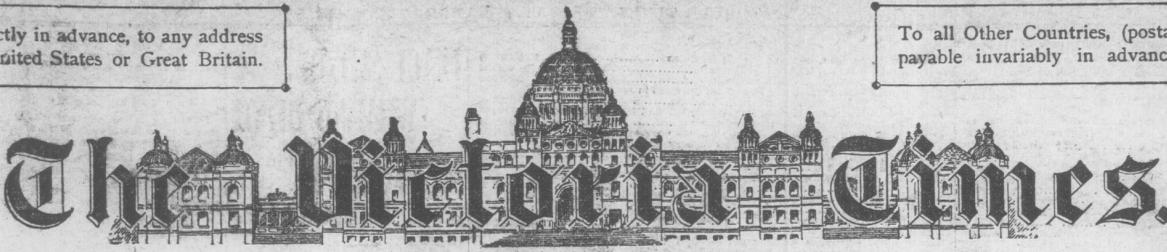


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DOES OFFER APPLY TO E. & N. LANDS

Railway Handbook Promises Company Will Apply Half of Settlers' Fares to Land Purchases.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The C. P. R. some time ago issued a booklet entitled "British Columbia Farming, Mining, Lumbering, Ranching and Fruit Growing." The publication contains a vast amount of information relative to this province, and is circulated in the Old Land by the company.

Under the head of Canadian Pacific lands, the booklet says: "One half of the amount paid by new settlers for land on the lines of the C. P. R. in travelling to British Columbia will be applied on account of the first instalment if land is purchased from the company in this province."

Inquiry has been made by some who have come to British Columbia as to whether this applied to settlers coming to Vancouver Island and taking up lands on the E. & N. belt.

A. F. Frampton, who has just arrived from the Old Country, and intends taking up land in Vancouver Island from the C. P. R., or in other words some of the land held by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, is at present agitated in mind as to whether this rule is more honored in the breach than in the observance by the railway.

It is stated in cold black and white in the handbook of the company, that Mr. Frampton, "The question means a good deal to me, as I have come out here with a family of seven, and half the fares which I paid here would help me greatly in purchasing the land. I am surprised you did not know about the 'half' of the fare." Mr. Frampton, who is a settler on Vancouver Island, as it is a part of British Columbia. The C. P. R. holds land here, so necessarily it will abide by the offer made in the handbook. I do not I am afraid the hopes of many intending settlers in the Island will be rudely dashed to the ground."

ACCUSED OF ROBBING MANCHESTER BANK

Former Clerk Has Been Taken Into Custody By Police In Manitoba.

Winnipeg, March 11.—Buried thousands of miles from the scene of his alleged crime and having escaped the pursuit of the officers of the law for nearly seven months, Henry Douglas Anderson, former clerk in the branch of the Bank of England at Manchester, England, was run to earth last night near Dominion City, being arrested by Provincial Constable Widdall.

Anderson for the past three weeks has been working for a farmer in that vicinity, about twelve miles from the town of Brandon, Manitoba. He had attempted to escape or to deny that he was the man wanted or that he had occupied the position of clerk in the bank at Manchester, but he refused to admit the charge of theft on which he will be arraigned when he is taken back to stand trial.

It is alleged that Anderson while employed by the Bank of Manchester stole \$5,000. Just how he accomplished this is not certain, but in the course of his duties he was accustomed to handle large quantities of coin, and it is supposed that he substituted copper coin for gold, and succeeded in working his name until he had purloined the above sum. Before his theft was detected, Anderson left the employ of the bank and came to Canada.

Chief of Provincial Police E. J. El-Hott has called the fact of the man's arrest this morning, and an officer will be sent out here to take the prisoner back to stand trial.

Anderson is a man about 40 years of age, is married, and is of quiet demeanor and good address.

PERISHED IN STORM

Halifax, March 9.—Reports of wrecks and casualties in yesterday's terrific blizzard in Cape Breton and Eastern Nova Scotia are being received here, though owing to enormous drifts communication is not yet restored throughout the province. At least two, and probably more persons perished in the storm.

James MacDonald, of Antigonish Harbour, as his way while proceeding from town and wandered onto the ice along the shore and perished, his body being found this morning. Another man, John Brown, 18 years old, of Sydney, was found at his home at the height of the blizzard and this morning was found dead.

James and John MacLeod, while coming from work, were struck by a blizzard. James' skull was fractured and his leg broken. Two boys started to walk home, but men found them unconscious in a snow drift.

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Mr. Solly, of the E. & N. land department, when questioned about this offer, professed a profound ignorance of the matter. "It may," he said, "apply to the Mainland, but certainly does not here. The land is given here at \$5 an acre, the E. & N. retaining timber rights. I have never heard of half the fare of the settler being applied on account of the first instalment."

R. Marpole, general executive assistant, who is in the city to-day, when asked concerning this point, said that he could not give an answer, unless, as he says, the C. P. R. abide by the offer made in its handbook.

Mr. Marpole has only recently taken over the affairs of his new office, and may on that score be excused from having such an intimate knowledge of this matter as would otherwise be expected.

J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., replying to a telegram from the Times on the subject, however, says: "Apply to R. Marpole for further information regarding E. & N. lands on Vancouver Island."

And so the matter may be said to rest until Mr. Frampton's question is dealt with by the powers that be. He intends pushing it to the uttermost. It is doubtful if he will take up the land, unless, as he says, the C. P. R. abide by the offer made in its handbook.

The question is a highly interesting one to the people of the Island, and it is strange that it has not been raised before. As thousands of these handbooks are distributed in the Old Country, it is not surprising that many will crop up very soon again, inasmuch as there is so much talk about Vancouver Island at present, and there are many who are coming to the Island here in the summer with the express object of taking up land held by the C. P. R.

MAY HAVE TO FACE A SERIOUS CHARGE

Inquiry Being Made Into Death of Father After Exchanging Blows With Son.

London, Ont., March 11.—Daniel McPherson, aged 55 years, is dead at his home on Wellington street, and his son, Daniel, aged 22 may have to answer a serious charge.

The son states that his father had been addicted to drink and when he came home he found the old man sitting in a chair in a state of stupor. "I took my coat, intending to help father to his room, and he struck me with a stick of wood," he said. "I think he intended to hit me in the face, but I drew back and he struck me in the chest. I was angered and struck back. I think he struck me twice. Father fell back against the wall and doubled up. I called my brother John to come and help to lift father up, but when John came he said he was afraid it was all up with him, and he died then and there." An investigation is being held.

