victoria—Draws Deductions From Other Places on the American Continent.

In an interview with Hon. Mr. Nantel, editor of La Presse, Montreal, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy gives the following interesting talk on "The City Beautiful." As La Presse is the biggest newspaper in Canada, with a circulation of 100,000, the importance to Victoria of such an article appearing in its columns need not be stated. The article appears concurrently in the Times by kind permission of the editor of La Presse.

What Sir Thomas Says. "The City Beautiful"—that is a name which should be the pride of every good citizen who believes his home city can be made more than a mere collection of buildings and a mart of commerce.

"The City Beautiful"—that is what Montreal should become. Its picturesque location on the sloping banks of the glorious Old St. Lawrence gives every opportunity for transforming it into a place of rare attractiveness.

"The City Beautiful"—that is what the people of fair Victoria, on the other side of the continent, are seeking to make of their pretty home spot. It is a laudable ambition—this desire to improve and beautify the places where humanity congregates and make them more pleasing, more enjoyable and more attractive to the dweller and the visitor. Not all centres of population are so favorably placed with Nature's beautiful gifts that they may become more than an aggregation of houses, but even in these unfavored places existing eyesores and the ugliness of dirty streets, of unsightly structures, of uncleaned parks and general untidiness may be removed at little expense and trouble. Other cities there are where man's artistic taste is brought to improve the environment, to add beauty to commonplace surroundings.

The first step in this desirable direction is the solution of the sanitary problem. To secure good sewerage, to keep the streets neat and clean, to make the city attractive and healthful are absolute necessities. When this has been accomplished good roads naturally follow—their construction, to keep the streets neat and clean, to make the city attractive and healthful are absolute necessities. When this has been accomplished good roads naturally follow—their construction, to keep the streets neat and clean, to make the city attractive and healthful are absolute necessities.

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INScribed SALVERS FOR SKILL WITH RIFLE

Individual Prizes To Be Given to Gazetted and Civilian Associations.

Ottawa, May 12.—The militia council has decided to offer an individual prize to be known as the Dominion of Canada Salver to each gazetted and civilian rifle association in competition for the season of 1938.

The Salver is a nickel-silver ornament, ten inches in diameter, and will bear the coat of arms of the Dominion of Canada. The inscription telling that it is presented by the government of the Dominion for skill in rifle shooting. The winner's name, association and date of winning will also be engraved on the Salver.

Members of the association must be bona fide members of the association they represent prior to June 1. The dates of the shootings will be fixed at a general meeting of the association prior to June 1.

The ranges to be shot over for the prize may be fixed by the association, provided that the 500 and 600 yard marks be used for at least seven shots each upon three occasions during the season when the scores are to be counted for the prize.

London, May 12.—With the object of checking the wanton slaughter of birds, Lord Avebury (Sir John Lubbock) introduced a bill in the House of Lords today prohibiting the importation of plumage except that of certain species of birds set forth in the bill. Lord Avebury pointed out that this measure was framed on the same lines as the New York state law on the subject. It enacts heavy penalties for any contravention of the law.

In a memorandum attached to the bill Lord Avebury stated that unless the British parliament follows the example of the New York legislature the extinction of the most beautiful species of bird life is only a question of time.

MAN OF MANY CRIMES. Calgary, May 12.—The man Harry Rose, who is now under arrest in Toronto charged with a number of crimes, was a resident of Calgary during the summer of 1906, and during that time spent some time as a prisoner at one of the barracks. He is charged with assaulting a woman and robbing them. When in Calgary he was a waiter at the Park restaurant and was known as "Rose." He was sent down for six months for assaulting a policeman, and sent down for three months for stealing \$10.

IRISH UNIVERSITY BILL. Popular Measure Passes Second Reading by Huge Majority. London, May 12.—The House of Commons last evening passed the second reading of the Irish university bill by a vote of 344 to 31. The minority, which consisted of Irish Unionists and Non-conformist Radicals, was so small as to insure the passage of the bill in all its succeeding stages.

POLES GET WORK. Ottawa, May 12.—Hundreds of Poles are arriving in Ottawa looking for work. The immigration department is full of their requests. Not one of them speak English. Last week three hundred were shipped to Fort William on railway construction work, and 300 more will go this week.

Winnipeg, May 12.—C. A. Giders, a young English homesteader at Fielding, Sask., narrowly escaped death from taking gopher poison.

PROTECTORATE OF CRETE AT AN END

EUROPEAN POWERS TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

Administration of Grecian Commissioner Sufficient to Maintain Order.

Crete, Island of Crete, May 12.—After nearly 11 years of occupation the four powers that have had in hand the protection of Crete, Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, have decided the time has come when the island, under the able administration of the Grecian commissioner, Alexander Taseas, have settled down sufficiently to justify the withdrawal of the international troops. The soldiers will be removed from the island by degrees.

In 1896 Crete was governed by Turkey. In that year an effort was made on the part of the population, aided by Greek troops, to free the island from Turkish rule and annex it to Greece. This was opposed by the four powers mentioned above, who established a perfect blockade of the island. In 1898 the powers constituted Crete with its adjacent isles an autonomous state under a high commissioner of the powers, subject to the suzerainty of the four powers. The population is 135,000.

STANDARD OIL ON TRIAL. Giant Trust Indicted on 53 Counts in New York State. Rochester, N. Y., May 12.—The case of the government against the Standard Oil Company, which the oil company is charged with receiving rebates from railroads, was put on trial this morning at the opening of the spring term of the Federal court, before Judge Charles S. Wheeler. The case is being tried on indictments found at Jamestown, and arises over the shipment of oil made from Olean to Rutland and Bellows Falls, Vt. The company is indicted on 53 counts.

SOLDIER'S MANACIAL CRIMES. Manila, May 12.—The wholesale shooting of soldiers yesterday at Camp Statesberg appears to have been the result of a dispute between Private Beacham and Sergeant Hoey, Private Hoey and Sergeant Wilson, who were endeavoring to induce a young soldier to stop chumming with Beacham, on the ground that he was an improper character. Beacham brooded over the matter, and ordered his men to attack and killed Hoey and Wilson. The shooting of the others is reported to have been unintentional. Three bodies were brought to Manila to-day for shipment to America.

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MONEYLESS IMMIGRANTS.

FINDING CLUES TO LAPORTE HORROR

Port Arthur, Ont., May 12.—The town officials are in a quandary to know what to do with the large influx of laborers who are crossing over from Duluth, Minn. Five hundred have arrived here in the last few days, and as many more are expected on the boats arriving to-day and to-morrow. Only a few have money, and they are not only likely to become a burden but a menace to the town.

LONDON BARRACKS MURDER. London, May 12.—Private Moir, slayer of Color Sergeant Lloyd, is lodged in jail here to await his preliminary trial.

FORT GARRY DEPOT DELAYED. Winnipeg, May 12.—The big million and a half dollar railway terminals at the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific are again delayed, as the former company declines to pay the proportion of the cost as agreed upon.

HON. C. HYMAN MAY RUN. London, Ont., May 12.—The understanding here is that the Hon. Chas. Hyman will again contest London at the Federal elections. His opponent will be Wm. G. Hyman. His constituents to Ottawa lend glory to the rumor.

EX-FIRE CHIEF IS DEAD. Winnipeg, May 12.—Ex-chief McHoul of the fire brigade, died this morning after a long illness.

OTTAWA IN COLLISION WITH COLLIER THOROLD. Dominion Line Vessel Considerably Damaged in Accident in St. Lawrence. Montreal, May 12.—The agents of the Dominion line last evening received the following message from the captain of the steamship Ottawa, sent through the signal station at Fame Point, 320 miles below Quebec: "Have been in collision with the Norwegian steamer Thorold. Considerably damaged. Forehold full of water. Passengers all well." The Ottawa, which was formerly the Germanic of the White Star line, with sixty-five cabin and a number of second class passengers and a full cargo. It is supposed that the collision occurred about 150 miles below Fame Point.

No word has been received regarding the collision, which was inward bound from Sydney, and it is supposed that she was not seriously damaged. The C. P. R. ocean-going tug Cruiser, from St. John, N. B., is a quarter of a mile behind the Ottawa, and it is expected that she will stand by to render assistance in case it is required. The Ottawa is not expected to reach Quebec until to-night or to-morrow morning.

HOLT CONFESSES TO BANDSMAN MURDER. Accomplice Says Three Were Responsible for Fort Worden Crime. Port Townsend, May 12.—Aided by two secret service men United States District Attorney Elmer E. Todd succeeded in obtaining a confession from James H. Holt, alleged murderer of Clarionest Holt Johnson late last evening. The bloody impressions of Holt's hand on the mop handle, which had been used to mop up Johnson's blood is one of the clues which the secret service man presented to Holt in his cell.

The detective while in the cell wept copiously and it is said Holt wept and how sorry he was for him, thus succeeding in getting a partial confession from the prisoner, which implicates both Knight and Greble, two of Holt's friends. When confronted with the statement that Holt had confessed and implicated Knight, the latter said: "Well I'm not afraid to die or afraid of the gallows, but I don't want any dirt thrown at me. Three of us committed this murder and we divided the money."

When asked who the other two were Knight replied: "I did not mention any names, I only said there is three of us. It is generally believed here it is a one man crime."

THE DOUGLAS ROUTE. Members of Natural History Society Heard Interesting Lecture on Subject. (From Tuesday's Daily.) The regular meeting of the society was held last evening the usual routine of business being transacted, after which the paper of the evening was read by Frank Sylvester, the subject being "Old Time Reminiscences of British Columbia."

The lecturer vividly related the perils and privations of a journey made by him over the now abandoned Douglas Route to Lillooet early in 1859. The narrative proved very interesting, the lecturer being cordially thanked upon its conclusion.

SAIL BOAT FATALITY. Toronto, May 12.—Gordon C. Laidlaw, a clerk, was drowned in the bay by the capsizing of a sail boat.

