

ADOPT LIBERAL PARTY'S ADVICE

ASKING GOVERNMENT FOR A COMMISSION

Procedure Voted Down When Proposed by John Oliver Is in Favor Now

Time and again the Conservatives have adopted as their policy a Liberal policy which formerly they derided.

This has been the House of Commons for three years. Dr. Geo. A. McGuire, one of the Vancouver members, on February 10, 1908, moved that a provincial government be asked to have a select committee of five members inquire whether a combine or understanding existed to keep up the price of coal.

On February 24, 1909, Mr. Oliver moved that the lieutenant-governor be asked to appoint a royal commission to inquire into the question. An attempt was made to shelve this on a point of order, but the Speaker held the resolution to be perfectly in order.

Now Dr. McGuire has come round to John Oliver's view and doubtless hopes to convert his fellow Conservatives and the Socialists. The Liberal member does not need conversion on this point. The member for Vancouver has given notice of a resolution, in the identical language used by Mr. Oliver two years ago, except that instead of asking plain and plain for a commission, he asks that the government consider the advisability of appointing one. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas it would appear that the price of coal to the consumer in the province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

"Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this province, and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case; and

"Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this province of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and

"Whereas much of the product of the mines of the province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at prices that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

"Whereas a belief exists that there is an understanding between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such mines to maintain the high price now being charged to consumers in this province;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that a honorable address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant-governor by this House, praying him to consider the advisability of appointing a royal commission to inquire into the following questions:

"1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists among the coal producers, or any of them, of this province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal?

"2. Whether or not coal is being sold to producers, or any of them, for consumption outside British Columbia at a price higher than that sold for consumption in the province?

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A. B. FRASER, SR., IS CALLED HOME

HE DIED ON SUNDAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Was for Many Years Prominent in Business Life of Victoria

(From Monday's Daily.) The news of the death of A. B. Fraser, sr., which occurred early yesterday morning at the family residence, came as a great shock to his many friends in the city and particularly to the business community with which he was so prominently identified.

Though critically ill for upwards of a week, this was not generally known, and therefore the announcement of his death was unexpected. On Sunday morning, the 29th inst., Mr. Fraser did not rise as usual but was quite bright. About luncheon hour, however, he was found to be in a stupor and the family immediately summoned a physician. A medical examination disclosed that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis which had rendered him unconscious. Every possible aid was given him but he never rallied after the first seizure, and remained in a comatose state until death came, at 6.50 yesterday morning, at which hour all the members of the family resident in the city were at the bedside.

The late Mr. Fraser was in his 73rd year. He was a native of Liverpool, England, where he was born on November 5, 1838. At an early age he became identified with the shipping



A. B. FRASER, SENIOR. Well known Victoria merchant and shipping man, whose death occurred yesterday.

industry, which proved to be his life career, for the major portion of his business. He was in business for many years in Liverpool, being owner of the Fulton Iron Works, where many large orders for the government were executed, especially for condensing plants on which he held a patent.

Shortly after the death of Mrs. Fraser, in 1897, he paid his first visit to see his son, A. B. Fraser, jr. He became so impressed with the possibilities of business that he decided to establish himself in this city. He purchased the wholesale hardware business of Marvin & Tilton, with premises at the corner of Wharf and Bastion streets, and on his return to England sent out his son, W. S. Fraser, to manage it, coming out himself with other members of his family the year following.

Mr. Fraser took a deep but unostentatious interest in all matters that affected the best interests of Victoria, and was of the best type of high-minded citizenship. He was the first treasurer of the Tourist Association, was an ex-president of the Navy League, and a member of the Board of Trade, and at the time of his death was chairman of the Pilotage Board and one of the managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home.

The surviving members of his family are: A. B. Fraser, jr. of Lee & Fraser; Walter S. Fraser and G. G. Fraser, of W. S. Fraser & Co., Ltd.; Frederick H. Fraser, of Liverpool, England; Mrs. G. S. Godfrey, Port City, Texas; Mrs. Ann Hood, Battery street, city; Misses Ethel M. Fraser, Amy C. Fraser, and Bertha E. Fraser, of Victoria. Mr. Fraser was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and in politics he was a life-long Liberal. The funeral has been arranged to take place to-morrow afternoon from the family residence, 1234 Fisgard street, at 2.30 o'clock, and will be private. Outward bound.



C. P. R. WHITE LINER, EMPRESS OF JAPAN. This fine vessel left Victoria Saturday, on the outward voyage of her one hundredth round trip between this port and the Orient.

