





## IMMIGRATION ACT IN FORCE

### STEPS TAKEN TO ENFORCE MEASURE

#### Questions as to the Province's Rights May Arise on the Start.

During the progress of yesterday's sitting, the local parliament took a brief recess for the purpose of receiving His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, who had been asked to attend for the purpose of expediting the several measures already passed by the House, toward their operative stage, by signing the royal assent thereto.

The following is the list of bills which were assented to:

(No. 2) An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia.

(No. 5) An Act to Amend the Oaths Act.

(No. 6) An Act to Regulate the Purchase, Sale and Transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk.

(No. 8) An Act to Amend the Summary Convictions Act.

(No. 9) An Act to Amend the Farm-ers' Institutes and Co-Operation Act.

(No. 11) An Act to Amend the Revenue Act.

(No. 12) An Act Regarding a Certificate Issued to the Greenwood City Water Works Company, under the Provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.

(No. 13) An Act to Amend the Coal Tax Act, 1890.

(No. 14) An Act to Amend the Master and Servant Act Amendment Act, 1892.

(No. 27) An Act to Authorize the Grant of Certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

(No. 53) An Act to Incorporate the City of Chilliwack.

The equipment is now being got ready, under the auspices of the attorney-general's department, for an immediate enforcement of the Immigration Act. The attorney-general stated this morning that a special officer will be appointed to assist the operation of the act at Victoria. L. S. Eaton has been appointed to the position. Otherwise the work of meeting steamers and applying the educational test, provided for, to immigrants, will be done by the provincial police. Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, went to Vancouver last night, with instructions to organize the men there for the enforcement of the act.

The question will now come up as to the right of the province to enforce the act. This will arise should the transportation companies refuse to take back immigrants which are detained only under the Immigration Act.

The province has the right to imprison for violations of the act, so that should that be done the question might be taken to the courts for decision as to the province's right.

**STRIKE IN COBALT.**

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 12.—A rich strike consisting of native silver, mistletoe and cobalt has been made by the Lins Pressing Company on their property on the west shore of Peterson lake.

**INQUIRY INTO LOSS  
OF ST. CUTHBERT**

Abandonment of Burning Vessel Was Justifiable in Opinion of Court.

Boston, Feb. 12.—A special court of inquiry under the new Admiralty act, and the first of the kind ever held in this city, yesterday rendered its report, justifying the abandonment of the British steamer St. Cuthbert, which caught fire off Nova Scotia on February 2nd, a loss of fourteen lives resulting. The others of the crew were saved by the steamer Cymric and brought to Boston.

The board found the loss of the steamer was due to fire in hold No. 3 and 4, where fuel oil, rags, matches etc., were stored, but the cause of the fire was not ascertained. The board's findings are as follows:

"The abandonment of the St. Cuthbert was justifiable because the vessel was gutted by fire and water submerged her boilers.

"The cargo appears to have been well stowed at Antwerp, but it was checked after the merchandise had shifted in heavy weather. The ship was seaworthy and well equipped.

"Capt. John Lewis did everything in his power until he was incapacitated. The command then devolved upon Chief Officer S. Hobbs. The court wishes to place on record an appreciation of his courage and devotion.

"Second Officer Tuohy appeared to have done his duty till he went into the starboard boat without orders, but on returning later did his utmost to save the ship. The court places on record its appreciation of the conduct of Capt. Wm. Finch, of the Cymric, and Chief Officer John Silver and the crew, who rescued the survivors."

**BIG BOND ROBBERY.**

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 11.—Stock bonds and securities representing \$50,000 were stolen from the desk of Daniel C. Hopkins, vice-president of the Hojkins Land Company, sometime on Friday morning, although Mr. Hopkins did not report the matter until to-day. There is no clue to the identity or to the parties who took the property.

**COURTIERS ROBBED.**

Tetuan, Feb. 12.—British, French, German and Spanish postal couriers while on their way to Tangier, thirty-two miles distant, have been robbed of all their correspondence written in Arabic that they carried.

## MONTREAL COTTON COMPANY.

Fast Year Most Successful in History of Concern.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Fire last night destroyed the Montreal Cotton Company, held at noon yesterday, President Ewing said the past year had been the most successful in the history of the company.

Referring to the recent troubles at the Valleyfield mills, Mr. Ewing said everything was now running smoothly. Sales for the year amounted to \$2,862,000, and the profits to \$453,200.

After providing for the usual insurance and other reserves, writing off for depreciation on buildings, machinery and water power the company was able to pay a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, being at the rate of 7 per cent, per annum, and to carry forward the sum of \$50,000 to the credit of profit and loss.

**HOW ONE MAN  
FOUGHT FIFTY**

DESPERATE STRUGGLE  
TO ESCAPE LYNCHING

Murderer Wounds Ten Assaultants Before He is Beaten to Death.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 12.—Attacked by a mob of lynchers just across the Florida line yesterday, Jack Long, a white man, fought his assailants, desperately wounding ten of them and forcing the others to kill him in the fight.