COUNCIL TO-NIGHT

Much Business Before the City Fathers—License By-Law Likely to Prove a Rock of Offense.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The question of making a grant to the Tourist Association will be thrashed out again at to-night's council meeting. Aid. Henderson's by-laws regarding the new incinerator and the improving of Rockland avenue will be up for consideration. The two latter will doubtless go through without any great difficulty as they have been discussed and discussed. The matter first mentioned will, however, be more difficult to settle. Those who object to large a grant as \$7,500 to the Tourist Association have got a legal opinion of their own, which is opposed to that of the city solicitor. The latter is of the opinion that the city could not hold a referendum on the subject of any grant less than \$15,000.

The Mayor is strongly in favor of the grant, and strongly against any referendum to the people. In his opinion the work of the Tourist Association is of paramount importance to the city, and he has a strong objection to the delay which such a course would entail. Dr. Hall has, however, a strong following on his side. Those who feel that notwithstanding the benefit which the Tourist Association is to the city, as at present constituted, it should in part at least be supported from private funds, but men found them unconscious in a snow drift.

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The foundation on which the prosecution's alibi is based is the testimony of Anthony Debbis, the policeman on the roof garden who saw the shots fired, and the testimony of the witness Dr. McCann, who was in the station house when the prisoner was arraigned. The case was brought into the city to-day by George R. Munn, who lives with Hetherington. The story as told to the police by Munn is that Hetherington, who is a boy of 15 years of age, saw what he thought to be a wolf on a straw pile about 500 yards away. He went and got a rifle, leaned it on a wagon in the yard and fired. The first shot struck the straw pile low, and he fired again, and this time with deadly effect, the bullet going through the straw pile and through the unfortunate man.

Aid was immediately summoned, and the wounded man taken to Dr. Davis' office at Douglas and thence to the Winnipeg general hospital, where he was operated upon, but expired in great pain.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE IS POSTPONED

THE BILL TALKED TO DEATH IN COMMONS

The Suffragists Pass Resolutions Condemning Attitude of Government and Parliament.

London, March 8.—The bill to extend the right of suffrage to women was defeated in the House of Commons today, where it was talked to death without coming to a vote.

CONVENTION

Women Delegates to Meet in Victoria During June.

The National Council is expected, pay a visit to Victoria during the month of June, the coast attending which is to be held in Victoria.

DEBATES TO MEET

Discusses Labor Shortage to Be Called. The Laborers' Protection Society will be placed before the executives of the Council and the Association of the Labor Union.

TWO DEATHS

Col. MacLennan, ex-M. P., Passed Away at Cornwall. Ottawa, March 8.—Edward Cochran, M. P., Northumberland East, died at the Protestant general hospital this morning.

HOTEL, STORE AND DWELLING DESTROYED

Fire at Chemainus Last Night—Number of Persons Had Narrow Escapes.

Chemainus, March 8.—Fire which broke out here last night about ten o'clock destroyed the Lewisville hotel, S. Hagen, proprietor; the Lewisville general store, A. H. Lewis, proprietor, and Mr. Lewis' residence.

THE MINING INDUSTRY

Annual Meeting of the Canadian Institute at Toronto. Toronto, March 8.—About one hundred delegates from various parts of Canada are in attendance at the ninth annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute, which opened this morning at the King Edward hotel.

BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, March 7.—For the week just closed the gain in weekly bank clearings is exceptional, considering that traffic has largely delayed business.

DROPPED DEAD

Edmonton, March 8.—Rev. John Guigan, who kept a grocery store and also taught music in an English school, died in the Northern bank this afternoon. He was 65 years of age, a Swiss by birth, coming to this country with his family in 1848.

THE LATE COL. McLENNAN

Was at One Time the Champion Hammer Thrower of the World. Cornwall, March 8.—Col. R. R. McLeennan passed away at his residence a few minutes past twelve last night, after an illness of short duration.

ALBERTA TAXES CORPORATIONS

BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

Edmonton, A.B., March 8.—The Alberta legislature has passed unanimously Premier Rutherford's bill for the purpose of taxing corporations.

Memorial in Honor of Montreal Principal Who Gave Her Life For Others.

Edmonton, A.B., March 8.—The Protestant school commissioners have decided to pay Miss Sarah Maxwell's salary to her mother for the rest of the year.

MR. HYMAN'S RESIGNATION

Matter Again Before Privileges and Election Committee—Sub-Committee Appointed to Report.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

British Budget Will Provide Sum For the Scheme. London, March 8.—The Tribune this morning carries recent rumors that the forthcoming budget will provide a certain sum of money for some kind of old age pension scheme.

MR. BRYCE'S VISIT

Ottawa, March 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Bryce are expected in Ottawa from Washington on March 27th.

DELMAS CLOSES CASE FOR THAW

WILL NOT CALL ANY MORE WITNESSES

His Decision Came as a Surprise—District Attorney Will Submit Rebuttal Evidence.

New York, March 8.—When the court opens this morning for the further hearing of the Thaw case, the defence, in accordance with the decision reported late yesterday, will announce that it has rested, and all the evidence which it is hoped will have Harry K. Thaw from the electric chair, is in the hands of the jury except what may be given in rebuttal.

ROBBERY BY TERRORISTS

Stole Sixty Thousand Dollars From University and Killed Sergeant of Police. Moscow, March 7.—A daring hold-up occurred at the university here today. While the officials were being paid off in the chancellery, seven armed men entered, threatened all present with pistols, and demanded money.

THE ADAMS CASE

Jury Unable to Agree on a Verdict and Was Dismissed. Wallace, Idaho, March 7.—The jury in the trial of Steve Adams for the murder of Fred Taylor, after being in deliberation since 7 o'clock yesterday evening, to-night announced through Foreman George Eilers that it was impossible to agree on a verdict, and was discharged by Judge Woods.

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RAILWAY CONNECTION AND LOCAL POLITICS.