CITY NOT "LEMON TO BE SQUEEZED"

THREE HUNDRED PROBABLY PERISHED

VILLAGES INUNDATED BY TIDAL WAVE WHICH FOLLOWED VOLCANIC ERUPTION

Death Toll Increased

(Times Leased Wire.) Manila, Jan. 30.—Manila residents to-day are alarmed over reports from observers sent out to study the eruptions of the volcano Taal. The island on which the volcano is located, sank two feet after the eruption which was followed by two prolonged earthquakes. Observatory reports say that Manila also is sinking.

Latest reports say the eruption of Taal was followed by a tidal wave which killed 200 natives, and that the whole population of the island has fled to higher ground.

Manila, Jan. 30.—(Late)—That at least 50 persons and possibly 300, have perished through a tidal wave which overwhelmed an island on which the volcano Taal is situated, is reported here to-day.

An American school teacher has informed the government that all the villages along the western shore of Lake Taal have been inundated. He believed that 300 persons had perished.

HUNDREDS MADE HOMELESS BY FLOODS

Property Loss in Northern West Virginia Estimated at \$250,000

REPUBLIC PENSIONS EX-KING MANUEL

Will Receive \$3,300 a Month If He Remains Away From Portugal

(Lisbon, Jan. 30.—It was officially announced to-day that the Portuguese republic has decided to pension ex-King Manuel. He will receive \$3,300 a month and all he has to do to earn it is to remain away from Portugal and not tinker with the political machinery. It was stated that his pension for November and December had been sent him.

FIGHT AGAINST TRADE AGREEMENT

U. S. CONGRESSMEN GETTING INTO LINE

Representatives of Agricultural States Will Oppose the Convention

Border Town Seized

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—The line-up to-day of congressmen on the Mexican reciprocity treaty shows that the fight is to be waged entirely on sectional and not on political lines. The representatives from the agricultural states will oppose the government, and those from the manufacturing communities will be in its favor. Opponents of the measure to-day are using all the pressure at their command to induce the House ways and means committee to pigeon hole the treaty referred to them.

AEROPLANE DRIVES CATTLE

Houston, Tex., Jan. 30.—It is no longer Rene Simon, the aviator, but Rene Simon, the cowboy. The little French aviator has added new laurels to his record, when, for the first time in the history of aviation, he showed that herding cattle with aeroplanes is possible. Simon left the aviation field, and heading across the prairie, darted directly for a herd of cattle grazing half a mile away. Cowboys were arriving preparatory to rounding the animals.

"Agents of paving concerns with headquarters in the United States are flocking here looking for contracts. I am not disposed to pay much heed to their representations. The experience of other cities in Canada has been very similar circumstances that in the event of contracts being given to such people they extract all the profit possible from the job and then 'fold their tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away.'"

"I have no fear that the city council will make any mistake of this sort this year. I have consulted with the mayor and Ald. Glesson, chairman of the streets committee of the council, and they agree with me that local concerns should be given the preference in paving contracts, and that every precaution must be taken to see that the laboring classes in the city profit to the maximum extent from the carrying out of the work.

"Another thing which the council has decided upon is, I think, very much in the interests of the city—that is, to obtain from the legislature at its present session an amendment to the Local Improvement Act which will enable the corporation to let its paving contracts on the same basis as those which have been let up to the present, the successful bidder leaving 15 per cent of the contract price in the hands of the city for a period of ten years, the contractor during the life of this agreement to keep the pavement in a proper state of repair, the amount thus held back by the city being forfeited to the corporation in the event of the materials and workmanship being faulty.

"The property owners consider this the very best safeguard that could be devised and are perfectly satisfied with it, and the city solicitor, F. A. McGuire, is heartily co-operating in the effort to meet their wishes and has arranged that the municipal committee of the legislature shall be asked to make the necessary amendment.

"My staff is now busy at the work of preparing plans and specifications preliminary to calling for tenders for the paving work. It is likely that we shall allow reasonable paving companies to submit alternative bids, as in the past. We should be in a position to invite bids within ten days' time. I understand it is the intention of the council to send the work with all possible speed, that is, by letting the contracts promptly, permit the contractors to take advantage of the good weather as soon as spring opens, and by this means complete the same before the wet weather sets in again in the fall."

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INCREASING FORCE ALONG BORDER

MORE U. S. TROOPS TO PATROL BOUNDARY

Will Take Stringent Measures to Prevent Passage of Mexican Insurgents

(Times Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Jan. 30.—American cavalry arrived at Merit, Texas, to-day to relieve the United States infantry which has been patrolling the Mexican border in an effort to maintain neutrality. The cavalry is under orders to resort to the most stringent action to prevent the passage of Mexican insurgents.

Reports from Naco, in the state of Sonora, to-day say that revolution there is imminent, and that a company of Mexican federal troops have arrived there to overawe the Maderists.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—The Mexican revolutionists seized Mexcala, as part of a carefully laid plan to recruit large numbers of their outlaws from southern California, according to John Kenneth Turner, the writer, who has been keeping in touch with the leaders among the rebel element in Los Angeles.