Long was in jail for killing James Sapp, a wealthy citizen. A son of Sapp's had killed a brother of Long's and escaped. Long saw the father of the slayer and shot him to death. Long was arrested and fifty men prisoner out to hang him.

A spectator says Long fought the mob to a standstill in the prison, but was knocked down with a club as he ran out of the door. Then another fight ensued, in which the combined strength of the men was required to subdue the prisoner. A start to a fight of four hundred yards' distance was made, but Long fought every inch of the way, the path being marked with splashes of blood. It is said he was beaten to death before he was finally hanged.

Four of the members of the mob were wounded so badly that they may die.

**FLED FROM STREAM  
OF MOLTEN STEEL**

Pennsylvania Furnace Burst, Injuring Twelve Men, Two Fatally.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 12.—A dozen men were burned, two of them fatally, in a terrific explosion of molten steel at the Monongahela blast furnace of the National Tube Company, Centre street, McKeesport, near here, early to-day.

The huge steel plate furnace, one hundred feet in length, burst at the top hole and fifty tons of liquid metal dropped to the floor, accompanied by explosions as it spread and splashed over the heads and bodies of the workmen nearby. A slip in the furnace caused hundreds of tons of iron ore, coke and limestone to drop to the bottom, forcing the heavy steel plate away. The men ran, but the metal splashed into the air when it struck the cold floor, and the detonations broke all the windows in the plant for a radius of two squares, causing intense excitement in the town.

**SUFFRAGETTES  
CHOOSE PRISON**

Fifty to Serve Month for Raid on British House of Commons.

London, Feb. 12.—Nearly fifty women suffragettes who made a raid on the House of Commons were arraigned in the police court to-day and sentenced to pay a fine or one month's imprisonment. All but two of the women preferred to go to jail.

The Thames embankment, London, cost \$2,350,000 to build.

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## BANK WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

### BANDITS ESCAPE WITH ALL AVAILABLE CASH

#### Town of Richhill, Mo., Terrified by Heavily Armed Desperadoes.

Richhill, Mo., Feb. 12.—Securing \$12,000 in cash after dynamiting and totally wrecking the \$9,000 building of the Farmers & Mechanics bank in this city, five bandits heavily armed terrorized the town here early to-day, and after exchanging shots with several armed citizens, escaped to the south. The bandits were heavily armed with dynamite and shotguns. No one was injured by either the shots or the explosion.

The dynamiting of the vault of the bank awakened the town and the population hurried to the bank building. Many arrived in time to see the robbers riding away. Some of the citizens opened fire, which was returned by the fugitives.

Cashier Jamieson said the thieves had secured all the available cash in the bank. The building was completely wrecked and many neighboring structures shattered by the explosion. The sheriff of the county organized a posse, but as the robbers had secured a good start, there is little prospect of their being overtaken.

**AMENDING CHARTER  
OF GRAIN EXCHANGE**

Rates of Commission Fixed—Bill to Come Before Manitoba House.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The committee on agriculture met yesterday and reported an important measure to amend the charter of the Grain Exchange. The bill was introduced by Premier Roblin, who explained each clause. The premier in opening told of the conference having several hours, at which representatives of the grain growers and five representatives of the Grain Exchange were present, and after a long discussion an agreement was reached on a number of points which did not materially effect the grain markets. The Grain Exchange members would not, however, agree to the commission rule being cut out, and made a plea that it should be retained. The grain growers had also declined, after careful consideration, grant the request of the exchange that the value of the seats should be placed at \$3,000.

The amended bill provides that immediately after passing any proposed law, rule or regulation the exchange shall publish the same in the Manitoba Gazette, and shall also send a copy to the president of the Grain Growers' Association. The exchange must adhere to full membership and privileges any reputable person. Any person rejected for membership may appeal to a judge of the King's bench.

The exchange must impose no restrictions upon any member in respect of price to be paid or amount of commission to be paid, or as to agreements or arrangements between members, except that in trading with each other the following rates of commission will apply: One cent per bushel on wheat, three-quarters of a cent on barley, one-half cent on oats and one cent on flax. The exchange must provide ample facilities for the public during trading hours and must not charge more than \$2.50 membership fee, or place any limitation on membership.

**CHINESE MINISTER TO U. S. A.**

Wu Ting Fang is Bringing New Suite of Officials to Washington.

Tokio, Feb. 12.—Wu Ting Fang, minister from China to Washington, will sail for America to-morrow on the Siberia, accompanied by 32 students.

Change in Consular Service.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—It is said here that with the coming of Minister Wu, who replaces Chen Tung Liang Wang, who left Washington last July, there will be a complete change of the Chinese consular service in the new world for the members of his suite will be new officials, who are coming to represent the Chinese government in foreign ports.

**TO PLAY IN AMERICA.**

Eustace Miles Will Endeavor to Regain British Court Tennis Championship.

London, Feb. 12.—Eustace Miles will leave here for the United States on March 10th to make an attempt to win the American amateur court tennis championship honors, as well as to regain the British championship which he lost last summer. Miles has been practicing steady for three months, and he shows good form.