The Colonist, in a fit of impotent rage which doth not comport well with its years and the dignity that ought to fit like a garment upon a journal of its assured position, proclaims its belief that the worst enemy Victoria has today is the Daily Times, owned by Hon. William Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue, and the representative of this city in the Dominion House of Commons. It is scarcely necessary for us to attempt to demonstrate that our most irascible and irrational contemporary is entirely wrong. The worst enemy Victoria has now, we ever had, is the politician or newspaper writer who practices deceit upon the people of this city and endeavors to humbug or bunco them into following politicians who will hesitate at nothing for the purpose of securing their support. During the campaign which preceded the return of the McBride government to power we contended, and cited many facts in support of our position, that the government of Hon. Richard McBride during its three year term of office had not only done nothing whatever to prove that it was friendly towards Victorians, but that it had demonstrated beyond peradventure that it was actuated by feelings of deep enmity towards this city. We say still that, there was not a single measure brought forward by the federal government or by the people of the city of Victoria during the three years mentioned considered for the advancement of the welfare of the city that the McBride government did not oppose and endeavor to strangle. At the same time we were appeased, in the light of the decision of the majority of the people on the night of February, to bury the past and to judge the McBride government by its actions in the future. We are still in that frame of mind, if the Conservative organ will permit us to forget the past and to look forward hopefully, if not actually sanguinely, to the course of the government in the future. We deprecate sincerely all attempts to raise mischievous sectional issues. But it must in all candor be said that in the light of the Colonist's insistent fury at every allusion to the issues raised by itself during the campaign we fear there is just as little reason to look forward cheerfully to what the government will do as there is to congratulate Victorians on the organ's course in the past.

In the midst of its ravings the organ of the government asserts it is little short of criminal to attempt to drag the question of rail connection with the Mainland into local politics. There is no doubt that in this matter our contemporary is right. But if there be anything criminal in such an attempt, the lapse of a few days does not mitigate in the slightest degree the extent of the criminality. We are not particularly desirous of an extended controversy on the matter. We shall merely content ourselves with quotations from the columns of the Colonist in proof of our contention that it is not us but the organ of the government that has been guilty of criminal conduct in respect of this issue. If the passages we take the liberty of again reproducing do not mean that the return of McBride, Davey, Behnen and Thomson would have the effect of preparing the way for, if not actually consummating rail connection with the Mainland, what in the name of common sense do they predicate? For example, consider the following sentences as clearing the course for a more explicit statement: "The trade of the northern part of this province and the traffic to be developed by the new railways to be constructed across British Columbia can be brought to Victoria and Vancouver Island by the adoption of a wise policy. That policy in a nutshell is the establishment of rail connection between this city and the Mainland. To secure this we need a union of all local interests." Then followed this appeal: "The time has come for the people of Victoria to act. This declaration by Mr. McInnes endangers the whole future of the city. We have worked here for years to secure rail connection with the Mainland, and now we are asked to support men who have been pledged to build up Vancouver at the expense of Victoria's most cherished expectations." Afterwards we have the following as differentiating between the position of the Liberal and the Conservative candidates: "We are beginning to understand why the Liberal candidates in this city have refrained from saying anything in regard to the development of Vancouver Island and the establishment of rail connection with the Mainland. Mr. Eberts, on every occasion upon which he has addressed a public audience during this campaign, has declared that he will work for this connection. We have wondered why it was that on not a single occasion have the Liberal candidates declared themselves on this subject." And: "The people of Victoria should act in such a manner that this disloyalty of the Liberal candidates to their city will be frustrated. The Liberals of Saanich and of the Islands of Esquimalt and Cowichan, should do the same. Let the people of Vancouver Island assert themselves. There is more of this province than is contained in the city

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Now the people of Victoria, of Saanich and of Cowichan have risen to the appeal and have acted. They have performed their part. The McBride government has been handsomely sustained as a result of their action. If they had voted as they did three years ago the government would have been defeated. Surely the Colonist should be gratified beyond measure at the thought that its advice has been accepted, that the desire for rail connection should have closed the eyes of the electors to the record of the government, and that all that now remains is for the Premier to prove that he has forgotten the past and to give a practical demonstration such as it promised of his friendly feelings towards Victoria. But if it should turn out that the junior organ of the government really expresses the true sentiments of the administration that this cry for rail connection is a pleasing fantasy of the editor's imagination, what will the people think who so nobly responded to the appeal?

A WORD WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

We are agreeable to allowing correspondents a good deal of latitude in the discussion of matters in which the people generally are deeply interested. The views of our readers, when expressed in temperate language and in conformity with the generally accepted rules of controversy, are usually a most attractive feature of a newspaper. But we must be permitted to draw the line most determinedly when contributors ask to be permitted to attribute, under the cover of anonymity, all kinds of personal and sinister motives to the public acts of representatives of the people. We have before us a communication signed "Citizen" purporting to deal with the proposition to submit to a referendum the grant made by the city council to the Tourist Association, and which we believe travels far beyond the bounds of legitimate criticism. Our correspondents may suspect that the motives actuating the members of the council who oppose the grant in question are based upon a desire to gain cheap popularity and perhaps pave the way for the gratification of personal ambition. But he cannot possibly be sure of what is at the back of the minds of the aldermen in question. And even if we suspect motives is it unusual for public men to endeavor to achieve popularity by deference to the will of the majority? After all, there will always be differences of opinion respecting the intrinsic merits of schemes brought forward in the council and elsewhere for the ostensible purpose of promoting the welfare of the public. Why not, therefore, accept in good faith such measures as are set before us, discuss them temperately, dissect them dispassionately, expose their weaknesses if there are any, and endeavor to shape them in conformity with our views? Besides, there are others than aldermen and public men who are but too prone to view measures from a personal rather than from a public standpoint. There are limits to the latitude that ought to be allowed anonymous correspondents, and we purpose keeping our fences up.

MR. SPEAKER. We confess to a feeling of disappointment at the selection of Hon. D. M. Eberts as speaker of the Legislature. Not that we believe Mr. Speaker will not be absolutely fair in his rulings, nor that he will not uphold in every respect the high traditions of his important office, but that we had hoped to have listened to some of his impassioned speeches on the floor of the house. As old-time members of the Legislature know, the member for Saanich is a perfect demon in debate when thoroughly aroused from his constitutional lethargy. He can lead even Mr. Hawthornthwaite, the avowed red revolutionist of British Columbia, in making the gibberish cook their ears and take notice when he is provoked into getting upon his feet. But by the unanimous decision of the House, Mr. Eberts is going to be compelled to sit still and listen to the maiden efforts of nearly a score of new members, and to the owlike platitudes of many of the old ones. Besides, when the trend of the debates of the Legislature and to the restored mind of Mr. Speaker, upon whom is he going to unload his stories? There will be no one to incline an ear, unless it be individuals in the corps of Puck-like pages, and it would scarcely be in keeping with the dignity of the House for Mr. Speaker to be observed holding intellectual communion with the boys. It does not appear to us therefore, that the Premier ought to have made arrangements to take Mr. Eberts into the cabinet. Such a disposition would have been more in consonance with the ability of Mr. Speaker, and would undoubtedly have been more acceptable to the members of the Legislature and to the rallying habits, who are quite as regular in their attendance at the debates as the representatives themselves. Still, we suppose the Premier disposes, and it is for the rest of us to adjust ourselves to his inflexible will. So there is nothing for us to do but join our esteemed contemporary in congratulations to Mr. Eberts upon his appointment, and to felicitate the House generally upon the selection of such an experienced and accomplished parliamentarian to preside over its debates.