Chicago, Ill., May 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Laporte, Ind., says: A complete solution of the mystery of the Guinness murder farm is expected within 48 hours. The officials who have been conducting the search for the victims of "the house of many victims," add this fact to-day. They refused, however, to make known their purpose other than to say the final step may be taken to-day or to-morrow at the latest.

The mystery surrounding four of the fourteen deaths, which occurred at the place, is cleared by the allegation that Ray Lamphere, the former farmhand, now a prisoner in the county jail, set fire to the home of Mrs. Bella Guinness on the morning of April 23rd, and thereby caused the death of the widow and three children. For this, if proven guilty, he is liable, under the provisions of the Indiana state laws, to a conviction for murder in the first degree as well as for arson. Indictments against him upon both these charges will be asked for from the grand jury on Wednesday.

As to the manner of death of the ten murdered persons whose bodies were covered in a little patch of ground guarded by closely woven wire netting, the silence of the officers in response to queries as to whether one or more accomplices provides the only answer.

Through the victims came to their death the administration of a deadly amount of chloral has been proven. The places at which the drugs were purchased during the last eight years have been found. That the inanimate corpses then were dismembered in the chamber of horrors on the second floor of the Guinness home or in the basement has been shown to the satisfaction of the investigators. One of a six-inch dagger with a needle pointed double razor-edged surgeon's knife have been found in the ruins.

That the big stolid Norwegian woman and some of the victims into her jail by the halt of a grimacing assassin and then had an active hand in killing them and in disposing of their bodies, is said to have been established without question. The one remaining question is that of whether she had assistance in her crimes, it to be met by action that is expected almost hourly. The arrival at this point has been preceded by a hunt for minutes turned which have been made public. Here and there bits of evidence have leaked out but the great array of facts, it is said, was secured from statements made by Lamphere, the chief agent in securing the confession of the prisoner has been Rev. E. A. Schell, pastor of the First Methodist church, who ever since the day of the prisoner's incarceration has been a visitor at his cell. On the report of the clergyman the investigators have built their case.

Instruments of Crime. Laporte, Ind., May 12.—Additional evidence regarding the methods by which the persons whose corpses were found in Guinness farm were killed, was unearthed this morning. Almost a dozen pairs of scissors bent and curved in the fashion of surgical instruments are said to have been found in the cellar, and in the series of murders, two of a surgical character, and the other an unmistakable dirk, were picked up. It was believed by some that the dirk may have been the chief instrument employed in the series of murders, but the fact that there was no mark of a penetrating wound on Andrew Helgelein's body is a refutation of this theory. Chloroform or some other deadly drug is thought to have been used to encompass his death.

On all the other bodies on the farm there is no negative evidence to disprove the dirk theory. The knives and scissors are thought to have been used in dismembering the bodies.

Mrs. Colpman, of Laporte, who for six years was a neighbor of Mrs. Guinness, says that on the only occasion on which she called upon her neighbor, a breeze coming through an open window blew aside the fold of a loose house dress which Mrs. Guinness was wearing and revealed about her body a wide belt containing pouches of various sizes and sheaves which seemed to have been constructed for knives.

There is a possibility that the grand jury which convened yesterday will begin an investigation of the charges against Ray Lamphere to-day. Last night Prosecutor Smith said he might take the case before the jury to-day or to-morrow.

THE GAME CASE. Habeas Corpus Proceedings Are Taken to Free Chas. Brown. (From Tuesday's Daily.) In Rex vs. Charles Brown the case of the alleged infraction of the game law came before the chief justice yesterday afternoon. S. Perry Mills, K. C., for the accused, and H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C., for the crown. Mr. Mills stated that he and Mr. Helmecken had agreed for the convenience of all parties to go before the court on a case stated which had been previously agreed upon. The magistrate had, however, refused to sign the writ of habeas corpus, a matter which Mr. Mills had refused to give for his client, hence the application for habeas corpus.

Mr. Brown was immediately brought before the chief justice who thereupon granted a rule nisi for a writ of habeas corpus to issue returnable on Friday next. Mr. Brown was thereupon released on Mr. Mills giving his personal undertaking that he would appear.

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DUTIES OF THE PRESS.

In its presentation yesterday the Grand Jury deprecated the publication "by a section of the press" of the evidence in a case of "a dirty and unpleasant nature" and suggested that "the publication of the evidence should be so edited that in its presentation to the public it would be clothed with decency."

In the wide range prescribed by custom as coming within its scope, the Grand Jury doubtless finds many things upon which it feels like expressing an opinion, and perhaps a reference to the exacting work of the daily journalist is as proper and as profitable as any. There is no doubt that the body of gentlemen comprising the Grand Jury were actuated by high motives, and this being the case their presentment is entitled to consideration. Very often criticisms of the kind contained in the above extracts, come from sources so gross and sensual that they are useful only in contributing to the humor of the day. Given, however, that the jury were sincere, the subject can be frankly discussed without any hysteria or prudishness.

For this reason we think that the nervous haste of the Colonist this morning in pleading "not guilty" and in justifying its failure to publish the news because it is sometimes nasty, is rather unfortunate. How many cases which come before the police magistrate, for instance, are not of an unpleasant nature? Would a live newspaper be justified in suppressing all police court news because of that fact? For instance, not many weeks ago the city press published the details of an underworld case which exhibited shocking degeneracy in two of the principals involved. More recently a case was heard in which the details were less revolting, but the principals were men widely known and of standing in the community. Is it contended that it is fair for a newspaper to print all the facts in the one case when the parties are poor, obscure and defenceless and to suppress them in the other, when they are possessed of both wealth and influence? This conveniently flexible standard has always seemed to the Times to be contemptible, and it becomes nauseating when it is claimed as a virtue instead of being admitted as unjust and cowardly.

Critics, even well intentioned ones, forget that the forbearance of a newspaper is sought almost daily, and to the credit of the press in general it must be said that wherever it is possible to prevent a hardship without unduly curtailing the news which the subscribers to a newspaper pay for, and are entitled to receive, it is done. To say it is the name of a boy detected in his first crime, to whose mother the knowledge of his act would be as a death blow; to-morrow it is a poor fellow overcome by liquor, but penitent and anxious to spare, not himself, but his relatives, the pain that the publication of his name would involve. But the papers that honestly try to serve the best interests of society in this way do not prate about it nor seek the approval of the public or even of Grand Juries.

There are cases, too, where newspapers have to consider the general interests for other reasons. There have been lapses by men holding high public positions in this province, not in private life, but when actually supposed to be exercising the duties of their high station, which have been passed over silently, not from any regard for the men involved, but because the publication of the facts might lessen public respect for some of the cherished institutions of this country.

Nothing ever published in a newspaper in British Columbia can equal in baldness of statement the reports in the London Times of the divorce and kindred cases in the English courts. The British press is notoriously plain-spoken in these cases for reasons which every newspaper man understands. It is not because they are lacking in a sense of public duty or decency, but, on the contrary, because they believe that apart altogether from the consideration of news, the spotlight of publicity constitutes one of the great buttresses against wrong. It is more, it is a corrective against the sly, salacious gossip which thrives where the press is afraid to discharge its true function and which adds a wealth of detail and exaggeration unjust to evap the principals themselves.

The belief of the Grand Jury that these facts may be read in the home where purity is respected, is, we submit, based on the fallacious idea that the home is a monastery or a convent, into which no echo of the outside world permeates excepting through the printed page. These gentlemen, if they would but reflect, would remember that events which have taken place here during the last month have been discussed and gnawed from one end of the city to the other

and in some instances were grossly exaggerated and unfair to those involved - an injustice which could only be corrected by the publication of the facts. We live in an age when even the young are not unsophisticated, and some of these gentlemen might be surprised to find how much is learned without the aid of newspapers. We are not of those who believe youth should not be forewarned for the work of life by a knowledge of the actual dangers which lurk in its pathway. Ignorance only makes the path of youth the more slippery.

On the whole, therefore, while commending the high sense of public duty which actuated the Grand Jury in making the presentment and of the learned Chief Justice in commenting upon it, we regret that the gentlemen had not more time at their disposal to go into all sides of a question which has engaged the attention of newspaper men since the days of Gutenberg, with the result expressed in the treatment of such cases in the British press to-day.

THE VOTERS' LISTS.

It is perhaps needless to reiterate the statement that the only object behind the amendments to the Dominion Elections Act proposed by the Minister of Justice, as clearly and convincingly set forth by the Minister, is to secure clean, complete and up-to-date voters' lists and a fair expression of the popular will in elections. The government takes the ground that the Dominion Parliament must control its own franchise and the lists upon which the franchise is based. The opposition says if the lists of voters are not left in the hands of the governments of Manitoba and of British Columbia it will obstruct public service and keep the House in session until Christmas. The case is therefore clear cut and it is an easy matter for the public to determine upon which side justice abides. It has been said by Conservatives representing Manitoba that the lists compiled by the Tory government of that province are pure—that no effort has been made by the officials of the Roblin government in charge of the lists to prevent the registration of Liberal voters. Mr. Bole, the representative of Winnipeg in the House of Commons, a responsible man who has no further political ambitions, as his retirement at the end of the present Parliament is announced, states some facts he is prepared to prove by documentary evidence which do not bear out the assertions of Conservatives in respect to the purity of the Rogers lists. He could show, he said, that not only one man had been deprived of his right to vote under the act of Manitoba, but that no less than 450 good citizens in his own constituency had had their franchise nullified by the placing upon the voters' list of 450 names by means of fraud, forgery, perjury and personation. Mr. Bole then proceeded to read several affidavits, sworn to by Galicians, to the effect that W. H. Hastings, Conservative organizer in North Winnipeg, had connived at the improper naturalization of about 450 Galicians for the purpose of registration, and that kegs of beer were delivered to the Galicians who would vote for Mitchell, the Conservative candidate for North Winnipeg provincial elections in March last. The affidavits also set forth that naturalization papers were, with the knowledge of Conservative officials, signed by persons other than the applicants, that they were antedated in order to comply with the conditions entitling the applicant to vote, and that even money was distributed to some Galicians. Mr. Bole said he had other evidence of wrongdoing from other constituencies, but preferred to confine himself to his own constituency. He was sorry to think that 450 people should have lent themselves to such work, but Mr. Borden had challenged any member to give the names, and he felt it his duty to answer that challenge and submit the evidence.