**NEW YORK TO PARIS BY AUTO.**

Great Race, via the Behring Straits, Commenced To-day.

New York, Feb. 12.—Six automobiles started from the Times square at 11.15 a.m. to-day on the race to Paris by way of Behring Straits. The start was witnessed by a great crowd of people, and the racers were followed up Broadway by several hundred automobiles.

**HITCHCOCK TRIAL.**

New York, Feb. 11.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, on the charges made by several girls was to-day set for February 26th, despite the objections of his counsel and the affidavit of a representative of his theatrical manager, that Hitchcock has been robbed of his appearance in various parts of the country up to March 6th.

## \$30,000 FIRE.

Fur Establishment Suffers Heavily From Blaze in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—Fire last night did damage estimated at \$30,000 to the fur establishment of C. Desjardins, 100, 102 and 104, rue St. Louis. The Wayne and Grosvenor cafe, which occupied the ground floor, suffered considerably from water. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

**ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.**

Toronto, Feb. 11.—It was officially stated to-day that an effort will be made to end the present session of the legislature by March 31st, following which the work of stumping the country will be at once begun, and the election brought on, probably in the first week in June.

**Mother and Babe Dead  
in Train Wreck**

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 12.—Two cars of the Sheridan local, running between Portland on a Southern Pacific branch, fell from a trestle here last night, killing John A. McDonald, McMinville, Ore., father, Forest Grove, and Mrs. Bates' baby.

Mrs. J. H. Brown of Sheridan may die. Twenty others were injured. The cause was a broken rail.

**JAPANESE WILL  
ENTERTAIN ARMADA**

Offer of California Yellow Men Accepted by Fleet Reception Committee.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—The American-Japanese rapprochement was the feature of the meeting of the fleet committee in the council chambers to-day. The Japanese offer to help entertain Rear Admiral Evans and his blue-jackets was accepted in the "spirit" in which it was made.

The members of the committee considered that the voluntary offer of the Japanese was so extraordinarily magnanimous and praiseworthy that they passed a special resolution accepting the offer.

**Great Gold Strike  
In Alaska**

(Special to the Times.)

Nome, Feb. 12.—A gold strike will prove Alaska's richest pay-streak yet has been struck on the Tundra near Fort Davis.

It averages \$40 a pan, with an occasional \$100 pan. The pay-streak is 50 feet wide. Nome is in a great state of excitement.

**PATROLMAN SHOT  
BY CHINESE THIEF**

Lay in Wait for Chicken Marauder and Gets Bullet Through Neck.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—Police Patrolman Arthur McLeod was, this morning, shot, but not fatally injured, by a Chinese chicken thief.

McLeod had traced the Oriental by his tracks in the snow yesterday morning, and today he lay in wait for the Chinaman's return after his night marauding. He called on the Chinaman to halt, but the Oriental pulled a gun from his blouse and commenced to shoot. One bullet went through McLeod's neck, while the second whizzed past his ear.

The Chinaman escaped. The Chinese head of trade at a meeting this afternoon decided to render every possible assistance to the police in the chase for the man who may be accused of attempted murder. A reward of \$500 is offered for his arrest, and a decree has gone forth to be blazoned on posters all through Chinatown that the police must be given every assistance in securing the offender, and that it will go hard with anyone found harboring the gun man.

Even keepers of Chinese gambling houses have been notified to allow the police free access at all times to their premises until the man is caught. Oriental restaurants who may have an idea of the identity of the Chinese, through the purchase of chickens on previous occasions, were also called before the board and instructed to furnish all information they could possibly offer, and lose no time doing it. The Chinese fear the effect on the anti-Asiatic feeling, especially if the policeman dies.

**ANALYSING MILK.**

New Westminster, Feb. 11.—Health Officer Dr. J. H. Jones has just completed an analysis of the milk supply of the city and of the total number of samples tested, two were found to be under the standards required by law. The offenders have been notified and unless the milk is improved there may be trouble.

**CHARRED REMAINS.**

Journeymen Baker Burned to Death at Reading, Pa.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 11.—Chas. Cryan, a journeyman baker, was burned to death here early to-day in a fire which destroyed the bakery of Wm. M. Behries. He slept in the building and his charred remains were found in the ruins.

## "DEAD" MAN GETS TWENTY YEARS

### EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF VON VELTHEIM

#### Adventurer on Four Continents Must Pay Penalty of Blackmail.

London, Feb. 12.—Carl Ludwig Von Veltheim, German born, but a naturalized American, who posed as a Baron and was also known as Frank Kurtz and Carl Mauritz, was sentenced to-day to 20 years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey, having been convicted of attempting to blackmail Solly E. Joel, a wealthy London and South African financier and mineowner, out of \$80,000.