RAILWAY CONNECTION.

During the recent provincial election campaign the Colonist supplied the very strongest evidence that it regarded the subject of railway connection with the Mainland as a distinctly provincial issue. It called upon the electors of Victoria and of the whole Island in the strongest possible language to support the Conservative candidates in order to secure this railway connection. The proof of this proposition will be found in one or two sample appeals to the electors appearing in the editorial columns of our contemporary which we take the liberty of reproducing, just to refresh its memory and to remind our representatives of what is expected of them. Under the impressive headline of "Victorians, do your duty," appeared the following: "The people of the northern part of this province and the traffic to be developed by the new railways to be constructed across British Columbia can be brought to Victoria and Vancouver Island by the adoption of a wise policy. That policy in a nutshell is the establishment of rail connection between this city and the Mainland. To secure this we need a union of all local interests."

MR. BRYCE'S VISIT.

The British representative at Washington is going to visit Canada. This announcement implies such a departure from the ordinary ambassadorial procedure as to be considered of special significance by well-informed people on both sides of the line. Mr. Bryce was received officially and privately with open arms when he set his foot on the shores of this great continent. The cordiality of Mr. Bryce's welcome was largely due to the fact that he had previously paid a visit to the United States, had carefully studied governmental and private institutions, and had written a most appreciative work thereon. He had predicted that, notwithstanding manifest weaknesses and shortcomings in the American system of government, great things had been accomplished, and that still greater heights of attainment would yet be reached by the enterprising and aggressive people of the great republic. In short, Mr. Bryce, for a plain-spoken man in a critical role, had flattered the American people and naturally the American people were pleased with him and could not neglect an opportunity to give practical proof of their appreciation. Now Mr. Bryce has come to Washington in an official capacity. His relations with the government of the United States must have a great deal to do with matters in which Canada is vitally interested. In fact, practically all the subjects of diplomatic negotiations between Great Britain and the United States have reference to subjects in which Canada is concerned. Being a thoroughly conscientious man, a man most scrupulous in acquainting himself with all the details of a subject before venturing to deal with it all, Mr. Bryce has evidently determined to study the history of latter-day relations between Canada and the United States from the Canadian point of view, before undertaking to

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Another significant fact in connection with this movement for the admit of all matters in dispute between the two nations is that all the overtures of late years have come from the United States. Canadians, having made repeated efforts to reach an understanding with their neighbors, and having found the points of divergence so wide that there appeared to be no possibility of bringing them together, had retired from the field entirely and dismissed the questions from their minds. As there were no matters in dispute that appeared likely to strain the amicable relations that existed between the two countries, our government did not consider there were any good reasons why we should abandon any points in our position for the purpose of reaching a permanent agreement. However, the late visit to Canada of Secretary Root and the prospective visit of Ambassador Bryce, appear to indicate that both the United States and Great Britain are particularly anxious that all questions that in the future might imperil the cordial relations between the two nations shall be finally disposed of. It is the evident belief that now, when there is not a single cloud on the diplomatic horizon, is the time to take occasion by the hand. There is not the slightest doubt that the representatives of Canada will do all in their power, short of sacrificing any of our unquestioned rights, to clear off the slate. Whether the question of trade relations will be one of the subjects of negotiation is a matter yet to be determined. We doubt very much whether it will be, because the old Disraelianism has upon the popular imagination in the United States at the present time appears to constitute an insuperable obstacle to that.

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Returning from her patrol work on the west coast of the Island the D. G. S. Quadra pulled in to the marine and fisheries department wharf Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, will hold their annual concert on March 26th. A special programme has been provided. A collection in aid of the society's funds will be taken.

The marble quarries at Nootka Sound are to be opened at once by the Nootka Marble Quarries Co., Ltd. The initial shipment will be made to the United States. Men with the necessary winches, derricks, etc., will be sent to open up the quarries this week.

At a meeting of the Nelson Bar Association held Thursday R. S. Lenie was unanimously nominated as a candidate for benches to the British Columbia Law Society from that district. The election will take place on the 28th of this month.

The Far West Lodge, K. of P., gave a farewell social to Messrs. Foster, Oliver and Hill, who leave almost immediately on a tour of the Sound and California, under the name of "The Feeley Acrobatic Trio."

At the inquest on the body of Capt. Neils, Moore, held by Coroner Dr. E. C. Hart, the jury returned a verdict of found drowned. No particulars further than those reported in Wednesday's Times were learned.

The Cowichan Lake stage service, between Duncan and Cowichan, will be resumed March 25th for the season. A daily service will be given throughout the summer. It is expected the E. & N. railway will issue through tickets.

The announcement made in Vancouver that Hon. James Dunsmuir had placed an order for a new yacht is premature. The Lieut.-Governor, who has long had in contemplation the building of a vessel to take the place of the "Thistle," says he has not yet decided to take that step.

By the kind invitation of Mrs. D. R. Harris, the ladies of the Church of Our Lord are holding one of their popular social teas on Tuesday next from 2 to 6 in their residence, corner of Superior street and Birdcage Walk. A musical programme is expected.

The sixth annual convention of the Victoria International Sunday School Association will be held in the Centennial Methodist church on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 26th and 27th. All interested in Sunday school work should note the dates as a good programme has been prepared.

The Y. M. C. A. are fortunate in securing Rev. W. H. Barraclough, of New Westminster, to address the women's meeting Sunday afternoon in their auditorium at 4 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Victoria Poultry and Pigeon Association will be held in the Queen's hotel Tuesday evening next. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend, as a smoker will be held and refreshments served.

The following are a few of the best scores made by Victoria College cadets at the drill hall on Saturday: Cadet Whittier, 24; Lieut. Walter, 23; Cadets Walker, McCallum, Elliott and Travis, 23 each; Capt. Hartman, 21; Corp. Palmer, 21; Corp. Paul, 21; Cadets Dunn, 21; Palmer, 19; Scott, 18.

The advance guard of the army of emigrants which the Salvation Army is sending to British Columbia this morning arrived Friday by the Princess Victoria in the person of a stalwart English bricklayer. Although usefully employed in the Old Country and earning what is considered good money there, he has decided to make his home in the Island of Vancouver, which he esteems a land full of hope and promise.