"There are thousands of Mexicans in California," said Turner to-day, "who are anxious to join in the fight against Diaz. They have been deterred by the fact that, in crossing the line in an armed body, they risk arrest by the American authorities for violating the neutrality laws, while if they attempt to cross singly they are likely to fall into the hands of the Diaz forces on the other side. With a border point held by their friends they are neither violated nor arrested, and they are running much risk of arrest on either side by crossing, armed or not, to enlist themselves under the banner of the revolution."

The men who took Mexcala, according to statements made to me by some of their number within the past few days, had assurances that once in the field, they would be joined by not less than 500 small farmers from the Mexican side. They also counted on large numbers of recruits from this side.

"The sheriff of Imperial county is using his office to prevent this. He has sworn in a large number of deputies and forbade anyone crossing the line into Mexico. This is clearly an illegal misuse of his office to serve the interests of Mexico despotism."

REINFORCING FEDERAL TROOPS

San Diego, Jan. 30.—It was reported to-day from Tia Juana across the Mexican line, and from Ensenada, the capital of lower California, that all the government's armed men that could be spared from ordinary police duty had been sent to Maxacal.

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Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farr and H. E. Carroll had factored for blackmail after having, it is alleged, secured a cheque for \$20 by badger game methods from John C. Hoboy. The trio were closed for several hours with Prosecuting Attorney John F. Murphy yesterday, and as a result a direct information charging blackmail will be filed against all three.

CANADA'S NEXT GOVERNOR-GENERAL

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO SUCCEED EARL GREY

His Royal Highness Confirms Report of Appointment in Speech in London

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 30.—Speaking at the banquet at the Guildhall, when the guests included the Duke of Connaught, Lord Strathcona and agents general of Canada, the Lord Mayor, in referring to the Duke of Connaught's appointment, said they had all read the announcement with the keenest interest. Whilst their first feelings were of regret at their loss, great though that was, there would be a corresponding gain to Canada, and they congratulated the Dominion on their good fortune.

In the course of his reply the Duke of Connaught said that it would be short of his pride to be closely and he hoped affectionately associated with the Dominion of Canada.

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TWO VESSELS ASHORE IN DENSE SNOWSTORM

Tees Runs on a West Coast Islet and Cottage City on Cape Mudge Reef—Tees Gets Off—Passengers are Safe.

(From Friday's Daily.)

With her engines reversed at full speed at flood tide this morning the C. P. R. steamer Tees, Capt. Gilliam, which went ashore last night at 9 o'clock on Rowlands reef, Barclay Sound, floated herself and proceeded to Alberni. The assistance of two tugs, the Lorne and the William Liffe, which were dispatched last night following the receipt of the news, were lying at anchor close by. Capt. Gilliam made an attempt at 10:30 o'clock to dislodge his vessel and met with success.

When the Tees floated, the tug stood by for a while in case she needed urgent aid. It was found, however, that the Tees was not making much water, despite the big hole in her bow. The forward bulkhead is holding well, and what water she is making the steamer's own pumps are taking care of. At 11 o'clock preparations were being made to tow the Tees to Victoria for repairs, and it is thought she will be able to make the trip safely.

The Tees at the time of her grounding was southbound from Holberg and was making her way up to Alberni. She encountered a snowstorm shortly after entering Barclay Sound, and her master was unable to get her bearings. The steamer was proceeding under a fog bell and the fog when she struck the rock was hardly noticeable. There was little sea at the time and Capt. Gilliam ordered the passengers, including thirty-one first cabin and fourteen second class, to be taken ashore in the lifeboats to Sechart. There was no confusion aboard the steamer, as she was only resting with her bow on the rocks with fifteen fathoms of water on all sides of her. Her position during the night was not serious and as she ran on at low tide it was not a difficult matter at high tide this morning to float her.

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With the word that a vessel was in danger off the coast, the Phoenix lifeboat was blown the usual signals indicating the Y. M. C. A. volunteer life-saving crew, in charge of Capt. Leslie and A. J. Brace, that their services were required. This was the first time that the crew has been called. It is worthy of note that three of the crew members were missing. On their arrival at the C. P. R. dock they were informed that the Banfield lifeboat had put out and that it was not necessary for them to leave on the Liffe.

This is the first accident the Tees has met with under the command of Capt. Gilliam on the West Coast run. He is a most competent skipper and knows the West Coast run like a book. The accident is looked upon by his friends as having been unavoidable owing to the blinding snowstorm.