Von Veltheim was arrested four months ago in Paris and extradited to England. The man has had an adventurous career. He has served in the German navy and army, was once in the Bulgarian army, and has had many adventures in Australia, America and Japan. He went to Cape Town in 1897 and in the following year shot and killed Wolff Joel, a brother of Solly Joel's, at that place. He was arrested and tried, pleaded self-defense and was acquitted.

Some years afterward a body recovered from the Thames was identified as Von Veltheim's by his wife, but later the adventurer was discovered serving in the Bechuanaland police.

**BRITISH TRIBUTE  
TO GEORGE MEREDITH**

Eighty-Year-Old Novelist is Subject of Many Birthday Encomiums.

London, Feb. 12.—The whole British press London this morning in glowing tributes of affection and admiration for the novelist, George Meredith, whose eightieth birthday will be celebrated quietly to-day at his Box Hill retreat.

A small delegation, headed by Anthony Hope, will present a beautifully bound address of congratulation, signed by the poet, Swinburne, Thos. Hardy, John Morley and more than a hundred leaders of art, letters and scholarship in the United Kingdom.

Showers of congratulations are coming, including Charles Elliot Norton's address from America, and from the French Academy.

The London morning newspapers contain many leading poems by leaders, all of whom pay their tribute to the novelist.

Mr. Meredith is enjoying good health, and there would have been something in the nature of a national or international celebration but for the fact that he has a horror of publicity and steadfastly has opposed the idea.

**IMMIGRANTS FOR B. C.**

Salvation Army Will Send Contingent of 400 From England.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—The Salvation Army will bring its first contingent of immigrants to British Columbia late this month. On February 20th, over 400 will leave England, and a month later over two hundred more. All of those will go direct to the Pacific coast.

**DRAWN BATTLE.**

Ewin Sullivan and Jim Flynn Fight a Draw at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 12.—The fight between Jack "Twin" Sullivan and Jim Flynn last night went to the limit of rounds, no decision being rendered. Honors were about even.

**FRENCH SUCCESS IN MOROCCO.**

Kasbah Ould Said Occupied by General D'Amade—Surrounding Country Ravaged.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Telegraphic advices received here from General D'Amade, the French commander in Morocco, state that he has occupied Kasbah Ould Said without resistance, and ravaged the surrounding country.

The Kaid of Misab made submission.

**BEHRING SEA ARBITRATION.**

Sir Hibbert Tupper Denies Having Been Paid as British Agent.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—R. L. Borden in the House to-day asked what foundations the Minister of Marine had for stating that, in addition to the amount paid Sir Hibbert Tupper for expenses in the Behring Sea arbitration, an additional amount was paid him as British agent.

Sir Chas. Tupper was written to and said that there was no foundation for the statement. Sir W. Laurier said he would call the attention of the Hon. Mr. Borden to the matter.

**REALTY DEAL.**

New Westminster, Feb. 11.—H. T. Kirk has sold his residence on Third avenue to Mr. Barnett of the sawmill firm of Barnett & McDonald, for \$10,500.

**PLAGUE IN WEST AFRICA.**

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Owing to an outbreak of the plague in West Africa, Chancellor Von Bismarck has ordered the strictest sanitary inspection of vessels arriving at German ports from that country.

**PROF. M'NAUGHTON'S PLANS.**

Kingsford, Feb. 11.—Prof. John McNaughton, of Queen's, will return to McGill University for next session.

## ANOTHER FROST TRAGEDY.

Ontario Man, After Nine Mile Walk, Dropped to Ground and Died.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 12.—Joseph Behmann, of Preston, was found frozen to death within 400 yards of his destination. He went to Guelph from Preston, intending to travel to New Germany by the Guelph-Goderich line to join his wife, who was tending his mother. The line was blocked with snow, and with the weather 20 below zero, he started walking. He walked nine miles, carrying a heavy grip, and was within 150 yards of a farm house when he dropped.

**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.**

Rome, Feb. 12.—The Pope yesterday at the Vatican, in the presence of three thousand persons, celebrated with the title of the Greek church the fifteenth centennial of St. John Chrysostom.

**EIGHT MEN FOUND  
WATERY GRAVE**

SCHOONER WRECKED ON  
QUEEN CHARLOTTE REEF

Unavailing Search for Bodies of One White Man and Seven Indians.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—F. L. Clarke of Vancouver has received news from his son, Capt. F. Clarke, of the sloop Lulu, of the wreck of a schooner and the loss of the lives of an unknown white man and seven Indians on Queen Charlotte island reef last week.

Capt. Clarke was an eye-witness of the wreck, but could not rescue the unfortunate. Capt. Clarke and his comrades waited several hours and risked their lives in bodies, but were unable to find a single body.

During the night the schooner broke up.

**SPRING AT WINNIPEG.**

Temperature 50 Above in the Prairie Capital.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—Spring weather came with a rush last night, and the snow fast disappeared. High temperatures prevail all over the prairie provinces, with heavy rain in Manitoba to-day. The mercury at Winnipeg is fifty above. Wild geese are reported to have been moving north for several days past.