This statement alone, we submit, is sufficient, apart from other factors having an important bearing upon the case, to justify the government in the position it has taken. There is no question whatever that the governments of Messrs. Roblin and McBride would resort to any form of crookedness to gain the end they have in view, the discomfiture of the Laurier government. That much desired result is in line with their political ambitions. They are not in public life to render service to the country, but to achieve party and personal ends—"playing the game," they call it. The people of Canada can judge for themselves as to which party has the right on its side in this matter, and if the case be pushed to an extremity there is no doubt as to the popular verdict.

MARRIED IN NANAIMO.

Wm. G. Cessford, of This City, Wedded Miss Aitken.

The marriage took place Monday evening at the home of her parents in Nanaimo, of Miss Nellie Aitken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Aitken, and Mr. George Cessford, of Victoria West.

The wedding ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Miller. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edie Aitken, while T. Cessford missed his brother. Many presents were presented to the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Cessford have arrived in Victoria and will reside at 624 Hillside avenue.

MORESBY ISLAND MACHINERY.

New Westminster Firm is Awarded Big Sawmill Contract.

New Westminster, May 14.—The Schaake Machine Works Company of this city has been awarded the contract for the building of all the machinery required for Moresby Island Timber Company's new mill at Queen Charlotte on the south end of Graham Island. Mr. Schaake, interviewed, refused to state the amount involved in the contract, but it is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The mill will have a capacity of 100,000 feet per day of ten hours. The foundations are now being built.

In addition to this large contract Schaake's have under construction some thirty-eight shingle manufacturing machines for mills in every part of the province. To-day also the firm is building a water wheel for the Lamb-Watson Lumber Company, of Arrowhead, for a powerful stern wheel steamer which that company is operating on the Arrow lakes.

GRAND JURY MADE ITS PRESENTMENT.

Recommendations Made by That Body Yesterday Afternoon.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Yesterday afternoon the grand jury, serving at the assizes, made its usual presentment. It was as follows:

To the Honorable the Chief Justice of the province of British Columbia, presiding judge of the present Assizes. My Lord: The grand jury desire to make the following presentment: We have visited the provincial goal, the Old Men's home and the city lock-up, and were received with courtesy in all places and shown through the buildings. Provincial Goal—We found the provincial goal in exceptionally good order, well ventilated and spotlessly clean. We are of opinion that the government should consider the advisability of replacing some of the gas burners with electric lights. When prisoners have access to unprotected light, there are possibilities of mischief in the corridors, and these should, when possible, be abolished. Old Men's Home—The condition of things at the Old Men's Home calls for some comment. The drainage of the corridor flows into a septic tank, apparently flows out again, doubtless somewhat purified, but still more or less sewage, and spreads over the land for a considerable distance, as is evidenced by the rank vegetation, and growth on the surface. The natural drainage for this effluent is towards some dwellings and a farm in the immediate vicinity, and it cannot be said that their wells, and a menace to health. We were informed that a committee of the city council has recently examined this nuisance, and presume the corporation will speedily take steps to abate it. The provision for heating the building appears to be inadequate. Stoves in the corridor can hardly convey enough heat into the rooms to warm old men whose blood runs slowly. The city has built a valuable home, and has left it without adequate fire protection. A few chemical extinguishers in the corridor form the only available ready means of putting out an incipient fire. The continuation of the main from the willows, a stand pipe, adequate hose and a nozzle, would put in the hands of the caretaker a means of effectually dealing with small roof fires, to which a shingle roof is always liable, or at least help to keep the fire in check until the brigade could arrive from town. It appears to us desirable that some means should be found of employing the inmates, as far as is possible, in light and useful labor, such as allotting to each man capable of standing a small plot of ground, for the cultivation of fruit, flowers or vegetables. The extension of the water main, also referred to, would supply the means for watering these plots. The caretaker is doubtless doing his best, and looking after so many old men, must occupy his time fully. We think some system might be devised by which the inmates should, in turn, take their share of the routine work of the home, as for instance, the cleaning of the toilet accommodation daily, whitewashing, etc. in these matters the home does not compare favorably with the provincial goal. City Lock-up—Here the condition of things is fairly satisfactory. We learned that the premises are whitewashed about twice a year, and we believe the time for giving them a spring coat has fully come. Where prisoners are brought in daily from the streets, often in a dirty or unpleasant condition, an abundant supply of whitewash and disinfectants is necessary and should be frequently used. We noticed an old mattress on a bed. It did not look wholesome. Boys when imprisoned are placed in the women's part of the building. We hope the city council will take some steps at an early date to provide distinct and separate accommodation for them. The Press—We have noticed recently that the details of the evidence given in certain cases heard in our courts have been published very fully by a section of the press. In our opinion, if a case is of such a dirty and unpleasant nature as to have to be heard behind closed doors, the publication of the evidence should be so edited, that in its presentation to the public, it would be clothed with decency, and that no disgusting details be suppressed. The pandering to the vitiated taste and morbid desire for sensationalism of the press, is beneath the name of Adela, Capt. Larkin, which is making an exceptionally long passage to Valparaiso from Tacoma, has been dropped from 55 per cent. to 50 per cent. Larkin's hope is to proceed for the safety of the British ship Falkland which is now 185 days out from and at the proper time. (Sd.) ROBERT L. DAY, Foreman of Grand Jury, Victoria, B. C., May 13, 1908.

RIGHT OR WRONG NO SURRENDER

DETERMINED TO KEEP UP OBSTRUCTION FARCE

Tories Allowed Time to Collect Reasons for Opposing Election Bill.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 14.—"Right or wrong, no surrender," is the determined attitude taken by the opposition members after another caucus this morning on the present bill to give the present impasse and allow the business of parliament to proceed the members are equally determined not to be bulldozed and will insist that the rights of the liberal electors in Manitoba will be safeguarded equally with those of the Conservative electors.

In order to get time for the consideration of the situation to analyze the premier's proposal of leaving the whole control of the preparation and revision of the Manitoba voters' lists in the hands of judges and to decide on which one of the other policies would adopt, the opposition asked last night that for to-day the debate be dropped. The reasons for their continued stubborn opposition to the bill are not made very apparent by the members who attended the caucus but it is understood their position will be made known in a series of amendments to be declared by the committee after further consideration.

Meanwhile to-day the conduct of the Cassels inquiry into the marine department is being discussed while the Tory leaders gather up their varying policies and see which one to adopt. A few hours of more mature thought and the keeping of their ears to the ground may result in a less militant and more reasonable attitude in the opposition, but present indications point to a resumption to-morrow of a fight which promises to be long and bitter.

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METHODISTS CONVENE AT VANCOUVER

Rev. Dr. Carman Opens Ministerial Session—Preliminary Routine Work.

Vancouver, May 13.—The Methodist conference opened this morning in the Mount Pleasant Methodist church with an attendance of forty ministers, and before adjournment was taken at noon all preliminaries leading up to the actual business in hand had been completed.

The formal opening of the session was preceded and distinguished by an address by Rev. G. W. Dean, on "The Attitude of the Church Towards Present Day Issues." His was listened to by the ministers with marked attention, and at the close of the address was warmly congratulated on his eloquent appeal for the strengthening of the bonds between church and people.

The ministerial session of the conference was then opened by the general superintendent, Rev. Dr. Carman. In a few powerful words he touched on the value of experience in the teaching of theology and practical effort. Dr. Carman is a medium-sized man, well advanced in years, but his manner is marked by all the ardor and vigor of youth. His face lights up with the brilliance of the mind at work behind it. His address was punctuated by applause, especially when he dwelt on the importance of man's relationship to his fellowmen, only being accurately determined when first he had made certain of his relationship towards God.

Rev. T. E. Holling, of Winnipeg, was transferred to the Metropolitan church at Victoria. His place at the Manitoba conference will be filled by Rev. G. K. B. Adams.

The committee on conference relations list was brought forward. No resignations were reported, and only two withdrawals, one from Victoria and one from New Westminster. The last caused considerable discussion owing to the member having married without leave of the conference.

The following members were received into full connection, and will be ordained in due course: Charles F. Connor, B. A.; J. Wesley Miller, B. A.; D. B. Frederick, S. O. Dell, B. A.; D. M. Perley, B. A.; D. W. Adams, B. A.

This evening there will be a public meeting in the church, when Rev. S. D. Chown will lecture on "Temperance and Moral Reform." To-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock, when the public sessions open, Dr. E. Hall will give an address on "The Relation of Medico-Psychic Research to Religion."

DIES ON EVE OF MEETING HER SON

Pitiful End of Aged Mother After Journeying from Seattle to St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 14.—After travelling all the way from Seattle, Wash., to visit her son, Mrs. E. W. Thompson, 80 years old, died suddenly at Union station this morning while waiting for relatives to meet her. Geo. W. Thompson, her son, a hatter, was notified by the police that the body was at the morgue.

At the morgue was found a letter in Mrs. Thompson's hand bag which contained directions by which Mrs. Thompson could reach the hat store in the event of her son's not being at the station. She was requested to telegraph the time the train would arrive. Mrs. Thompson did not send the telegram as she planned a surprise for her son.

ROYAL CITY RIFLEMEN.

New Westminster, May 13.—The riflemen of the city are taking unusual interest in the sport of range shooting this year, and an enthusiastic meeting of the local militia companies was held last night, when an elaborate programme was laid out.

The new rifle range at South Westminster is now in good shape, and the riflemen here have decided to hold independent shoots in future and not to shoot in company with the Vancouver militiamen. The local companies will enter two teams in the Canadian Military Rifle League matches for this year, and arrangements were also made for the holding of weekly shoots, and special trophies will be given. The new men will be particularly encouraged to become proficient shots and special prizes will be offered to them, while the older members will be on hand to give them instructions and all rifles and ammunition will be supplied.