Mr. James Morgan, the Welsh musician, has had splendid success with his male choir in the Y. M. C. A. and now on Tuesday evening at 7.30 he is commencing slight reading and singing in both the Tonic Sol-Fa and old notation at the request of a large number in and out of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Morgan will conduct this new class from 7.30 to 8.30 Tuesday evenings, weekly, and take up the male choir work the same night each week from 8.30 for the balance of the evening.

J. Gardner Thompson, of Montreal, managing director of the Manitoba Assurance Company, and resident manager in that city of the world's greatest fire insurance company, the Liverpool, London & Globe, has been visiting Victoria for some days. He left Friday by the Princess May for Seattle. While in Victoria, Mr. Thompson appointed L. U. Conyers & Co. agents for the Manitoba, the policies of the Manitoba being guaranteed by the Liverpool, London & Globe.

David McNab, who looted the Carnegie library last week, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at New Westminster, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. The self-composed burglar, who is an inveterate drug fiend, was almost in a state of collapse as he received the decision of the court. He appears to feel his position keenly and was terribly nervous, partially owing to the fact that he has been deprived of his accustomed "dose." The police are confident that he is a first offender and are satisfied that he is well connected and that the name McNab is assumed. Most of the coins have been recovered, the least valuable being a five-cent piece, probably the easiest to be disposed of.

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(From Monday's Daily)

The time for receiving names for the board of trade inquiry comes to a close to-morrow.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough will deliver a lecture in the Centennial Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock on the subject of "Cranks."

Mrs. A. McEwen, who has been ill at St. Joseph's hospital, is now convalescent. She expects to leave the hospital on Tuesday next.

The licensing board of commissioners for Victoria city sit in the police court, city hall, Wednesday next, March 13th, at 3.30 p.m. for ordinary business.

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C. W. MUNRO, Liberal Member for Chilliwack.

ECHOES OF THE OPENING DAY HOUSE LAUNCHED UPON ITS COURSE

Official Dinner Given at Government House Last Evening—The Opening Ceremonies.

Fairly launched upon its first session, the eleventh parliament of British Columbia under the second government of the Hon. Richard McBride is again to-day sitting.

reserved for the ordinary member, and the flower of more ardent hue was supported to adorn the members of the cabinet, people were rude enough to ask one another whether it was possible that Mr. Hawthornthwaite had not heard of the recent election in British Columbia, and was still endeavoring to cling to his alleged role of dictator and co-partner with the premier, or if it was merely his Socialist tendencies finding expression.

The business of the house was quickly transacted. The public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th were presented to the house by the minister of finance. The twenty-fifth annual report of the public schools was moved by the minister of education.

GOVERNMENT ON LORD'S DAY ACT

DELEGATION WAITED UPON THE EXECUTIVE

W. M. Rochester Presented Views of Alliance—Premier Explained Cabinet's Position.

A large delegation representing the Lord's Day Alliance waited upon the government yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The object of the meeting was to urge upon them the advisability of giving effect to the Dominion Lord's Day Act or the enforcement of a provincial act.

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED PROVISION GOVERNING FISHING ON FRASER

Weekly Close Time Extended to Twenty-four Hours—Three New Hatcheries.

Ottawa, March 9.—An agreement has been practically reached by the minister of marine and fisheries, after hearing the delegates representing the canners and the fishermen on the Fraser river respecting the regulations for fishing during the years 1907 and 1908.

SAVED BABY'S LIFE.

There are many mothers throughout Canada who do not hesitate to say that Baby's Own Tablets have saved the lives of their little ones. One of these is Mrs. John Shortell, Georgetown, Ont., who says: I have no hesitation in saying that I believe that Baby's Own Tablets saved my little girl's life.



JOHN JARDINE, Liberal Member for Esquimalt.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Promotions Made in the Local Regiment—Discharges From the Force.

DEATH OF JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE

FOUNDER OF ZION CITY PASSED AWAY TO-DAY

His Health Had Been Failing for Some Time But End Came Unexpectedly.

Chicago, March 9.—John Alexander Dowie died at 7:40 this morning at Zion City. There were present with him when he died only Judge Barnes and two personal attendants.

WILL NOT COME TO VICTORIA

BOOTH'S ITINERARY WILL NOT PERMIT

General Will Endeavor to Meet Officers of Army All Over the World.

It has been definitely decided that General William Booth will not include Victoria in his itinerary. He will visit both Vancouver and Seattle and meet the heads of the Salvation Army from all along the Pacific Coast.

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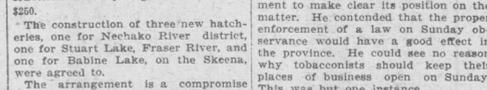
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MINISTER BRIDGE TO BE EXTENDED TO 48 HOURS, OR FROM 8 A.M. SATURDAY TO 6 A.M. MONDAY.

INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED.

Dr. Fagan Notified to Immediately Arrange For Erection of Sanatorium.

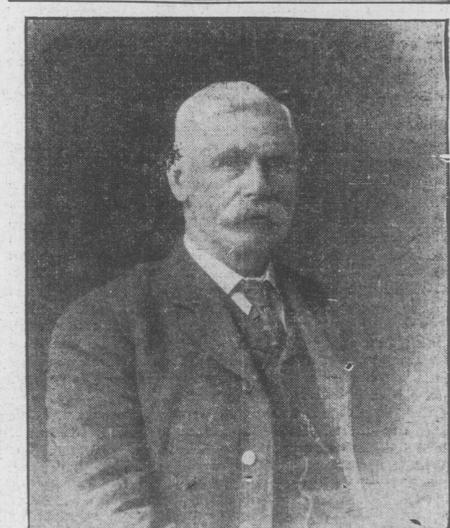
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Winnipeg, March 7.—Elliott M. Stevenson, of Port Huron, Mich., is mentioned this morning as a probable successor to Dr. Oranhyatekha as chief ranger of the Foresters, salary \$10,000.

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THE PROSPECTOR

BY RALPH CONNOR



(CHAPTER XIV—Continued.)

In an hour and a half, true to his word, Ike was back with Shook and the doctor. Before another half hour had gone past they were at the trail, Marion riding her pony, Shook and the doctor in the buckboard, and Crawley driving the wagon, in which, besides mattress and bedding, were saddles for the trail and a trail shoulder for the pack.

After long hesitation Ike decided that he ought not to join the party.

"That there Crawley," he argued to himself, "ain't to be trusted especially when he's got 'round lookin' like a blank hyena. But I guess I'll have to let him go and get back to the ranch. And so with an uneasy feeling Ike watched them set off.

Half way back to the ranch he met his boss.

"Hello, Ike," saluted the Kid gaily. "You're needing a powder. Of your feed, eh?"