**FOR BOOMING OF  
WESTERN RIVERS**

Bills Affecting Control of Thompson and Shuswap are Discussed.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The common private bills committee to-day considered the bill to incorporate the Western Rivers Improvement Co. and another to incorporate the Shuswap and Thompson Rivers Boom Co. The first company is promoted by the Shields interests, and the latter company by the Lamb, Watson, Rogers and Bowman interests.

Both bills seek the control of the booming of the Thompson and Shuswap and other waters in the vicinity of Kamloops. Shields offered to concede and concede the control of the Shuswap water if the Western company was given the Thompson river waters.

Duncan Ross objected to this bill and it will come up again.

**MOSCOW NOBILITY**

Feodor Kokoshkino Degraded for Signing the Viborg Manifesto.

Moscow, Feb. 12.—For signing the Viborg manifesto, Feodor Kokoshkino, a scion of the ancient Burik dynasty, now a professor in Moscow university and a prominent leader of the Constitutional Democrats, yesterday was expelled from the Moscow nobility by a vote of 260 against 92. The motion to expel in the congress of nobles, which lined up the forces of the reactionaries and progressives resulted in a notable debate, extending through the entire day, in which Prince Eugene Troubetskoy and Prince Paul Dolgorouki, marshal of nobility in the Imperial Government, participated.

**DEATH OF CENTENARIAN.**

Mrs. Blackwood of Ottawa Lived 104 Years.

Special to the Times.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Blackwood, aged 104, died yesterday at St. Patrick's hospital. She was in possession of all her faculties until the very end. She was born in Ireland and was married twice, her second husband being the late Dr. Blackwood Pakenham. She only went to the home two years ago.

**COUNT DENIES ENGAGEMENT.**

London, Feb. 12.—A special dispatch from Vienna to a news agency here says that Count Alexander Hradky, through his legal adviser, has issued an emphatic denial of his reported engagement to Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York.

The coinage of New South Wales is the same as that of the United Kingdom.

## HORIZON IS STILL CLOUDED

### DANGER NOT YET OVER IN PORTUGAL







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## NOW THE BOWSER NATAL ACT

The latest Bowser Natal Bill is now an Act, having received the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislature, as the former abortive bill would have done had His Honor resolved proper constitutional advice from his ministers. The Premier and his Attorney-General, as eminent counsel learned in the law, have expressed their belief that the bill is a good one within the competence of the enacting authority. They say they will lose no time in enforcing its provisions. It is devoutly to be wished that these gentlemen will carry out their pledges and endeavor to have definitely established the constitutional nature of their pet measure. They claim to be consumed with a burning desire to keep Orientals and all classes of undesirable persons out of the province and to reserve it exclusively for laborers and settlers of the white races. Now that they have got their act, we hope there will be no more of the tricks and subterfuges which have characterized their conduct in the past plainly for the purpose of keeping the question an open one, palpably in the interests of their friends the chief employers of Oriental labor, and for the purpose of gaining all the political capital out of it that there is in it. Mr. Bowser claims to have the machinery all ready for the enforcement of his act. Let him set that machinery in motion at once, and not tinker with it in the hope of Japan entering an immediate protest with the Imperial government and the Imperial government remonstrating with the Dominion government and inquiring whether the measure should not be vetoed as plainly limited to Imperial interests and Imperial affairs.

The Times has repeatedly stated that it placed more faith in the determination of Japan to voluntarily restrict immigration than in the virtue of any Natal Act that could be devised either by the Dominion government or the provincial government to keep out such immigration. We have pointed out how easy it would be for the Japanese, who are a particularly intelligent, enterprising and aggressive race, to fulfill the conditions of such a test as that which can be imposed under any Natal Act. We have had the experience of the Colony of Natal itself advanced in support of this contention. Some of the other colonies of South Africa have complained of the inefficacy of the original Natal Act and have declared their intention of retaliating against Natal because their territory is being rapidly overrun by immigrants permitted to land in Natal in consequence of the alleged ineffectiveness of that act. That is one of the reasons why we have argued that it would be well to put to a fair test the sincerity of the Japanese government in its announced determination to put a stop to immigration in this country. If that experiment is not successful, we shall soon have the most convincing evidence of failure, and in that event the Dominion government is pledged to denounce the treaty which at present stands in the way of the federal enactment of a Natal Act and to place such an act upon the Dominion statute books, thus giving the most effective testimony possible of its regard for the sentiments of the people of British Columbia.

But it does not suit the political purposes of the McBride government to await an issue which is plainly Imperial as well as local in its ramifications. The government in power in the province is determined, in the hope of gaining a little cheap and ephemeral popularity, to throw down the gauntlet before the Imperial authorities and to create a situation which will be a menace to our future trade relations with Asia—upon which the commercial future of British Columbia, and especially the commercial future of the coast cities of British Columbia—so largely depends. Let the Premier and his Attorney-General enforce their act, and enforce it with vigor. We hope the Imperial government will not raise the question of the constitutionality of the act. We hope the Dominion government will permit the McBride government to go far enough to allow the matter of its sincerity and its bona fides to be settled for all time and its acknowledged hypocrisy to be effectual.