LIMERICK PRIZE.

St. George's Baking Powder Limerick Prize Winner.

The fourth of the weekly prizes of \$5.00 for the best line sent in each week for St. George's Baking Powder Limerick, has been awarded to Mrs. John White, 234 East George St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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**LOCAL LODGE**  
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**IN COMPETITION FOR**  
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**Business Transacted at the**  
**Sittings Held Yesterday**  
**Afternoon.**

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
 The team competition, which was won  
 by the local lodge Far West No. 1, was  
 the work of last evening's session of  
 the grand lodge of K. of P. and kept  
 the gathering well on to 1 a. m. this  
 morning before the contest was brought  
 to a completion. The scores of the  
 contest were Far West lodge No. 1, 178  
 points; Mt. Pleasant lodge No. 11, 178  
 points; Nelson No. 25, 177 1/2; Victoria  
 No. 37, 175 1/2, and Nanaimo No. 4, 150 1/2.

The result was greeted with cheers and  
 great enthusiasm. The small margin  
 covering all the competitors shows that  
 the contest was a very close one and  
 from the narrow margin of a quarter  
 of a point separating the first and  
 second teams shows that the winners  
 had to do good work to win. The Far  
 West Lodge gets the first prize of \$100,  
 while the second of \$50 goes to Mt.  
 Pleasant team which was assisted  
 by its now famous drill team and gave  
 an exhibition of floor work with  
 musical accompaniment. The Far West  
 team had the assistance of the lime-  
 light gaining many fine color effects.

The judges who were in charge of the  
 event were E. S. H. Winn, Rossland;  
 C. E. Strickland, Enderby; Noble Binns,  
 Trail; C. F. Nelson, New Denver, and  
 J. Mahoney, New Westminster.

At the continued session of the grand  
 lodge of the great domain of British  
 Columbia Knights of Pythias, held yester-  
 day afternoon, the members who at-  
 tended the conference were kept busy  
 right up till the time of adjournment  
 at 8 p. m. and transacted business that  
 has an important bearing on the work  
 of the lodge of which the division of  
 the province into seven districts and  
 the decision to appoint seven deputy  
 grand chancellors to supervise the dis-  
 tricts and lighten the work of the  
 grand chancellor; the question of dis-  
 missal certificates and the empower-  
 ment of the grand chancellor to insti-  
 tute new lodges wherever he may deem  
 it advisable, were the most important  
 matters dealt with.

At the commencement of the work  
 four P. C.'s were honored by having  
 the grand lodge rank conferred upon them.

Bro. Mecklen and Bro. Hawkins, re-  
 presenting the insurance department,  
 then addressed the members present  
 on that matter. Their addresses were  
 fully comprehensive of the working of  
 the insurance department and the  
 work was made by them of the new  
 fifth class ratings. The addresses  
 were given in an eloquent manner and  
 greatly appreciated by those present  
 who, at the conclusion of the address,  
 tendered the speakers a hearty vote  
 of thanks.

G. K. R. S. Bro. Pfender was in-  
 struction to send a suitable reply  
 to Jacob D. Block, grand chancellor of the  
 order at Mobile, Alabama, in response  
 to the following telegram received yester-  
 day afternoon and applauded en-  
 thusiastically as read:

"Mobile, Ala., May 13.  
 "To the Grand Chancellor of the K. of  
 P. Victoria, British Columbia, B. C.

"Alabama Knights send fraternal  
 greetings to your brothers in the far  
 north, hoping that your deliberations  
 may benefit not only your own do-  
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**FISHERY OVERSEERS.**

Provincial Government Has Made Ap-  
 pointments to Carry Out Its  
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(From Thursday's Daily.)  
 The provincial government yester-  
 day appointed officials to supervise the  
 new regulations to be put in force  
 under the Provincial Fish-  
 eries Act. The officials appointed were  
 as follows: Samuel North, ex-chief of  
 police of Vancouver, whose headquar-  
 ters will be at the Terminal City and  
 duties the section of fees and gen-  
 eral supervision of the Fraser river  
 district; T. G. Wynn, of Vancouver,  
 who will act in the same capacity  
 among the fishermen and canneries of  
 the Skeena; A. S. Barnes, of Nanaimo,  
 who will cover the Rivers Inlet section;  
 and Charles Hickman, of Atlin, who  
 will act as fisheries overseer on the  
 Nias River. Each of those mentioned  
 will have the powers of provincial con-  
 stables. The chief constables at Na-  
 naimo, Alberni and Alert bay will also  
 act in a similar capacity.

All provincial constables will be in-  
 structed to these officials in  
 every way possible.

It was agreed also to have a strong  
 effort made to see that the liquor law  
 was enforced so as to meet the wishes  
 of the canneries owners.

The new officials will enter on their  
 duties at once.

**MURDEROUS ATTACK.**

Vancouver, May 13.—Lola Radre, a  
 Portuguese, this morning carved up a  
 Portuguese woman named Sanda.  
 Radre used a razor and cut the woman  
 in a dozen places.

Screaming and covered with blood  
 from head to foot, she ran from her  
 house. Before the police arrived Radre  
 had cut his own throat and will prob-  
 ably die. The woman will recover.

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Careful tests have proved beyond  
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 defined medicinal virtues. Those who  
 suffer with indigestion are compelled  
 "to diet"—and that after eating oranges  
 regularly for breakfast there is no dis-  
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Where there was a tendency towards  
 constipation, the eating of oranges  
 regulated the bowels.

In skin troubles, those who began the  
 morning meal with an orange were no-  
 ticeably improved.

There is, however, a quicker way to  
 get better results. This is to take one  
 or two "Fruit-a-tives" tablets at bed-  
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**If Timber Men Will Make Use**  
**of Road Construction**  
**Will Begin.**

There is now more likelihood of the  
 Cowichan lake branch of the E. & N.  
 railway being built. The company is  
 prepared to undertake the work just  
 as soon as the lumber companies own-  
 ing limits in the valley are prepared to  
 give assurances that they will finish  
 the line with the carrying of the logs  
 to the mills at the coast.

At the present time the method of  
 transporting logs by the primitive  
 one of floating them down the river  
 at the time of high water. This way  
 of doing the work is not regarded as  
 an economical one. On the contrary, it  
 is attended with very heavy loss in the  
 course of the year. A large number of  
 the logs get stranded and it is an ex-  
 pensive operation to liberate them.  
 Donkey engines are even now in use  
 to set the logs free from becoming em-  
 bedded in the sand along the course.

In spite of all that is done there is a  
 heavy loss to the companies. To over-  
 come this the best system would be to  
 ship the logs to the mills by rail. This  
 means for doing this the E. & N. is  
 prepared to provide. If the timber  
 companies will use the line the cost  
 in the opinion of railway officials,  
 would be no more than what is taken  
 in account.

In other ways there would be ad-  
 vantages in having the logs carried by  
 rail. The floating of logs is attended  
 with heavy loss in connection with the  
 fish life. The spawning beds are in-  
 terfered with and the supply of fish  
 materially curtailed. The C. P. R. is  
 interested in preserving the Cowichan  
 fishing grounds and for this reason it  
 is anxious to have the depletion occa-  
 sioned by the floating of logs down the  
 stream done away with.

The company is looking forward to  
 making the Cowichan river one of the  
 great attractions on the Island, and for  
 this reason seek to do away with any-  
 thing which will destroy the fish there.

The timber resources of Cowichan  
 valley are second to none on the Island.  
 R. Marpole, general executive assistant,  
 who has come in close touch with the  
 various parts of the coast, says that  
 the timber of that portion of the Island  
 is unexcelled. Removed from the ef-  
 fects of the storms which so often as-  
 sault the coast, the timber  
 develops to its fullest, free from flaws  
 which are so often found in trees in  
 coast limits.

The timber resources of the valley  
 are sufficient, it is estimated, to pro-  
 vide freight for the branch line for a  
 quarter of a century. Under all the cir-  
 cumstances it is more than likely that  
 an arrangement will be arrived at  
 within a short time whereby the branch  
 to Cowichan lake will be built.

The line would be a great boon in the  
 way of transit travel. The attractions  
 which the lake have had at the present  
 time known only to comparatively few  
 owing to the fact that the means of  
 reaching it are too expensive and too  
 slow. With a railway line in existence  
 there would be a heavy trade built up.

**BOY MEETS SAD DEATH**

**AT METLAKATLA**

Thomas Carlton, Capsizing in  
 Canoe, is Seized With  
 Cramps and Drowns.

Prince Rupert, B. C., May 10.—A sad  
 drowning accident occurred on Friday  
 afternoon at Metlakatla, five miles from  
 here, when Thomas Carlton, aged 11,  
 lost his life. "We paddling with a  
 companion near the shore their boat  
 grounded on a rock. As young Carlton  
 got out, the boat slipped off, leaving  
 him stranded and the tide rising. His  
 companion, a mere child, being unable  
 to handle the boat and bring it within  
 his reach, Carlton stripped and made  
 for the shore, but when half way, took  
 a cramp and was drowned. An older  
 brother, 29 years of age was drowned  
 in the Skeena a year ago.

**MAN'S MOST CRITICAL AGE.**

Very often the vital resources are  
 small at forty-two, but if not then  
 between fifty-seven and sixty-two years  
 of age there is a strange slowing down  
 and loss of vitality. It is important  
 that this transient period of decay  
 should be checked; strength must be  
 imparted to the tired brain, the weak-  
 ened nerves must be fortified. The wise  
 man who ferretes out his potency  
 is particularly applicable to these  
 critical periods. Ferronze quickens  
 the whole being, imparts vigor and  
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**DOUKHOBORS IN B. C.**

Advance Guard Numbering 85, Arrives  
 at New Colony in Columbia  
 River District.