Capt. Troup this morning, speaking of the wireless service which was given last night, stated that it was exceedingly good. He said that it was only twenty minutes after the Tees grounded that he received the news and that the exchanging messages he was equally successful in obtaining. This morning, however, he said it was still better, receiving the news that the vessel was floated ten minutes after it was abandoned. He spoke highly of the wireless service by the Dominion government on the West Coast.

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CONDEMNED GOVERNMENT.

Los Angeles Socialists' Plans Revolution Protesting Against Execution in Japan.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27.—A resolution condemning the Japanese government for hanging 13 Socialists accused of plotting against the Mikado was adopted by the Washington-to-day, following its adoption at a mass meeting of local Socialists last night. Under the auspices of the Socialist Club, the Socialist party, the Socialist-Labor party, the Liberal Club and the Industrial Workers of the World, a public meeting is to be held to protest against the execution of the 13 Socialists.

SCARLET FEVER IN MANTOYA.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—The provincial board of health is much alarmed over the prevalence of scarlet fever in Mantoya. In the cases now numbering many hundreds. Steps to check the disease have so far proved ineffective. Drastic warning has now been sent out to medical officers.

FARMERS' BANK CASES ADJOURNED.

Former Manager Refuses to Testify Until He Has Consulted Counsel.

(Special to The Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The case of the Farmers' Bank was adjourned for another week in the police court yesterday because of the fact that W. R. Travers, ex-general manager of the defunct institution, refuses to tell what he knows until he has further consulted with his counsel, H. Dewar, K. C.

Travers has become obstinate, and simply refuses to give evidence. He was brought up from the jail by street car this morning guarded by Detective Guthrie, lodged in the detective headquarters and left there. He had a short talk with Mr. Dewar, H. E. Ross, K. C., who was ready to go on.

Dr. John Ferguson, Alexander Fraser, A. S. Town and Charles Weston, the latter of Listowel, Ont., pleaded no guilty a week ago, but Magistrate Deason refused to try the case summarily and the next Sessions Court will be the scene of the trial.

The investigation will be continued next Thursday.

Yesterday morning after a conference with Governor Arthur, the chief of the department of agriculture appeared to have had a bright future.

OPINIONS ON TRADE AGREEMENT WITH STATES.

(Special to The Times.)

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The Globe in its editorial comment on the reciprocity agreement, says:

"That the proposed agreement will be distinctly popular in the Dominion is certain, and if the cry of the people of the United States for a wider source of food supply was a genuine one it should be equally popular there. Whether or not the agreement is ratified by congress, it will stand as a most convincing proof of the desire of the government of the United States to enter into an era of neighborly consideration. Friendship and fair dealing are better than strife and suspicion. Messrs. Fielding and Patterson have shown that good relations with the United States are consistent with unwavering loyalty to the British preferential tariff, the keynote of Liberal policy in the Dominion."

The Mail and Empire, which is so early to pronounce upon the bargain at all its details. But it can be said that many of the concessions made on the part of Canada were not made for our producers. On this point the editor will be heard from as soon as his scheme is digested. While the details can await examination, the general principle is clear and it is a safe escape notice. The bargain, as President Taft points out, is conducive to the interests of the United States in that it gives that country access to our natural resources and a larger market in the Dominion. It is also calculated to commend itself to our neighbors because it makes a British-Canadian preferential system impossible. With Canada receiving free duty the agricultural products of the United States, Britain could not give us a tariff preference without also giving a preference gratuitously to the country which rigorously excludes her manufacturers.

WIRELESS AGAIN PROVES ITS VALUE.

BROUGHT PROMPT AID TO WRECKED VESSELS.

Cases of Cottage City and Tees Emphasize Efficiency of Dominion Service.

Another instance of the double one-of the wireless stations in the navigation of the Pacific coast is the rescue of the accidents to the Cottage City Thursday afternoon and the Tees Thursday night.

In each case the news of what had occurred was in Victoria within a very few minutes and arrangements were being made for the despatch of assistance. The news was picked up, too, by the United States coast and revenue cutters, which hurried to render what aid they could.

The Cottage City struck at 2:30 on Cape Mudge and shortly after sent out distress signals which were picked up by the Cape Lazo station and transferred to the Gonzales Hill station. The message was received here at 3:10 and the station advised the local shipping concerns and the British Columbia Saving Company. The message was also repeated from Gonzales Hill and picked up by the United States coast cutter Snohomish, which later found out the location of the wrecked steamer to the assistance of the crew.

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ANTITRUST LAW.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 27.—That the anti-trust land and school bills now before the legislature will either be buried in committee or unfavorably recommended, is the belief of many members following the actions of the federal relations committee in demonstrating that it feared to offer an affront to Japan.