**Black Watch**  
Chewing Tobacco

The big black plug.

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ly exposed. The McBride government hopes and prays that the Bowser Act will be disallowed, and that it will be disallowed speedily. The all but unanimous legal opinion is that the act is not worth the paper it is written upon. Let the able Mr. Bowser prove the contrary, in accordance with his expressions and the expressions of his Prime Minister. The result will be to establish the quality of their statesmanship. It would be worth while to wink at a slight strain upon the constitution to thoroughly expose such a company of "blitherers."

## SETTING THE CROOKED STRAIGHT.

Up to a certain point, the speech of Mr. Joseph Martin, delivered last evening, was a very clear and fairly accurate description of the existing political conditions in British Columbia. It was when the speaker passed from the constitutional aspects of the Oriental immigration question and proceeded to deal with purely personal phases of politics in general that the rancor and bitterness of the disappointed politician displayed themselves in distortion, if not in actual misrepresentation. After portraying the character of Premier McBride with characteristic frankness and in terms which will be generally acceptable in the light of recent experiences, Mr. Martin said: "And so Mr. Templeman thought he (Mr. McBride) was a better man than my humble self." This doubtless with reference to the manner in which Mr. McBride was called upon to form a government. What are the facts in regard to that unfortunate episode in the political history of the province? Mr. McBride was the acknowledged leader of the opposition at the time of the dismissal of Premier Prior by the Lieut.-Governor of that day, Sir Henri Joly. He was selected as leader by the forces of a composite party, the most prominent elements of which were composed of Liberals of unquestioned reputation and unimpeachable integrity, such as John Oliver of Delta and Charles Munro of Chilliwack, Liberals whose principles not even Mr. Martin will venture to assail. They were the men who led the state upon the government and were primarily instrumental in its defeat. Why they selected Mr. McBride as their leader we do not know. Probably the selection was the result of a compromise designed to hold the opposition party together and unite it in its assaults upon an unworthy administration. But it is apparent to all men who are not prejudiced by thwarted personal ambition that Mr. Templeman had no more to do with the selection than did Mr. Joseph Martin himself. When the government was dismissed from office there was only one constitutional course for the Lieut.-Governor to pursue. He could not but call upon the acknowledged or titular leader of the opposition to form a government. Mr. McBride betrayed the confidence not only of the Liberals who accomplished the downfall of the government, but also the confidence of the Lieut.-Governor, by deciding to form an administration composed exclusively of Conservatives. In following this course Mr. McBride will not deny that he deliberately forswore himself. He turned his back upon the men who were the backbone of the opposition party and proved himself a man of a moral calibre it would be judicious to describe in written language. He was not the leader of the Conservative party in the province at the time. Charles Wilson, a leading lawyer of the province, was the Conservative leader, chosen in a Conservative convention. So that, literally, the "first Conservative government British Columbia ever had" was conceived in treachery, and its record is worthy of the character of its leader.

The foregoing are the facts in regard to the genesis of the McBride government. The Times had opposed the Prior government, as it had opposed almost every government that had been in power in the province since Confederation, for reasons which have been amply justified by the events of the past and which will be more fully justified by the events of the future. And it is a remarkable fact that although the character of Premier McBride in power has been demonstrated to be just what might have been expected of a man capable of such unexampled treachery to his colleagues, Mr. Joseph Martin, paragon of political integrity, of almost superlative excellence, friend of the workingman and of the downtrodden and oppressed—Mr. Martin, the all-virtuous, actually at the last election voted in Vancouver for the candidates of the McBride government!

Our way of handling immigration and labor matters is attracting attention in the States. Ten days ago Mr. Mackenzie King was a guest of President Roosevelt at luncheon at the White House and subsequently discussed with the President the labor problems of the two countries. Mr. Roosevelt manifested keen interest, particularly in the Canadian Labor Department and the operations of the Industrial Disputes Act and stated that he would recommend Congress to legislate along similar lines. He spoke of the friendship of the two countries and could conceive of nothing to interfere with their present happy relations.

## PAARDEBERG DAY AND CANADIAN CLUB

South African Veterans and Members of Legislature Will Be Entertained.

(From Wednesday's Daily).  
The anniversary of Paardeberg will be celebrated by the Canadian Club of this city at a luncheon to be held in the Empress hotel on the 27th inst. The decision to recognize the day was finally reached at an executive meeting held yesterday afternoon. Owing to the St. Joseph ball being held on the actual day, the 18th, the luncheon will be held on the 27th, the day of the surrender of Cronje's forces. Lunch will be held at 1 p. m. and the only way to the final meeting arranged by the press:—  
The list of guests at this luncheon will be exceptionally large, and instead of their being just one guest of honor the invited parties will number about 80. The guests of honor on the Paardeberg Day celebration lunch will be all local South African veterans, and they will be asked to attend in Khaki. There are quite a number of soldiers in Victoria who were present at Paardeberg. The club is making all their guests, not only the local contingent, but all who took part in the war.