Nelson, May 13.—Eighty-five of the  
 Doukhobors for the new colony at  
 Waterloo, on the Columbia river, ar-  
 rived at their destination to-night.  
 They were accompanied by a party  
 of Russian and Polish farmers  
 under the direction of the B. C. Col-  
 onization agency have arrived and set-  
 tled on the new colony. The ground  
 purchased by the agency near Fair-  
 vale, to the south of Nelson. The set-  
 tlers will in time own their ranches  
 of ten to twenty acres

CANNED SALMON WAS ALL GOOD

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S PRODUCT STANDS TEST Remarkable Showing Made on Analysis of Output From Province.

A late bulletin (No. 150), issued from the laboratory of the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa, contains the result of the examination of a McGill, the chief analyst of samples of canned salmon. Practically all the brands examined are from B. C. canneries. Six samples were taken from each inspectorial district in the whole of Canada and an analysis made.

That B. C. salmon is put up in the very best condition is proved by the fact that all the samples taken promiscuously were found to be in good condition and true to name.

The names of the packers and the brands examined were as follows: B. C. Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., sold as Eagle Brand, West Coast Packing Co., Newfoundland, labeled Solid Red Brand Newfoundland Salmon.

B. C. Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., sold as Nansen Brand, B. C. Canning Co., Victoria, B. C., sold as Mounted Police Brand, Capital City Canning & Packing Co., Victoria, B. C., sold as Icicle Brand, B. C. Canning Co., Victoria, B. C., sold as Emblem Brand, British Columbia Packing Association, Vancouver, B. C., Peacock Brand, Skeena river salmon.

British Columbia Packing Association, Vancouver, B. C., C Brand British Columbia Skeena fresh river salmon, Skeena Packing Co.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., Tulip Brand Fresh B. C. Pink Salmon.

Columbia Packing Co., J. H. Todd & Sons, agents, Vancouver, B. C., Columbia Brand Fresh Salmon.

W. A. Anderson, Vancouver, B. C., other brand choice B. C. red spring salmon.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., Red Clover Brand Red Salmon, Sprinkling Pack.

Anglo-British Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C., Red Clover Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled Red Salmon, Red Poppy Brand, Red Salmon, Packed for Baird & Peters, St. John, N. B., labeled Best Skeena River Salmon, Red Brand, Choice Cutlet Salmon.

Federation Canning Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C., labeled B. C. Salmon-Mornantide Salmon, Federation Brand Salmon Canning Co., Ltd., trade mark hands clasped.

Whitehead & Turner, Quebec city, P. M., labeled Fraser River Rock Tie Salmon, Clover Leaf Salmon, packed at Lulu Island, B. C., Pacific Selling Co., New York.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled Snow-shoe Brand Choice Salmon, Fresh Salmon Registered.

Whitehead & Turner, Quebec, Turcott & Frere & Co., Quebec, Honore Blanc, Quebec.

Langlois & Paradis, Quebec, Vancouver Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C., other brands, Saumon Frais, 1 lb.

J. H. Todd & Sons, agents, Victoria, B. C., fresh British Columbia Salmon, Sunflower Brand.

The British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., Eagle Brand, Excelsior Packing Co., Ladner's Landing, B. C., Red Poppy Brand, Red Salmon Choice Pack.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., London and British Columbia, Lynx Brand.

Vance cannery, Robert Draney, labeled British Columbia Salmon packed at Cannery by Robt. Draney. Trade mark, P.P.P. in circle with wording, Packer of Prime Pinks.

Skeena Packing Co., labeled British Columbia Salmon, Skeena Packing Co. Trade mark, C in diamond.

Richmond Canning Co., J. H. Todd & Sons, owners, Victoria, B. C. Horse Shoe Brand.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B. C., Autumn Leaf Brand.

The British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., Dominion Brand British Columbia Salmon.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., Tulip Brand, British Columbia, Salmon Pink.

Major & Co., Ottawa, labeled B. C. Salmon, Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B. C., Autumn Leaf Brand.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., London and B. C., labeled Core Flower Brand Fresh Salmon, with words Bachelor's Button.

J. H. Todd & Sons, agents, Victoria, B. C., tin labeled Tiger Brand Salmon, Tiger Brand registered trade mark.

H. N. Bate & Sons, Ottawa, labeled Fraser River Sockeye, packed at Lulu Island, B. C., Clover Leaf Salmon Pacific Selling Co., N. Y.

F. J. Castle & Co., Ottawa, Victoria, B. C., only choicest Red Sockeye Salmon, Vancouver Packing Co., Vancouver, B. C.

Not known, Shamrock Brand Salmon, Red Sockeye, Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B. C., sole agents. Guaranteed the finest Red Sockeye salmon.

Lulu Island, B. C. B. C. Packers Association, B. C. Packers Association, New York, Target Brand, Clover Leaf Brand, Seller Boy Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., Clover Leaf Brand, Maple Leaf Brand, Golden Net Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled Mermaid Brand Lacus Steel and Bristol.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C., labeled B. C. Salmon, Arbuthnot Brand.

Clayton's Salmon, Clatsop Co., Ltd., labeled B. C. Salmon, Ocean Brand, Elliot Mar & Co., London, Ont.

Anglo-British American Co., Vancouver, B. C., branded Pink Salmon, Windsor Canning Co., (Geo. Watts &

Co.), Brantford, marked Skeena River Salmon. Edward Adams & Co., London, B. C. Packing Co. Elliot Mar & Co., London, Ont., Cascadia Brand.

A. M. Smith & Co., London, Pacific Coast Packing Co. British Columbia Packing Association.

John Marrin & Co., Winnipeg, Man., Tiger Brand.

Federation Brand Salmon Cannery Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C., Federation Brand.

Pacific Selling Co., N. Y., packed at Princess Royal Island, B. C., Arrow Brand.

Campbell Bros., Wilcox, Winnipeg, Man., Royal Shield Brand, packed expressly for Campbell Bros. Wilson, vendor, said he did not think the article was pesty.

R. Draney, Namee Cannery, B. C., Fitzhugh Sound, King Edward Brand, J. H. Todd & Sons, Victoria, B. C., Royal Crown Brand.

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd., B. C.

W. H. Malkin Co., Vancouver, B. C., Caledonia Packing Co., Fraser river, B. C.

J. H. Todd & Son, Victoria, B. C., British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C.

W. H. Malkin Co., Vancouver, B. C., Wallace Bros., Claxton, C.

Nuwichy Canning Co., Heron Brand, B. C. Packers Association, Red Poppy Brand.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, Carnation Brand, Vancouver Packing Co., Victoria Brand.

Federation Canning Co., Victoria, B. C., Unity Brand.

British Columbia Packers Association, Vancouver, B. C.

Ward, Anderson & Co., Victoria & Vancouver, B. C.

J. H. Todd & Sons, Victoria, B. C., Nuwichy Canning Co., of B. C. C.

Wilson Bros., Victoria, B. C.

W. H. Malkin & Co., Vancouver, B. C.

TO DEVELOP MORE CORDIAL RELATIONS

American Citizens Born in Canada Send Memorial to Roosevelt.

The following is a copy of a communication, signed by American citizens born in Canada, which was recently sent to President Roosevelt and the senate of the United States:

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of several hundred thousand American citizens born in Canada, and in other parts of the British Empire, residing in New England, and far outnumbering all other citizens of foreign birth within this part of the United States, tender respectful and hearty thanks to His Excellency the President and to the Honorable the Senate, for the ratification of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

"This action is to the signers an additional proof of the development of that cordial good feeling and that desire to promote the best interests of humanity which have of late years marked the relations between the two great countries which lead the world in the practical application of the principles of true democracy to the solution of national and of international problems alike.

"It is almost superfluous, therefore, to do more than allude to the statement made by some of our Irish-American fellow-citizens that the government and people of the British Empire are unfriendly to this country. On the contrary, there exist among all Britons, in every part of the world, a warm and true friendship and admiration for the government and people of the United States, and this an extent undreamed of in any other nation. Abundant proof of this fact is furnished by the history of the relations between the United States and the British Empire within recent years, and the eager desire of Britons in every part of the world to welcome and salute the United States fleet on its present beyond the peradventure of a doubt the existence of this admirable state of feeling.

"The signers of this memorial venture further to express the hope that His Excellency the President and the Honorable the Senate will ratify the treaties now pending between this country on the one hand and the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland on the other, convinced as the signers are that such ratification would be for the best interests of the countries concerned, and will tend greatly to cement and perpetuate the existing relations of friendship and commerce between the United States and all other English-speaking communities throughout the civilized world.

Here follow the names of those who signed the memorial. From the census of 1900 the following statistics as to residents of New England born in Canada and the United Kingdom is taken:

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DEATH OF POPULAR GIRL

New Westminster, May 12.—The actress, Miss Alice Macnamara learned with regret to-day of her demise in Vancouver last evening. The deceased young lady, who was but 18 years of age, was most popular in this her native city, and was Queen of the May in 1905.

EVA McDANIELS GOES FREE FROM COURT

Accusation of Murdering Logger on New Year's Day Falls to the Ground.

Vancouver, May 12.—Eva McDaniels was acquitted by the jury yesterday afternoon on the charge of having murdered George Black by administering morphine last New Year's Day. This was the only case heard yesterday.

At the beginning of the afternoon sitting all jurors, other than those engaged in the case, were excused till 10 o'clock this morning. Dr. Underhill testified that he had analyzed the contents of four wine bottles from which Black and Eva McDaniels had been drinking. In one of the bottles he found traces of morphine. He had also tested the wine glasses. There was a liquid in them, but he washed out the sediment and after three traces of morphine. Afterwards he had examined the stomach and found traces of morphine there. He had dissected the brain, which had been handed to him by Dr. Poole, and found that it also contained morphine. He obtained crystals from the brain amounting to over half a grain. One grain of morphine might prove fatal, the medical dose being from one-eighth to half a grain. He had not analyzed the amount contained in the stomach, but felt sure there was enough in the whole body to cause death. If a man having taken morphine, got into such a state that he could not be wakened up, he was very far advanced, and unless means of restoration were promptly applied he would die. Dr. Poole testified that the post-mortem examination of Black's body. He had thought at first that the man had died from heart failure, due to alcoholism. The size of the heart was above the normal, weighed about 16 or 17 ounces, and on further examination he concluded that he had probably died from poisoning, as there was plenty of morphine in the stomach. The autopsy was completed about 15 minutes after it was taken. Mr. Martin submitted that there was no evidence against the accused. The fact that the man died was admitted, but even if poison were given, the jury there to show that the accused had given it any more than anyone else in the house. Even admitting that the poison had come from the wine bottles, the accused stated that the man in the room, the door was open, and there was as much opportunity for anyone else to administer the poison as there was for the accused. There had no exclusive opportunity at all.