JOSEPH FEELS AT SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Joseph Feis, the single tax millionaire, is in Seattle to-day. He arrived last evening and declared in his lecture here to-night on Henry George and his principles Feis made his millions making soap and devices his great income to the single tax propaganda.

WORK COMMENCED ON BIG SEA WALL.

Pacific Coast Construction Co. Made Start at Dallas Road This Morning.

This morning the Pacific Coast Construction company which has the contract from the city for the erection of the sea wall along the waterfront at Dallas Road on the section running from the foot of the street to Monks street, made a commencement on the big job, which is a part of twenty-five men in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and the work will last throughout the summer months.

Although the contract was awarded the company last fall delays in making a commencement ensued owing to the non-arrival of large quantities of structural steel and iron, the heavy snow storms on the transcontinental lines impeding the progress of freight trains. This further delay was encountered in consequence of the heavy rains of the past month. Thos. Steadman, general manager of the company, stated this morning, however, that it was intended to push the work with vigor from now on.

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HON. W. S. FIELDING ON TARIFF AGREEMENT

Speaks in House of Commons on Terms of Convention with United States—British Preference Maintained in Its Integrity.

Canada Secures Number of Advantages—By Removal of Obstructions to Trade With United States—Fish and Lumber Free.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Before crowded galleries and a large attendance of members of the House of Commons Hon. W. S. Fielding rose at 3.45 yesterday afternoon to make his eagerly-awaited announcement of the tariff changes proposed in consequence of the agreement reached at Washington last week.

The fact that it was the minister's first appearance in the House this session, coupled with the importance of his completed task, made the applause which greeted him especially emphatic. On the floor of the House were the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, and in the gallery were most of the notables of the capital.

In opening Mr. Fielding noted that the action of the government in agreeing to the opening of negotiations with the States for freer trade relations had been severely criticized in some quarters. He could see no grounds for such criticism, for it simply meant that the view thus expressed was that Canada should refrain from seeking any opportunity to widen the markets between the Dominion and the great neighboring country.

Reviewing briefly the story of reciprocity negotiations with the United States, Mr. Fielding recalled the first reciprocity treaty of 1854, which covered a large range of products. It was recognized as being in the highest degree beneficial to Canada. This treaty was abrogated in 1866. Then came confederation, and the desire for reciprocity was still the avowed policy of both Liberals and Conservatives.

In the first tariff of united Canada there was incorporated a standing offer of reciprocity. A similar offer was renewed in the tariffs of 1864 and 1871. From that time on both parties had successfully sought to secure some better trade relations with the States. In 1890 the Conservative government had dissolved parliament on the question of negotiating reciprocity at Washington. The present government had never taken any stand antagonistic to this policy of securing better opportunities for Canadian exports to the United States. There was no disloyalty, but merely good common sense, in that last spring came the negotiations which resulted in giving President Taft his desired excuse for not imposing the maximum clauses of the Payne tariff against Canada. President Taft then expressed a desire for a wider trade arrangement, which might be of mutual advantage on each country. The psychological moment had come for the Dominion of Canada, and we seized the opportunity of getting the better times for which the country had awaited for half a century. That opportunity had been seized, and an arrangement had been reached which should be satisfactory to all. It was to be consummated by concurrent legislation rather than by treaty. Canada thus preserved her complete fiscal independence. It was in no sense a lopsided arrangement. A large free list had been agreed upon. On a considerable list of items the United States had come down to the Canadian rate, or even below. These involved very large reductions. Canadian reductions were comparatively small. For instance, in the case of wheat, which is placed on the free list, the United States reduction was 25 cents per bushel, while the Canadian reduction was only 12 cents. So, too, with barley, which is also made free,

but at the same time Canada had been able to secure free admission for all kinds of Canadian fish in the American market. Brief announcements by Mr. Fielding that dairy products, garden products and vegetables were also to be on the free list were greeted with rousing cheers by the Liberals in the House.

Coming to the terms relating to carrying out the agreement, Mr. Fielding read a joint statement of the negotiations, in which it was agreed that concurrent legislation should be immediately introduced at Ottawa and Washington, and in which the opinion was expressed that the agreement might reasonably be expected to be practically of a permanent character. It was further agreed that there should be no vexatious customs regulations put into force by either country not in accordance with the spirit of the agreement reached. The Canadian tariff reductions came into force through being passed by congress and the senate. The principle of the maintenance of the British preference had been maintained throughout, said Mr. Fielding, amid cheers. It might possibly be found later that in a few cases action would have to be taken to make some minor adjustments in the tariff so as to keep the present British preference intact.

P. C. S. S. CO.'S COTTAGE CITY.

This vessel ran on Cape Mudge reef Thursday afternoon in a blinding snowstorm.