The members of the legislature will also be invited to be present. The proceedings will be essentially patriotic in character. At yesterday's meeting the report of the year was also received and passed and arrangements made for the annual meeting to be held on the 17th inst. The reports were of a very gratifying character and it is expected they will be printed and placed in the hands of the members during the Paardeberg luncheon. The membership report showed that about 300 members, while the financial report is very satisfactory. The question of merging the offices of secretary and treasurer was also discussed and it was decided to leave the office of the secretary to the effect. The report of the nominating committee was received and it is expected that almost a total change in the executive will take place. The idea is to give the position of honor and duty to as many members as possible, especially as there is so much talent to draw from.

Present at W. McCurdy reported on his visit to the east as the Canadian Club delegate to Ottawa and stated that the Canadian clubs as a whole support Earl Grey's proposal to purchase the Plains of Abraham for a national park. A. W. McCurdy was appointed as representative of the central committee which was formed at the convention. Each club will send one representative. The faithful services of the secretary were recognized by a small honorarium. The following is the present board of directors: President, A. W. McCurdy; vice-presidents, Judge Lappan, F. Napier Dennison; secretary, Frank L. Clark and committee, J. S. Gibb, A. S. Johnston, J. H. McGreggor, Wellington, J. J. Dowler, A. J. Brace and John Nelson.

## DEATH OF CAPT. WINTHER.

Well Known Steamboat Man Passed Away Yesterday.

(From Wednesday's Daily).  
The death occurred last evening at St. Joseph's hospital of Captain Frederic Charles Wintner, of the C. P. R. service. The deceased was in his forty-seventh year, and was a native of Denmark. Captain Wintner had been employed of the C. P. R. for many years, and has held positions on the Princess Beatrice and others of the Coast service steamers, and has always been looked upon as one of the most capable pilots in the service. Although ailing for a considerable length of time, the captain stuck to his duty until very recently, but was unable to undergo an operation about two weeks ago. His ailment, however, had gone too far, and the operation proved of no avail, and he passed away yesterday.

The remains have been removed to the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., 610 Government street, from where the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

## REDUCING TAXATION.

Bill is Expected to Reduce Various Forms of Direct Taxes.  
A bill has been prepared by the government to further amend the Assessment Act. There was some suggestion that this bill will be a regular shipper on the Tocs. There are about forty men employed. A mill is run in connection with the mine which recently shipped several thousand feet of lumber to Clayoquot for the government wharf being built there under the superintendence of J. Arnet.

Lifeboat for West Coast.  
The Dominion government lifeboat with W. Chesterman as coxswain, has made several practice trips up and down the coast on the outside waters. On the trial trip there was quite a sea running and the crew were delighted with the way the boat behaved, when among the big rollers and breakers practically no seas being shipped.

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## CHEHALIS CASE IS STILL IN PROGRESS

Full Court is Considering Appeal Arising Out of Collision.

(From Wednesday's Daily).  
In analyzing the evidence in the Chehalis case yesterday afternoon before the Full court, Mr. Martin took first that of David Jones, the lighthouse keeper at Brockton Point. He was sitting at his front gate watching the Princess go by at the time the accident happened. The engines of the Princess, he claimed, were not stopped until she struck the Chehalis. Mr. Martin further charged the fact that the Princess had since been changed. This was denied by Mr. Bodwell.

Mr. Martin also went over the evidence of James Cotton and Capt. Howe. A discussion took place as to whether the captain of the Chehalis should not have had a lookout stationed at the stern of the boat to watch the coming behemoth.

The case was continued this morning. Mr. Martin further reviewing the evidence.

## LIBERALS ORGANIZE AT CLAYOQUOT

Association Formed With 32 Members—Bad Condition of Uclelet Road.

Clayoquot, Feb. 3.—The Liberal Association of Clayoquot has just been reorganized with a membership roll of thirty-two. The association has held two meetings and another is scheduled for Feb. 8th. The officers of the association are: President, John Chesterman; vice president, W. J. Stone; secretary, E. B. Carruth, and executive committee of five members, Messrs. Dr. Raynor, A. F. Kinsey, R. Riley, J. Lomax and W. W. Rhodes.

Road in Bad Condition.  
Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the small appropriation made in the last few years to the Clayoquot-Uclelet road which has more or less dependent on it five families with children of school age in the Clayoquot school district. In winter time when the gum boots cannot travel on the road within the school district, i.e., three miles—without going over the top of them in water and mud, the children of the School Act children of seven years and upwards can be forced to travel this road to school.

Work on Kallapa.  
Work is being vigorously pushed on the Okanagan mine, a promising prospect on disappointment inlet which is under bond to New York people. The tram line on the Sidney Inlet is just completed, and it is expected this mine will be a regular shipper on the Tocs. There are about forty men employed. A mill is run in connection with the mine which recently shipped several thousand feet of lumber to Clayoquot for the government wharf being built there under the superintendence of J. Arnet.