"Howdy, boss," replied the cowboy gravely. "I'm feelin' proper enough, but there's others not so frisky."

"What's up, Ike? You grandmother poorly?"

"Well, do you know," said Ike, watching the Kid keenly with his half shut eyes, "there's been a great mix-up at the Lake there. A breed, half dead with the saddle, came from the Old Prospector taking for the preacher. Guess the old chap's about quittin' the trail."

"The Kid's hand tightened on the reins. "Hit him there, I reckon," grunted Ike to himself, but the other paid no attention. "What's that?" "They've all gone off."

"Who?"

"The hull town, seemingly. There's the preacher, and the doctor, and that there Crawley with Carroll's wagon outfit. They looked a little like a circus, except that there wasn't any wild animals. Chiles and Carroll, Crawley for a monkey, which would be rather hard on the monkey, I guess."

Ike chuckled, a rare chuckle that seemed to come from the bottom of his diaphragm and work slowly up to his lips.

"What the deuce are you talking about?" enquired the Kid. "What has Crawley got to do with this?"

"Why," said Ike in a surprised tone, "dunno, unless he's a friend of the old man's. They do have a lot of business together seemingly. Or perhaps a company for the gold."

"The girl! Steady there, Swallow," to his mare, for Swallow had given a sudden spring. "What girl?" demanded the Kid. "Why don't you talk sense? You didn't say anything about a girl?"

"Why didn't I mention about that girl? Well, I'm gettin' forgetful. Why, what get you think? They ain't going to see no bushes on the trail, I'm bound here, so far as I've seen. Now, how many gals have you observed in your pilgrimages round that town?"

"Oh, blank you for an idiot!" said the Kid wrathfully. "Do you mean that the Miss Mowbray has gone off with the rest?"

"In spite of his splendid self-control," the Kid spoke the name a red flush on his face could be suddenly seen through the brown tan.

Ike nodded gravely.

"Yes, she's gone. But she'll be all right. The preacher's there. He'll be busy with the old man, of course, but he'll find some time for her. And then there's the other chap, you know. He's been mighty kind to-day, mighty kind, and considerable, too. Can't say as I'd just cotton to him, but when he likes he's ingracious ways, mighty ingracious ways."

"Oh!" roared the Kid. "Crawley—?"

"When he looked at the cowboy's face," said the Kid, "there was a light in his eyes. 'Confounded you, Ike! So you were pulling my leg a little, were you? Never mind, my little will come.'"

"With this he turned the Swallow toward the Lake and set off.

"Good-bye," saluted Ike. "Where you going?"

at length he said impatiently. "She doesn't want him around. How did he know?"

Crawley was a man of some parts. He had money and ability. He was a scholar, and could talk well about rocks and plants. The Kid had heard him discourse to the Old Prospector and Marion many a day on these subjects, and intelligently, too.

"Well," he said at length, "I may be of some use, anyway. Surely a fellow has a right to offer his services to his friends in trouble."

With this explanation on his lips he sallied down upon the company. Marion and the half-breed were riding far in front, Crawley following as closely as he could with the wagon. Some distance in the rear were Shook and the doctor in the buckboard. The Kid could hear Crawley pointing out to Marion in a loud voice the striking features of the beauty that lay round them in such a weighty variety of profusion. "I believe I'll tell her, stretching out both hands eagerly to him. 'I'm glad you have come. I feared you would not be in time. But now,' sinking back upon his balsam bed, 'now all will be well.'"

"Mr. Mowbray," said Shook, "I have brought the doctor with me. Let him examine your horse. I am not sure, but I thought you would like to have him look at your horse."

The old gentleman smiled up into Shook's face, a smile quiet and content.

"No," he said between short breaths. "I have taken the long trail. My quest is over. It is not for me."

"Do you consider his condition dangerous, doctor?" said Shook, breaking in upon the doctor's technical description.

"In a young person the danger would not be so great, but Mr. Mowbray, I always tell the truth. I am not sure, but I think the hope of recovery is very slight indeed."

"Thank you, doctor," said the old man cheerfully. "I know it long ago, but I am content that my quest should cease at this point. And now, if you will give me a few moments of close attention," he said, turning to Shook, "and if you will see that the privacy of this tent is absolutely secure, there is little more that I shall require of you."

The doctor stepped to the door.

"Doctor," said the Old Prospector, "I do not wish you to go. It is more than I hoped that there should be life in me when I passed out of this life two men that I can trust, such as yourself and Mr. Macgregor. Sit down close beside me and listen."

He pulled out from beneath his pillow an oil-skin parcel, which he opened, discovering a small bag of buckskin tied with a thong.

"Open it," he said to Shook. "Take out the paper." His voice became low and eager, and his manner bespoke intense excitement.

"My dear friend," said the doctor, "this will be too much for you. You must be calm."

"Give me something to drink, doctor, something to steady me a bit, for I must convey to you the secret of my life's quest."

The doctor administered a stimulant, and then, with less excitement, but with no less eagerness, the old man proceeded with his story.

"Here," he said, pointing with a trembling finger to a line upon the parchment that lay upon the table before him. "This is the trail that leads to the Lost River. At this point we are now camped. Follow the course of this stream to this point, half a day's journey, not more, and you will find the gold."

"At once the girl sat up, wiped her eyes, and grew still.

"She put her hand in his. 'You make me strong, my daughter. I have much to say to you, much to tell you. Turn to me, my daughter. She put her fingers on his lips gently. 'Is that best, father, do you think?'"

"Is that best, father, do you think?" she said, looking lovingly into his face. "Yes, my daughter, very true. There shall be no more."

There, in that wide valley where the yellow needles lie deep and where morning and evening the mingling lights fall softly through the overarching boughs, they laid the Old Prospector to rest under the pines and the stars that had been his companions for so long.

CHAPTER XV.
Ejected and Rejected.
In the main room of the Old Prospector's house some ten or twelve stern-faced men had gathered. The easy, carefree manner that was characteristic of the ranchers and cowboys of the district had given place to an air of stern and serious determination. It was evident that they had gathered for

discipline. The wide reaches of yellow carpets of pine needles, and with black bars of shadow, the long drawn aisles of tall pines, bearing aloft like stately pillars the high, arched roof of green, the lower limbs sticking out from the trunks and bare but for the pendant streamers of grey moss all bathed in the gleam of the yellow afternoon light, suggested some weird and mighty fane of a people long dead, whose spirits, haughty and solemly spaced, still kept over their temple a swift and awful watch.