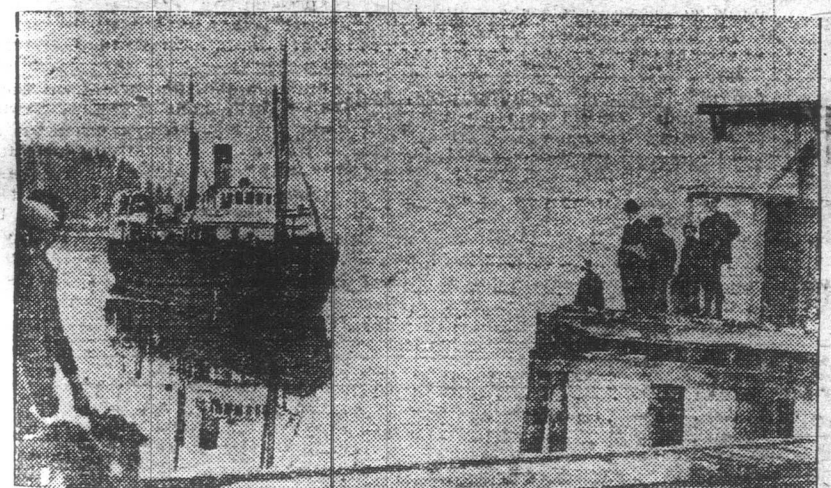
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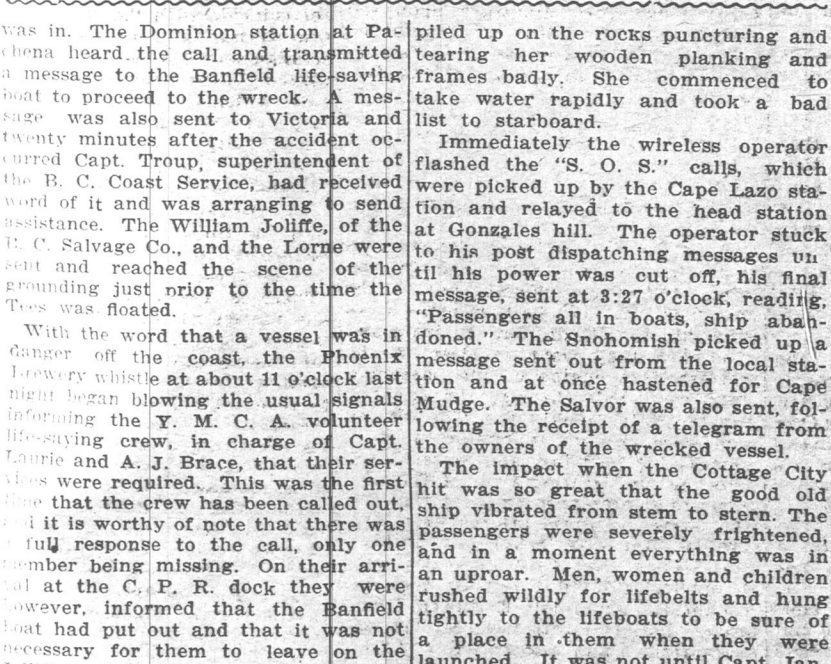
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A railroad buys an engine lasting 30 years, said Moody. "The commission can force the railroad to set aside one-third of the engine's cost annually so that when it is useless the road will have sufficient money to replace it. If enforced, this law would bankrupt the smaller road, embarras the larger ones and hamper the greatest systems. Only the Pennsylvania road is endeavoring to obey this law, and as a result it is getting into the financial mire."

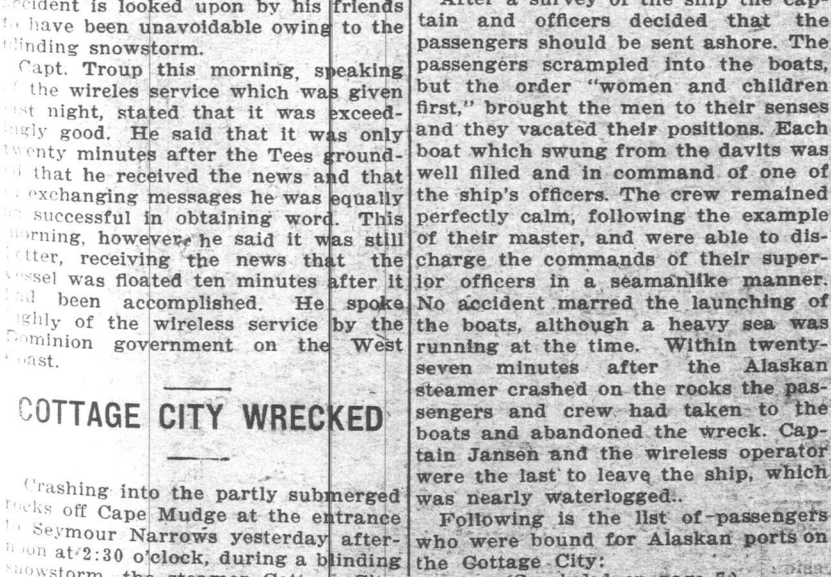
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HOPE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

In spite of the action of the provincial government in the past in tying up as much as possible of the public lands of Vancouver Island, it is possible that the members of that government will yet repent and, under the pressure of public opinion, take some steps which may result in settling up the wild parts of the country.