Mr. Justice Morrison said that the evidence was highly circumstantial, but as a matter of procedure he would ask Mr. Martin to go on with his case and let the jury decide. Mr. Martin dressed the jury. He said in the first place that the crown had to show that the prisoner intended to kill. There was no evidence to show that the grievance or motive whatever. So far as the man's money went, all that was known anything about had been accounted for, and men who had been treated and washed, no unaccounted amount had been found upon her. Eva McDaniels could not be called upon to prove how the morphine got into the man's system, or the glass, or the bottle in this house with its doors wide open, there was someone who had a spite against the deceased and they might have put the poison in. The accused might himself have done the habit of taking morphine, and might have slipped it into the bottle after the woman had gone out. If they were to do this, the man with murder on his mind, would charge every other person in the house.

Mr. Maclean said he had the evidence of Eva McDaniels herself as given at the inquest, that she and Black had drunk the wine together. If, as his learned friend said, someone else had put morphine in the wine, it was strange that she had not noticed it. There were two and a half bottles of wine, and she might have led her. One was probably hers, but just to put him to sleep to get his money; or more probably she gave it to him in order that she might get him for awhile and resort with other companions. She intended to put him to sleep; she overdid it; he died, and she had committed murder.

The justice then said that in a case where there had been no intention to commit murder, but where death ensued, it might be manslaughter. A poisoning case was one of the most difficult that could come before a jury. The chain of circumstances must be unbroken in order to prove guilt. Had she an exclusive opportunity to commit the crime? The case being by a table in a negative way, and the circumstances one would look for in such a case were all left out. No motive could be attributed. In his view there was no substantial evidence against the prisoner. If the minds of the jury were in doubt at all, they should throw a grain of mercy in the balance.

That the jury followed the judge's advice was shown by the fact that after an absence of less than a quarter of an hour they returned with a verdict of "not guilty," and Eva McDaniels went strolling down the court house steps, a free woman once more.

NELSON'S NEW COURT HOUSE

Nelson, May 12.—The grand jury in a new presentation to Mr. Justice Cleary, at the assizes, expresses great satisfaction that the new court house is nearing completion, and that the good court meets again, there will be ample accommodation provided for all concerned. They also urge strongly that further and better accommodation be provided at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital, the existing building not meeting the present pressing requirements satisfactorily. Liberal assistance from the government is asked, the promise being made that the Kootenay people will respond liberally if government aid is given. The usual light criminal docket was the subject of congratulation.

All free miners' certificates expire on May 31st so that holders are reminded that it is necessary to renew before that date if they wish to continue their licenses.

ALBERNI'S BOARD OF TRADE IN SESSION

Matters of Interest Come Before Newly Formed Body.

Alberni, May 12.—The second monthly meeting of the recently organized Board of Trade took place in the court house on the evening of the 14th. There was a good attendance of members, both towns being represented. An interim report was presented by the hospital scheme committee, showing what steps had been taken in the matter. The report was received and the committee asked to continue the work. A similar course was adopted with the respect of the committee appointed to look into freight rates and wharfage charges.

A discussion took place over the new schedule of the mail service. Eventually the president, Capt. J. Huff, was requested to interview the authorities in Victoria with a view to its improvement with special reference to the fact, not known when tenders for the present service are called for, that after the 1st of June the C. P. R. will run an afternoon train daily between Nanaimo and Victoria rendering it almost impossible for the Alberni to Victoria with mails or passengers in one day. A considerable amount of other business of a more or less routine character was transacted. On the following evening the members of the executive met Mr. Beasley of the C. P. R. service and discussed various matters affecting the district in an informal manner. While in Alberni on this occasion, Mr. Beasley completed settlements for the payment of compensation by his company in several cases where the projected line through cleared farms and small orchards, etc., had been completed. In this matter he exhibited a disposition to deal fairly with every case on its merits and in almost every instance has made arrangements satisfactory to both parties.

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The entire army of the Tonga Islands, comprising six officers and thirty men, was recently disbanded.

RAISING MONEY FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT SCHEME

Ladysmith Discusses Site for Power House—Five-a-Side Football Tourney.

Ladysmith, May 12.—The council at last night's meeting took its first action on the new electric light by-law. A sum of \$25,000 is to be raised, and the first thing to do is to arrange for the sale of the debentures. It was agreed, therefore, to advertise for a month in the Monetary Times for tenders. The question of a site for the power-house was also discussed at some length. Three sites were proposed, one down on the green beside the old pavilion, the second on a spot below the Esplanade immediately in front of the new post office building, and the third suggested by Mayor Nicholson, was between the Wellington Colliery Company's bunkers and the transfer wharf. The two chief desiderata were a convenient water supply and economy in the haulage of coal. The nearer the power house could be erected to the bunkers the cheaper would be the monthly coal bill. The few extra hundred yards of wire that would be required for the economy in the fuel bill. After discussing the three sites suggested, Mayor Nicholson was instructed to interview the officials of the Wellington Colliery company and ascertain whether any of these sites were available, preference being given to that beside the bunkers.

A bill for \$3.55 came up before the council to-night for the third time. The account was rendered by Constable Hillhead of Chemainus. It seems he took a charge of a man belonging to Ladysmith whom he found wandering almost naked and apparently in a dejected state on the flats below Westholme. He brought the man up to Ladysmith and handed him over to the constable. That bill of \$3.55 represented his expenses in the case. On its first presentation the bill was laid over for a week, and at the last meeting the council repudiated all responsibility for the case. The head refused, again, stating that if the council would pay the account he would have to lay the matter before the attorney-general. He suggested that the council collect the money from the man himself.

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PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Fernie, May 12.—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Brown, of Revelstoke, grand chief of the Pythian Sisters, of the grand domain of British Columbia, arrived in Fernie last week to institute a temple of the order in this city. The Knights of Pythias surrendered the hall to the ladies and institution was proceeded with. Fernie temple is known as Crow's Nest temple No. 15. The following officers were elected and installed:

Past chief, Mrs. H. G. Lockhart; most excellent chief, Mrs. E. L. Wrigglesworth; senior excellent, Mrs. T. Beck; junior excellent, Mrs. A. Gillespie; manager of the temple, Miss Joan Anderson; mistress of the records, Mrs. Wm. Scott; mistress of finance, Miss Gates; protector of the inner temple; protector of the outer temple, Mrs. H. G. Lockhart.

After installation an initiation was put on and the complete initiatory ceremonies exemplified. Refreshments with the temple "at ease" concluded the evening. Mrs. Brown has left for home but she will return after the meeting of the grand temple, which takes place at Victoria this week, to assist the local temple in mastering its work.

DROPS ON TIDEFLAT.

Great Northern Locomotive Meets Strange Mishap at Vancouver. Vancouver, May 12.—The Great Northern locomotive attached to the train on which the robbery occurred at Seattle this morning, and which arrived here at 4 o'clock, met with an accident this evening. The engineer lost control in the roundhouse, and the locomotive went through the rear end of the building and dropped down to the tidelflat below.

FOREST RESERVATION.

Nelson, May 12.—The most comprehensive statement yet made in Canada on the question of forest preservation was laid before the University Club at its regular meeting by G. O. Buchanan, the well known lumber man. So much is thought of the deliverance that it will be at once issued in pamphlet form and sent all over the Dominion.

SETTLERS FLOCKING TO SIMILKAMEEN

Orchard Lands in Vicinity of Keremeos Changing Hands—Mining Industry. Grand Forks, May 11.—A prominent mining man arriving here to-day from the Similkameen district says that many prospective purchasers of orchard lands are now flocking into that district and that last week over a dozen sales of orchard lands in the immediate vicinity of Keremeos were made. The large irrigation ditches now being made in that particular section are attracting the attention of the investing public, the majority of whom believe that "water is king." The mining industry all through that section is also showing signs of a revival this spring. Many properties that have been idle for months are now by the building of the Great Northern railway brought near transportation facilities and are taking on a new life. It is estimated that not including the Nickel Plate mine there will be fully six or seven hundred miners employed at the various properties in that district this summer.

The recent cold rains and cool weather has again lowered the Kettle river which otherwise would have been booming from bank to bank. When in that condition the matter of log-driving is simply a matter of detail. Knights of Pythias.

Grand Forks, May 11.—Five delegates of the local order of Knights of Pythias will leave here to-day for Victoria for the purpose of attending the Knights of Pythias convention to be held in the Queen City this week.

FORMAL OPENING OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Numbers Gather at Ceremony in Vancouver—Training School in Full Swing. Vancouver, May 12.—If the public interest is any indication of public support, the attendance at the formal opening of the new Presbyterian Theological college at the corner of Barclay and Carriere streets last evening must be regarded as a happy augury for its future prosperity. The gathering was of a purely informal nature, and numbered men and women in all ranks of life.

The building was formerly occupied by the Queen's school, under Principal Harvey, and largely for that reason is admirably adapted for the purpose. It is now called upon to serve its own pupils class rooms, and living and bedrooms conveniently divided, and has been newly furnished, but with a view to utility and comfort rather than elegance and display.

The opening falls at an auspicious time, as most of the delegates to the Provincial Presbyterian Synod could be seen among the visitors last night. An informal musical programme was rendered, and a few speeches congratulatory on the opening of the first theological college in British Columbia were made.

This training school for preachers is now running in full swing under the able principalship of Rev. Dr. Mackay.