Out on the trail they met Perault in a friendly and amiable mood. "Thank de Mon Dieu!" he cried brokenly, with hands uplifted. "Come wit me, quest! Quest!"

"Perault," said the doctor, "the doctor's voice was quiet and authoritative. "And tell us how long he has been ill, and how it came on. Be very particular. Take your time."

Perault's Gallic temperament responded to the doctor's quiet tone and manner.

"Oh, Bon," he said, settling down. "Listen to me. We come nice and slow to dis place, an den we go up dat gluch for little prospect. Good ting, de good mine de. Three mountain peaks, kept in perfect line, will lead you across this blockade to the source of the Lost River."

"Mr. Mowbray," said Shook, "Perault tells us you only made short excursions from this point where we are now."

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"For some time he lay with closed eyes. Then, waking suddenly, he looked at Shook and said: 'Carry me out, Mr. Macgregor. Carry me out where I can see the trees and the stars. Through long years they have been my best friends. There, too, I would lie in my long sleep.'"

"The man made a bed of boughs and skins for him before the camp fire, and out into the dry, warm night Shook carried him. In the wide valley there still lingered the soft light of the dying day, but the shadows were everywhere lying deeper. Night was rapidly drawing up her curtains upon the world. The great trees stood in the dim light; silent, solemn, and shadowy, keeping kindly watch over the valley and all things therein. Over the eastern hill the full moon was just beginning to rise. The mingled lights of silver and gold falling through the trees lent a rare, unearthly loveliness to the whole scene.

The Old Prospector, reclining on his couch, let his eyes wander over the valley and up through the trees to the sky and the stars, while a smile of full content rested on his face.

"It is a lovely night, dear father," said his daughter, quick to interpret his thought.

"Yes, my daughter, a rare night. Often have I seen such nights in this valley, but never till to-night did their joy enter my heart. My life was one long, terrible unreality. To-night the world is new, and full of loveliness and all peace."

Then he lay in long silence. The doctor came near, touched his wrist, listened to the beating of his heart, and whispered to his daughter. "It will be all right, my daughter. He is a brave man, and he will get well."

"The old man opened his eyes. 'You are near, my daughter,' he said. 'I am here, dear, I am here, and I meet these two men, Mr. Macgregor and Perault, exhausted with traveling and faint with hunger.'"

"The girl drew in her breath sharply as with a sob of pathos.

"No," said her father. "Never mind. His voice shaking, 'It was a pity. Yes, yes, father, I will sing. What shall I sing?'"

"Sing Bernard's great hymn. 'The world is very evil, and I am a sinner. It was a hymn she had often sung for him, selecting such of its verses as were more familiar, and as expressed his nearly the thought in their hearts.

As she began to sing the doctor passed out beyond the freight to the side of the tent. There he found Perault, with his head bowed low between his knees.

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"Yes," said Stanton, "I'm a baby. I would like to help her, but I cannot. I'll tell my boy, she needs no help that either you or I can give."

Perault, the half-breed and Crawley were in silence at the other side of the tent. Perault tried to steady his voice, but falling utterly, broke into passionate weeping, Sinclair waiting in grave silence for him to recover. Macnamara, the soft-hearted Irish rancher, was quietly wiping his eyes, while the other men were swearing terrible oaths.

"Give him a drink," drawled Ike. "Too much water ain't good for no man."

Half a dozen flasks were immediately offered. Perault drank, and after a few moments, began his tale.

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"Take time, Perault," said Sinclair gravely. "We want to know all about it. Begin at the beginning and tell it in your own way." The grave tone, even more than the whiskey he had drunk, steadied Perault, and he began again.

"Dat's twelve or thirteen day, now. De Preacher, dat Prospector, I call heem, he's jus' lak de Ole Boss, for sure—de Prospector he's sen' dat ole fool doctor to me quest. I come and fin' de Prospector he's ver' mad; mos' awful mad; never see heem lak dat before. 'Perault,' he say, 'get bones and grub quest. We go for de Los Reever.'"

some purpose of more than ordinary means. By common consent Sinclair, a shrewd and fair-minded Scotch rancher who possessed the complete confidence of every man in the company, both for his integrity and his intelligence, was in the chair.

"Where is Mr. Macgregor?" he enquired.

"Gone to the Fort," answered the Kid. "He is on duty there to-morrow. He wished me to say, however, that he has no desire to push this matter, as he is personally concerned, but that if the committee thinks the public good demands his presence and his testimony he will appear on Monday."

"He ought to be here," said Sinclair, and his tone almost conveyed a reproof.

"It come if he's wanted, I guess," drawled out Ike, quick to take his friend's part.

"Well, then let us proceed. Let us see the facts first," said Sinclair. "Stanton, we would like to hear what you have to say."

"Well," said the Kid, "there is not much that I have to say, but I shall begin at the beginning and give you all I know." Stanton's air of boyish carelessness had quite disappeared. His voice took a deeper tone than usual, his manner was grave and stern. It was six days ago that I happened to call at the Old Prospector's house."

"To see the preacher," I guess," interrupted Ike gravely, winking at Macnamara, who responded with a hearty "Hai! ha! Of course!"

"Quit that, Ike," said Sinclair sternly. "We have got business on hand."

"As I was saying," continued the Kid, with heightened color, "I called at the Old Prospector's house and found Miss Mowbray in a state of great anxiety in regard to Mr. Macgregor. She told me how the doctor had come to see Mr. Macgregor about a week before, in great excitement, and had informed him that Carroll and Crawley had set off for the mountains two days before, and how, upon hearing that Mr. Macgregor and Perault had hastily followed, having with them about a week's provisions."

"What reason did Miss Mowbray assign for this?" enquired Sinclair.

"Well, I suppose it's no secret, now," said the Kid, with some hesitation. "The Old Prospector, you know, before his death had made a very rich find, but died without staking his claim. The secret of its location he entrusted to Mr. Macgregor and the doctor. The doctor, in a fit of drunkenness, gave the secret away to Carroll and Crawley, who, leaving him incapable from drink, set off at once to stake the claim."

"Hold on, Mr. Stanton," said Sinclair. "We must be careful. How do you know their purpose in setting off for the mountains?"

"Well, I think—"

"But," interrupted Sinclair, "we must have statements of fact only."

"Dat's so!" cried Perault excitedly. "Dem feller try to get de Ole Boss show dat mine for sure. Crawley want to make de Ole Boss tell. I hear heem, me. Dem feller want dat mine back."

"All right, Perault," said Sinclair quietly. "That doesn't prove they went to stake that claim. Go on, Stanton."

"Well," continued the Kid, "set off at once, and on my second day out, I met these two men, Mr. Macgregor and Perault, exhausted with traveling and faint with hunger."