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## ORGANISING BOARD OF TRADE

Creamery Association Held Annual Meeting at Alberni—Skeletons on Coast.

Alberni, Feb. 11.—A public meeting was held on the 4th inst. at the court house to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution for the proposed board of trade for Alberni. The report was adopted and arrangements made to complete the work of organization. A meeting of all who have joined will be held shortly to elect officers. The same meeting also discussed the advisability of forming a municipality from the Alberni. Owing to a mistaken impression that municipalities could not be incorporated in the month of January the matter was postponed. The committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements: Messrs. A. D. Morgan, Jas. Thomson, W. R. W. Prescott, J. Redford, A. D. Cooper, W. H. Marcom, R. H. Wood, G. A. Spencer, R. F. Blandy, C. H. Bird, R. J. Burde, Creamery Association.

The fourth annual meeting of the Alberni Creamery Association was held on the 5th inst. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was small. The old board of directors and other officials were reappointed. The accounts showed that better returns had been paid to patrons this year owing principally to higher prices being obtained for the butter manufactured and also to decreased average working expenses owing to the output having increased considerably. A dividend of 4 per cent. upon the stock was arranged for, and \$100 placed aside for a sinking fund.

Ghost Dance.

The ghost dance held at New Alberni on the 4th inst., was a pronounced success. The prizes donated by W. F. Gibson in the form of Mexican opals, were won by the following: Walters, Miss Josie Clarke and D. McKenlie. Two-step, Miss Grandy and W. Mitchell.

A masquerade ball will be held in the Athletic hall on the evening of the 14th inst. Prizes have been donated by various parties for the best portrayal character; both lady and gentleman, also for the best comic dress and for the best couple of waltzers.

Constable Wanted.

Applications have been called for the position of constable as assistant to Chief Constable Cox, in view of the influx of strangers consequent on railway construction.

Panther Bounty.

The recent rise in the bounty paid on panthers has given a decided stimulus to their pursuit, five having been killed in the neighborhood within the last ten days. It is reported that beavers can be found in a swamp not ten miles from town. The close time recently proclaimed by the government for these animals will give them a chance to multiply, and will form an additional attraction for visitors to Alberni, as their haunts can readily be reached.

Supplied Drink to Indians.  
A. W. Neil, S. M., returned on the 9th inst. from a visit to Clayoquot, on the West Coast, where he tried C. H. Robinson for supplying liquor to Indians of the Ntina band. Accused paid a fine of \$100.

Whose Skeletons Were.  
Mr. Nell reports in reference to the two skeletons found in a cave in that vicinity last summer and which were thought by many to have been survivors of the ill-fated Valencia, which was wrecked close by—that it has now been ascertained that they were the remains of two Indians, father and son, from Neah Bay, on the American side, who were carried out to sea and ultimately washed ashore at the place indicated. The bodies came ashore lashed to their raft, and had been stripped of clothing by the action of the waves. The Indians laid the bodies away in the cave where they were recently discovered and decently interred. As far as can be ascertained from the Indians the accident must have happened some thirty years ago.

## DUNCAN HELD TENNIS DANCE

Enjoyable Entertainment at Island Town—Death of Young Resident.

Duncan, Feb. 10.—The second annual dance of the Duncan Lawn Tennis Club was held in the agricultural hall on Friday last. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Fry, and the ladies of the club. The supper room and the hall were very prettily decorated. Those present had a very pleasant time, and dancing was kept up until the early morning.

Death of Resident.  
Charles Kingston died after a short illness at the Jubilee hospital on Saturday. He was a young man who had lived most of his life in this district, and his loss will be deeply felt. The funeral is arranged for this afternoon.

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(From Tuesday's Daily).  
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But this did not suit the government members who apparently felt anything which would bring barons into opposition to the government was found and moved. This was the nature of the shaking off all responsibility and passing the proposition to the government.

Yesterday Mr. Oliver moved an amendment to refer the whole of the price of coal and all questions of the coal mining law to the committee of the House. This was, of course, voted, it did not suit the purpose of the government party and the House had a full investigation. It was in fact for them to put the question regarding the duties of the Dominion government in which had no power to act.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, for effect, protested loudly at employment of Orientals in the coal mines. He doubted the premier's questions on the subject. He voted against Mr. Oliver's amendment to have this investigated.

Stuart Henderson, on the other hand, pointed out the necessity for improving the school education beyond the vast majority of pupils in the coal mines.

The bill passed its second reading. The Coal Tax Act amendment is its third reading.

Press Gallery, F.

Railway Reported—

Mr. Ross (chairman) on behalf of the railway committee, reported to the House the results of the investigation into the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company. The report was received without discussion.

Motion for Supply.

On motion of the minister of finance, the premier, it was resolved: That this House will on Monday 17th next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House to consider the supply.

Nelson's Borrowing Power.

Dr. Hall introduced a bill to the effect of Nelson's borrowing power. The bill was received without discussion.

Cemetery Bill.

Hon. Dr. Young introduced a bill regarding the approval of cemeteries.

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