CHINESE RIOT DAMAGES.

Vancouver, May 12.—Vancouver Chinese are making arrangements for the commission to open here in a few days under W. L. Macdonald King to adjust damages alleged to have been sustained by the Chinese in the anti-Oriental raid of last September. The actual damage reported is between four and five thousand dollars. The consequential damages claimed are about \$20,000.

FAVORED FRUIT GROWING DISTRICT

DOMINION INSPECTOR'S OPINION OF ALBERNI

Great Bulk of Valley is Adapted Both in Soil and Climate.

Alberni, May 12.—In the course of an arranged itinerary through the Island, Messrs. Strang and Smith arrived here on the 7th inst. In the afternoon of the 8th, in an orchard in town, Mr. Brandrith gave a practical demonstration of fruit tree planting, pruning and training. Every point was dealt with from the aspect of how to make a commercial success of fruit growing. Many questions by the interested audience brought out most valuable information from Mr. Brandrith's long personal experience. His recommendations of the habit of branching trees low down on the stem and the use of special tools to cultivate close to the trees, such as Clark's cutaway discs and extension harrows and hoes, were well adapted to the use of single trees on implements.

For use on trees to prevent apple bark disease he advised the use of the Niagara brand of sprays. This consists of lime and sulphur, without the salt formerly used and cooked at a temperature of 310 degrees.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Brandrith who is the secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers association spoke of the good work done by that body and urged those interested in horticulture to join. He mentioned that when the association was at first in a very small way it had brought into an expert fruit packer whose instructions had proved of the very greatest benefit. It had then turned its attention to providing for the members a supply of all material for fruit tree spraying at the lowest wholesale prices and of guaranteeing the quality of the material. It had now gone into the question of paper for fruit packing and as an illustration of the present extent and influence of the association he instanced the fact that it had to order for over eight tons of this paper from its own members.

An indoor meeting was held in the evening in which was addressed by both gentlemen, Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector and secretary of the Northwest fruit growers association spoke briefly on the new fruit packing and marketing work and in response to questions, dealt with the whole question of fruit growing generally.

He entered Alberni as a fruit growing district and gave it as his deliberate opinion based on his own observation of the soils in the neighborhood and his knowledge of the climatic conditions, that the soils of the valley were well adapted for fruit growing. Asked to suggest varieties adapted to the soil and climate, he recommended Wealthy, Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Northern Spy and a little of the variety King of Tompkins County. He believed the Jonathan was less subject to the bark blight disease which appeared so prevalent in the local orchards.

He reserved his thanks to the speakers of the evening. Farmers' Insurance.

At the same meeting C. S. Hubbs, manager-secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of B. C. spoke. He explained that his company was purely a mutual one and every policy holder was a member of the company. They do not take risks in







# REASONS FOR ELECTION BILL

## HON. A. B. AYLESWORTH GIVES LUMINOUS ADDRESS

### Points Out How Hundreds of Names Are Now Omitted From Voters' Lists.

Ottawa, May 6.—The speech of the minister of Justice yesterday in moving the second reading of the Dominion Elections Act amendment was an able presentation, and held the undivided attention of the House. It completely justified the government's course in bringing down the legislation, and was ineffectually replied to by the opposition leader.

Mr. Aylesworth went fully into the unsatisfactory system of preparing the voters' lists in Manitoba, citing instances after instance in support of his criticism, many of his objections applying to British Columbia. The minister, proceeding, said:

This bill, accordingly, proposes that immediately upon the issue of a writ, if circumstances render it proper, before a writ issues men shall be appointed who will act, subject to the revision of the county judges, as a registration board, men who will be acting upon their responsibility as officers of the law and subject to an appeal to the county judges of the province, whose duty it will be to take the lists of voters and to distribute those voters according to the Dominion polls at which they are entitled to vote, and who, if they do that work conscientiously and honestly, will not be subject to subsequent attack in the courts by reason of the fact that there has been legislative authority for the work they have been called upon to do. Such legislation is, under the circumstances I have tried to detail, in my submission a manifest necessity, and without such legislation it would be impossible that elections for Dominion purposes could hereafter be carried out in Manitoba.

There are other provisions in this bill in regard to which I have a few words to say. Not only does clause 1—because I am limiting myself to that clause—deal with the necessity for the distribution of names to the appropriate polling subdivisions, but it also provides for a measure of revision of the lists, and this feature it seems particularly to have excited the indignation and ire of many representatives of the opposite political party in the Manitoba legislature and the Manitoba government. In noticing the newspaper war in Winnipeg and elsewhere that has gone on in the last few months in respect to this revision of the lists, I could not help being reminded of that to which I alluded briefly at the opening of my observations this afternoon. It was the settled policy of the Conservative party in the Dominion legislature from 1885 to 1898, that the Dominion parliament should control its own franchise, that the voters' lists for the Dominion purposes should be prepared by officials named by the Dominion government of the day, that the provincial lists should be altogether discarded; that no reference to them whatever should obtain in the preparation of the lists for Dominion purposes. Now, that was settled policy introduced and placed on the statute-book by the Franchise Act of 1885 which remained until it was repealed in 1898, but when its repeal was under consideration in 1898 a motion was made by the member for Westmoreland:

"That no system of franchise would be satisfactory which did not preserve federal control over the voters' lists."

That resolution was pressed to vote by way of amendment to the second reading of our present Election Act and the division upon that resolution was an absolute party vote. In these circumstances it does seem to me that the Conservative party in this country is certainly—unless it has abandoned the faith of its predecessors—is bound to wedded and wedded indissolubly to the principle of discarding the provincial lists. Speech after speech was made in the debate of 1898 by the leaders and by the prominent members of the Conservative party in the House advocating the retention by the Dominion authorities of absolute control over the preparation of voters' lists for Dominion purposes and arguing strenuously that it was utterly improper for this parliament to abdicate its functions or to entrust the preparation of these voters' lists to any provincial body. Nay, more, when the voters' lists in connection with that bill in 1898, on the 1st of April of that year, (page 2991, Hansard) I find the present hon. leader of the opposition placing himself upon record and insisting that it was unwisely on the part of this House to denude itself of control over its own electoral machinery; that it was one of the privileges most ancient and most important of this House; that it should be its own elections and the preparation of its own voters' lists, and that it was a very wise thing on the part of parliament to delegate that power to any provincial authority. The opposite view was maintained by the prime minister and by the solicitor general of that day (Mr. Fitzpatrick), who contended that the proper authority for the preparation of the voters' lists was in origin the municipal authority, and that the proper basis was the assessment roll which contained that element of stability to which I have already referred.

In the province of Manitoba and equally in the province of British Columbia and in the unorganized territory of Ontario and Quebec we have under our present law a different system of the preparation of the voters' lists. We have also a totally different system in the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and in the Yukon territory, but legislation on our part is not requisite with regard to these new provinces or to the Yukon territory as such legislation already exists. Under our Election Act a special provision is made for Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon, but the provinces of Manitoba and Brit-

ish Columbia, with the unorganized portions of Ontario and Quebec remain the only portions of the Dominion in which the voters' lists are not prepared upon the footing of an assessment roll and by the municipal authorities in their origin and initiation. Now, what has been the result? The system in the province of Manitoba—and the system in the unorganized territory of Ontario and Quebec—is registration before an official of the provincial government coupled with revision before some officer, either judge or barrister appointed for that purpose. In the province of British Columbia there seems to have been what I will call a less unsatisfactory administration of the law than has taken place in other parts of the Dominion. It is a consolation, at least in regard to British Columbia, but complaint is not absent there, and complaint is I venture to say inevitable as long as you have an effort to sandwich together the two systems in a different character, and unless they are to be worked by the same officials. In the province of Manitoba the registration on which the list as it now exists was made took place at least as early as 1903. The lists used in November, 1904, were those established in the year 1903, but those lists have been so prepared under the law of Manitoba as it stood in 1903. The legislature by its statute of 1904 provided there should be annually what they call a revision of those lists; not the preparation of new lists but the taking of the lists as they then stood and striking off the names of any persons disqualified or adding the names of any new persons who had become qualified. Since 1904 there has been in Manitoba an annual setting under the provisions of the law in that respect I do not think I am doing any injustice to the proceeding which has been taken annually in that province under this provision of law if I speak of it as never having been done. It is a purely clerical character. I think I use a mild word when I say that, and I will explain exactly why. The times at which and within which the revising of the lists is to be done is fixed by the provincial statute in council. Formerly the dates and places were fixed by the registration board consisting of the county judges, but now they are fixed by the lieutenant-governor in council. Whatever the reason, the result has been that the time allowed for the revision in each year since then has been, according to the law, at any rate of the one political party, entirely inadequate for the purpose. The statute requires notices of appeal from the registration clerk to be given within a certain number of days from the closing of the work of the registration clerk. The statute empowers the lieutenant-governor in council to fix the number of days upon which the revising of the lists is to be done, and when the day fixed by the proclamation for the concluding of that hearing of appeals or revising work is passed there is no power on the part of the county judge or barrister to do any more, but the work no matter how much may remain to be done and no matter how many appeals may remain unward. When the hour comes which has been fixed by the statute for the closing of the election ceases there is an end of his right to continue further in his work, and his work of necessity comes to an end. Now, to say nothing of the fact that any feature of the system has been highly unsatisfactory. It has been alleged, I do not know with what truth, that in some instances there have remained hundreds of names entitled to vote at all events, claiming the right to vote, with their appeals to get on the list standing regularly for hearing by the revising officer, judge or barrister, unable to hear those appeals because the time has expired. It is alleged that such men are of one political party, that their names are left off right and left by the registration clerks, that by one means or another they obtain the right to exercise their franchise by an appeal to the judge, and that the judge is given, it may be for a whole constituency, but one day between the hours of ten and five within which to do the work of days or weeks. As a necessary and inevitable consequence, if that state of things exists, there must be throughout the province men by the hundred who claim the right to vote, and whose claim it is impossible for them, in the system as it is administered, to get any adjudication of by the constituted authorities for that purpose.