We can understand that the members of the delegation from the Victoria Board of Trade and the Vancouver Island Development League, which met the government, were anxious not to say anything which might antagonize Mr. McBride and his followers, else they would, instead of giving him fulsome praise, have told him to his face how the country had suffered from the past policy of the government.

One of the speakers for the delegation asked that the land should be reserved for actual settlers. That is our point of view exactly. We would like to see the land settled instead of being sold to speculators. We want to see Vancouver Island a hive of industry.

INFLATED CAPITAL AND COAL PRICES.

The captains of the coal mining industry in the province of British Columbia are reported to have expressed with confidence the opinion that coal is more likely to increase than to decrease in price. It would, of course, be a reckless thing for a mere outsider to express an opinion contrary to the views of the management of the coal mines.

MILLIONAIRE AND SINGLE TAXER.

Thursday Mr. Fels' address at the Canadian Club lunch was one of the most interesting that has been given in this city. There was a good attendance, partly because of the subject on which Mr. Fels was expected to speak, but mostly because the speaker was a millionaire. Strange to say, the larger

RECIPROCIITY.

If the reciprocal agreement negotiated between the United States and Canada becomes law, as there is every reason to believe it will, a new era of prosperity will dawn in this country. For several years the people of Canada, Conservatives as well as Liberals, have been crying out against the constantly increasing cost of living. Consumption of the trade agreement will lower the cost of living, will open up new markets for the Canadian producer, and will stimulate all lines of productive industry.

After many years the Liberal government has been able to fulfil one of the principal pledges which its leaders made when first returned to power in 1896. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues made an effort to carry out their undertaking immediately after they were elected, but were spurned by the United States politicians. They accepted defeat in a dignified manner, and the country stood by them. As years passed the value of reciprocal trade between the two countries became more apparent. That was a period of education for the American people. Now they have consented to, not a treaty, but a reciprocal trade arrangement by which voluntary concessions shall be made on either side which will be of mutual advantage to both countries.

Canadians generally will look forward to the adoption of the arrangement with much enthusiasm, for they will see in it great possibilities for the advantage of their country. The greatest of these advantages undoubtedly will be the provision which gives us unfixed food. The cost of living will be lowered considerably, and this will reach home to every man, woman and child in the country. The staples of life, such as meat, potatoes and fruit, will be sold at reduced prices. It is like increasing the wages of the whole community, for the purchasing power of the dollar will be greatly increased. On the other hand, the opportunities for trade with the United States will be greatly enlarged. For instance, the market for Canadian fish will be secured without having to throw open Canadian waters to the American fishermen. This in itself is a concession of great value to this province. The reason the Canadian fisheries have not been developed has been largely because there has been no market. Now the market is provided, and the fishing industry ought to grow marvelously. There is a reduction in the duty on coal, a commodity which we export largely.

The duty taken off lumber, however, is perhaps the greatest concession of all. Canadian mills will now be in a position to increase their trade with United States points. Even with the heavy duty some business was done. Shipments were made from Victoria and Vancouver to California and other states, but the handicap of the duty was serious. Now this market will be open to local shippers, with the result that the immense Canadian timber limits which are at present held by Americans will be developed by mills erected on Canadian territory.

The fear has been expressed that the British Columbia fruit industry will suffer. We do not believe it will. The large increase in prosperity in this province will open up a constant market for the local growers, and nearness to the market gives them an advantage which no competition can take from them. On the other hand, local grown fruit is not on the market to any large extent for much more than half this year, and in the interim British Columbians are dependent on the supply from California. The result of the duty has been to make this fruit, when our own fruit is not in season, so high as to be practically out of reach of the poor man. The removal of the duty will change all that.

That the treaty will be acclaimed by the people who live on the prairies goes without saying. The increased market for their oats and flaxseed will be worth a tremendous amount to them, and the decrease of duties on agricultural implements is a step in the direction in which they have been agitating.