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"For some time he lay with closed eyes. Then, waking suddenly, he looked at Shook and said: 'Carry me out, Mr. Macgregor. Carry me out where I can see the trees and the stars. Through long years they have been my best friends. There, too, I would lie in my long sleep.'"

"The man made a bed of boughs and skins for him before the camp fire, and out into the dry, warm night Shook carried him. In the wide valley there still lingered the soft light of the dying day, but the shadows were everywhere lying deeper. Night was rapidly drawing up her curtains upon the world. The great trees stood in the dim light; silent, solemn, and shadowy, keeping kindly watch over the valley and all things therein. Over the eastern hill the full moon was just beginning to rise. The mingled lights of silver and gold falling through the trees lent a rare, unearthly loveliness to the whole scene.

The Old Prospector, reclining on his couch, let his eyes wander over the valley and up through the trees to the sky and the stars, while a smile of full content rested on his face.

"It is a lovely night, dear father," said his daughter, quick to interpret his thought.

"Yes, my daughter, a rare night. Often have I seen such nights in this valley, but never till to-night did their joy enter my heart. My life was one long, terrible unreality. To-night the world is new, and full of loveliness and all peace."

Then he lay in long silence. The doctor came near, touched his wrist, listened to the beating of his heart, and whispered to his daughter. "It will be all right, my daughter. He is a brave man, and he will get well."

"The old man opened his eyes. 'You are near, my daughter,' he said. 'I am here, dear, I am here, and I meet these two men, Mr. Macgregor and Perault, exhausted with traveling and faint with hunger.'"

"The girl drew in her breath sharply as with a sob of pathos.

"No," said her father. "Never mind. His voice shaking, 'It was a pity. Yes, yes, father, I will sing. What shall I sing?'"

"Sing Bernard's great hymn. 'The world is very evil, and I am a sinner. It was a hymn she had often sung for him, selecting such of its verses as were more familiar, and as expressed his nearly the thought in their hearts.

As she began to sing the doctor passed out beyond the freight to the side of the tent. There he found Perault, with his head bowed low between his knees.

"My boy," said the doctor, "that is very beautiful, but it is very hard to bear."

"Yes," said Stanton, "I'm a baby. I would like to help her, but I cannot. I'll tell my boy, she needs no help that either you or I can give."

Perault, the half-breed and Crawley were in silence at the other side of the tent. Perault tried to steady his voice, but falling utterly, broke into passionate weeping, Sinclair waiting in grave silence for him to recover. Macnamara, the soft-hearted Irish rancher, was quietly wiping his eyes, while the other men were swearing terrible oaths.

"Give him a drink," drawled Ike. "Too much water ain't good for no man."

Half a dozen flasks were immediately offered. Perault drank, and after a few moments, began his tale.

"I can speak much, me," he said, "when I think how dat beeg feleir pack me on hees back twenty mile, I fin' bad pain here," striking his breast, "and den I can speak at all. And again the little Frenchman's voice broke down in sobs.

"Take time, Perault," said Sinclair gravely. "We want to know all about it. Begin at the beginning and tell it in your own way." The grave tone, even more than the whiskey he had drunk, steadied Perault, and he began again.

"Dat's twelve or thirteen day, now. De Preacher, dat Prospector, I call heem, he's jus' lak de Ole Boss, for sure—de Prospector he's sen' dat ole fool doctor to me quest. I come and fin' de Prospector he's ver' mad; mos' awful mad; never see heem lak dat before. 'Perault,' he say, 'get bones and grub quest. We go for de Los Reever.'"

"By gar! He's make me scare. I get ponce an' grub and get off quest, toute suite, right away. Well, we go two day hard and come to de camp where de Ole Boss he's die, den we climb over de mountain. De Prospector he's got mad and show me trail. Qui, I know him bon, fus time. 'Perault,' he say, 'you my las' year de Ole Boss he's fin' good mine way up in de valley.' 'Qui, for sure.' 'You know de trail?' 'Nex' day we strike dat trail and go four or five mile. We come to dat valley—Mon Dieu! dere's no valley dere. We come back and try once more—dat blank valley, she's no dere. De Prospector he look much on dat map. 'Who look dere tree park?' he say. 'Dere sure 'nuff, one, two tree. Dat valley she's right on line of dose park.' 'Sure, I see heem myself she's gone dere for sure! Ah! Voula! I see! Beez side feel dat valley up! By gar! Dat's so,

dat month she's half gone, dat valley he's lak will man. 'Perault,' he say, 'he's lak will man. I go for fin' dat mine.' 'All right, boss.' 'F say, 'me too.' 'You're lak de grub, we hobble de ponce and go for fin' dat mine. Dat's one blank hard day. Over rock and tree and hole and stomp he's go lak one deerhorn. Next day he's gone! Mon Dieu, I'm tire out. Well, we come home to camp, slow, slow, hungre, sore-foot—by gar! Sore foot! Dat caducee she broke up, de grub he's gone! Mon Dieu! dat's bad—four or five day walk from home and no grub at all."

"What did you think, Perault?" asked Sinclair. "Did you see signs of any beast, bear or mountain lion?"

"Sure, dat's what I think 'bout, but de Prospector he's walk around quiet and look everything. 'Perault,' dat's fonce ting,' he say. 'Where does car meat, eh? By gar! dat's so, de bear he can eat dose car meat, not moche.' 'Not likely, not bein' a goat,' put in Ike drily.

"Well, we look around 'ver' close, no search, no track. By gar! dat's no bear, for sure—dat's no bear on two leg."

"I think," said Sinclair gravely, "that there is no doubt of this. The question is, who did the work? It has been proved that these two men, Carroll and Crawley, were away during the week when this crime took place. We do not know where they were, but we must be fair to them. We may have our opinions about this, but in facting the responsibility of this crime, we must be exceedingly careful to deal justly with every man. I suggest we call Carroll."

Carroll came to the meeting without hesitation, and with him, Crawley. "We will take you in a few minutes," said Sinclair to Carroll, when Carroll had been removed. "We would like to know where you were last week."

"That's nobody's blank business," said Carroll.

An angry murmur arose from the crowd.

"Carroll, this thing is too serious for any bluff, and we are going to see it through. It is fair that you should know why we ask. Let me give you the facts we have gathered. Sinclair gave a brief resume of the story as gathered from Stanton and Perault. As Carroll listened his face grew white.

"Does any blank, blank son of a horse thief," he cried, when Sinclair had done, "say I am the man that broke open that cache? Or did he stand up forminst me and say so?"

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