Well, I do not know—I do not suppose anybody can know, without the taking of evidence—whether or not that state of things actually does exist. I say simply that men assert that it does exist, and I call attention in that connection to a contemporaneous article on the subject which appeared in the Manitoba Free Press on the 11th of May, 1906. I refer to it for the reason that it is contemporaneous with the happening of the events which the writer is depicting. He says that in the constitution of the Dominion the revision of the registration takes place on the same day as elsewhere, May 29th and 30th, while revision takes place at Selkirk on June 6th, exactly one week later than the day of registration. Now, under the Manitoba statute, all protests must be in the hands of the revising officer five days before the sittings of his court of revision, and accordingly in those cases where the revising officer's newspaper is correct as to dates, that there was given only one week within which to revise after the close of the work of the registration clerk, and five days before the sittings of the court, it would have to run for the purposes of an appeal. In other words, the revising barrister or judge would have to be in possession of all appeals for those constituencies under the revision of the law close of the work of the registration clerk. When you remember that the registration clerk is appointed for a whole constituency, and that the constituencies may be as large as 100 miles from side to side, you have some idea of the physical impossibility of conducting an appeal under a system administered as this provincial system is. I am not complaining of the system. I am not complaining of the Manitoba. I am not complaining of the system. I think the system in Ontario to-day is much better. That is a matter of judgment; that is a matter in respect of which the views of the Manitoba legislature are no doubt different from the views of the Ontario legislature. I think, I presume, that their system is better than the system in the sister province of Ontario, as administered by the government of Ontario to-

tered by the government of Ontario to-day. But without questioning what the merits or demerits of the provincial system may be, I say that it is manifest that any system, no matter how good, may be administered that it will be oppressively unjust, and that there is at any rate ground for complaint that the present system in Manitoba, as at present administered in the preparation of the voters' lists, is an oppressive and unjust system against the party that is opposed to the provincial government.

We have ever since 1888 retained in the hands of this parliament a power which was deliberately retained, and that time, the retention of which was then urged by the present hon. leader of the opposition—the power to prepare our own lists in circumstances such as are described in the statute, circumstances which existed at that time in Manitoba, which continued to exist in that province for six years afterwards, but which were changed a few months before the elections of 1894. In the condition which now exists in Manitoba, with voters' lists which were prepared more than five years ago, with voters' lists that have never been since that time effectively revised, with voters' lists, therefore, that contain the names of hundreds of men who are either dead or departed from the province, we have lists that need revision. We have lists that are submitted to the revising officer, a county judge or a barrister according to the Manitoba system, with time given him within which he can effectively do that work which is to be done, and which he is actively purging the lists of dead men and of absentees, the presence of which upon those lists is but an invitation and a temptation to impersonation.

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Sergeant Carson told of arresting the prisoner who was shot by I o'clock in his room in the Strand hotel. He knocked at the door, but got no answer, so he put someone through the transom.

# JOHN LEACH IS NOW ON TRIAL

## PRISONER TESTIFIES ON HIS OWN BEHALF

### Disclaims All Knowledge of Shooting With Which he is Charged.

John Leach was this morning arraigned before a jury in the assize court on a charge of shooting William Harting, the bartender of the Strand hotel. The following jury (foreman), William E. Paterson, J. T. Adams, A. P. Johnson, Wm. Ald, John McCullum, Dan Crowther, Peter Robinson, John McKenzie, A. A. Calwell, A. Murdoch, and J. G. Todd.

G. H. Barnard, K. C., opened the case on behalf of the crown, which he outlined as follows: On the evening of Thursday, December 10th, accused was at the Strand hotel some time before 12 o'clock. The man Harting was the bartender. The prisoner conceived a grievance against Harting and expressed the same to Cole, who had not used him right. He also threatened the bartender on a previous occasion.

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# RUSSIA RAZING KURDISH VILLAGES

## Punitive Operations Suspended at Urgent Request of Persian Commissioners.

### St. Petersburg, May 13.—At the urgent request of the Persian commissioners from Tcheran the punitive expedition sent by Russia into Persian territory to quell the brigandage in the vicinity of Belesuvar has suspended its operations. The expedition already has burned eight villages guilty of harboring brigands.

The Persian commissioners ask time to investigate and promise to deliver the guilty parties to justice and indemnify the widows and children of the men who lost their lives.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—That the two robbers who beat Joseph E. Perrin, the Great Northern express messenger, into insensibility and escaped with the contents of the company's strong box yesterday morning from a Great Northern train are in hiding in North Seattle. Last night detectives were instructed to search thoroughly in the Pike street and North Seattle district and officers were given to bring every suspicious person found to police headquarters.

The looting of the express car, the striking down and binding of the express messenger and their subsequent escape was so cunningly planned and so daringly executed as to leave the company's officers aghast at the nerve of the robbers for the capture of whom a reward of \$2,500 has been offered.

# GRAND LODGE IS IN SESSION

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEETING IN CITY

### Largest Gathering in History of Organization in the Province.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The Grand Lodge of the Grand domain of British Columbia, Knights of Pythias, opened their nineteenth annual convention this morning in the A. O. U. W. hall with Bro. James Rathbone, No. 7, Vancouver—A. J. Stonehouse, Mt. Pleasant No. 11, Vancouver—W. T. Murphy, J. D. Sim, Vancouver—E. R. Robertson, Maple No. 15, Duncan—J. M. Evans, Granite No. 16, New Westminster—John Mahoney, Victoria—W. A. Kettle, P. Dempster, Coldstream No. 18, Vernon—R. W. Nell, Primrose No. 20, Kamloops—E. Fisher, E. McKay, Rossland No. 21, Rossland—E. S. H. Winn, W. Brokenshire, New Denver No. 22, New Denver—Thos. Ayver, Trail No. 23, R. Randall, D. Shields, Sandon No. 24, Sandon—H. W. Thompson, Nelson No. 25, Nelson—Dr. W. O. Ross, J. J. Walker, Gold Range No. 26, Revelstoke—J. B. Scott, G. H. Brock, Okanagan No. 27, Kelowna—J. T. Bawthlmer, Phoenix No. 28, Phoenix—E. E. Jackson, Greenwood No. 29, Greenwood—A. D. Hallett, Grand Forks No. 30, Grand Forks—A. J. Standall, Fernie No. 31, Fernie—F. J. Watson, H. G. Lockhart, Ymir No. 32, Ymir—Jas. Stewart (not represented), Crescent No. 33, Cranbrook—J. A. Arnold, Copper King No. 34, Crofton—L. W. Nicholls (not represented), Enderby No. 35, Enderby—C. E. Strickland, Midway No. 36, Midway—D. S. Tamblin, St. Tuzene No. 37, Mowle—E. A. Hill, Arrowhead No. 38, Arrowhead—B. Campbell, Wild Rose No. 39, Creston—G. A. Laurie, North Vancouver No. 40, North Vancouver—J. E. MacKenzie, Nakuap No. 42, Nakuap—L. F. McDonald.

# MOVEMENTS OF THE TRANSIT

## STEAMSHIP MAY SAIL FROM VANCOUVER

### The Vessel is Expected to Be Kept in Coasting Trade.

According to a report emanating from Vancouver the steamship Transit is to be taken to Vancouver instead of being brought here to be fitted for her trip to Nome for Schubach & Hamilton. Capt. McKenzie stated yesterday in an interview at Vancouver that the Transit would not be made ready here, and that she would sail direct to Nome from Vancouver. Some time ago war, however, they discredited the statement of Joshua Green, president of the Inland Navigation Company, to the effect that he and that concern have nothing to do with the Alaska Steamship Company. The Inland Navigation Company, they say, together with the International Steamship Company, and the other Sound companies, have allied interests with the Alaska Steamship companies, although they claim the "juggling" of these Sound companies' names has perfectly bewildered the public.

This expression on the part of the C. P. R. men lends color to the report that the C. P. R. is assisting the Schubach & Hamilton firm to buck the Alaska company on its most profitable run, that to Nome. Seattle dispatches state that the North American Transportation & Trading Company is out to fight the Nomena ship company to stand still. This company declares the combine is trying to hold it up on freight rates, and will ship eight thousand tons of general merchandise from Vancouver to St. Michael and Nome on the Transit, and just to give the combine a run for its money will slaughter the passenger rates, giving first-class transportation for half the combine rates. The freight on the steamer accommodation down to a song, probably to \$15.

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# IS BACK FROM CASSIAR DISTRICT

## J. Hyland and A. Belfry Have Arrived From Telegraph Creek

There is a great deal of interest always taken in the far north. Telegraph Creek is one of the latest places to be heard from. J. Hyland arrived down yesterday morning on the Princess May.

Mr. Hyland is well known down here, having associated with him on the Stikine at Telegraph Creek is another well-known Victorian, Art. Belfry. They conduct their general outfitting business as hunters and miners going into the country.

Already, Mr. Hyland says, practically all of his accommodation has been taken up for the hunting season, many of those going in being either those who have been there before or else friends of those who were there. In order to accommodate the increased number who wish to go into that country Mr. Hyland is taking in with him about twenty extra horses to be used for packing.

Hyland and Belfry deal very largely in furs. That was part of the purpose of the trip to bring out the furs which have been purchased during the past few months. Among them are some fine mink, martin, cross, silver, and red fox, beaver, bear, wolverine, and lynx. The country is very rich in these furs for the fashionable world. The pack was brought down the river in a canoe as the water is very low, and will not be fit for navigation for a week or two yet.

This past winter has been especially fine, the thermometer never going below 23. It was the best in years. Mr. Hyland thinks there is some very rich quartz in the country but nothing can be done with it until the transportation problem has been solved.

# FISHING TRAGEDY.

Elmira, N. Y., May 13.—Young Lytle and Harry Downay, 30 years old, of North Chebung, of this city, set out on Thursday on a fishing trip. In attempting to ford the Chebung river near Wellburg they were both drowned. The dead bodies were taken to their homes and found last night was the first clue to the tragedy. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

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