Taken as a whole, it may be said that the arrangement will be highly beneficial to this country. An American, speaking of the treaty this morning, remarked: "You Canadians have handed it to us all right this time. You say that we have had the better of some of the treaties, but this time you score all right." That is the common feeling. We do not think, however, that we have more than our share. We believe the convention should be ratified, and we believe that when ratified it will prove of lasting benefit to the country at large.

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE ADOPTS RESOLUTION REGARDING JOHN JARDINE'S POSITION

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And whereas, the election was duly contested by Mr. Jardine as a Liberal, and he was then elected as a Liberal to represent Esquimalt electoral district; and whereas, in the 1910 session of the legislature, Mr. Jardine, in supporting the Conservative government on outstanding issues of the campaign which he had opposed and was elected to oppose, thereby stultified himself and betrayed the electors of Esquimalt whose suffrages had placed him in office;

GOVERNING THE CITY.

Victoria is not yet very large, comparatively speaking, and there is time enough to consider carefully any change that might be thought necessary in our system of municipal government. Our civic works are not yet so unwieldy that the mayor and aldermen find it impossible to do the business. It is now about time, however, we were investigating with a view to adopting at some future date whatever system is found to work to the best advantage, and with that end in view the experiments being carried out in other cities will be watched carefully. A committee of the citizens of Duluth has been making investigations and has decided that the commission form is the best, the reasons they give for their decision being as follows: "1. Because it establishes the city on a business basis and under it the city is operated as any large commercial corporation would be, thus eliminating political interests of all kinds.

"2. Because it centralizes responsibility so it cannot be evaded. "3. Because it naturally follows that greater economy will result from a purely business administration. "4. Because it provides, or should provide, that the commissioners should give all their time to the city's business, and that they shall be paid salaries sufficient to attract the right kind of men.

"5. Because the provision of the referendum, initiative and recall give the citizens greater responsibilities, greater interest in public affairs, and greater incentive to participate in them. "6. Because it abolishes the ward system by electing city officers from the whole city, makes them responsible to all parts of the city, and compels them to take care of the needs of all parts of the city."

The Conservatives say that the Liberal Government are "ill advised" in securing cheaper food for the people. That remains to be seen. The majority of the people probably think otherwise.

Special interests may cavil at the terms of the reciprocity agreement, but the interests of all the people are paramount. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier said on a recent occasion: "Gentlemen, ours is a democratic government, working in the interests of the democracy."

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OBITUARY RECORD

(From Monday's Daily)

Andrew Wood, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Victoria, died last night at the residence of his grand-niece, Mrs. W. E. Dixon, 822 Mason street, at 10 o'clock. The late Mr. Shaw, who was born in the county of Kent, England, 81 years ago. In his youth he worked as a seaman, and coming out to Victoria in 1885 was employed as water carrier to the navy at Esquimalt. In 1886 he married one of his friends, Thomas Carrington, went into the Nicola valley and took up land. Mr. Shaw, however, sold out his share to Mr. Carrington and returned to Victoria, where he acted as city pound-keeper for 15 years. Noah Shakespeare, one of the deceased's old friends, relates many incidents of the jolly old times. In 1890 Capt. Shaw, Mr. Collich, Richard Thornhill and he had when living close together in the James Bay district, in the early sixties. Now, with the exception of himself, all these old timers have passed away. Mr. Shaw, it may be mentioned, was one of the first white men to go up the Fraser river. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, under the auspices of the Columbian Lodge No. 2, A. O. U. F., at 2.15, from the house, and at 2.30 from the Hanna chapel. The Rev. T. E. Holling will conduct the services. Interment will be made in the Ross Bay cemetery.

John Augustus Wood, aged 75 years, passed away this morning at the family residence, 1890 St. Charles street. The late Mr. Wood was born in Edmonton, Middlesex, England, and there received his early education. Coming to Canada he settled in Guelph, Ontario, and while there he gained a reputation for kind-heartedness and business integrity which has followed him in his extensive travels through many lands. On returning from business he first settled in Toronto, but, visiting Victoria four years ago, decided to remain here the rest of his days. Deceased is survived by a wife, in this city, and an elder brother, George, who is settled in Toronto, but, visiting Victoria four years ago, decided to remain here the rest of his days. Deceased is survived by a wife, in this city, and an elder brother, George, who is settled in Toronto, but, visiting Victoria four years ago, decided to remain here the rest of his days. Deceased is survived by a wife, in this city, and an elder brother, George, who is settled in Toronto, but, visiting Victoria four years ago, decided to remain here the rest of his days.

The remains of the late Andrew N. Bull, who died some time ago, will not, as was expected, be shipped east for burial. Arrangements have been made to place to-morrow at 10 a. m. from the Hanna chapel, where the Rev. J. McCoy will officiate. Interment will be made in the Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of the late John Thomas Bennett, who was killed out at Colwood a few days ago, took place this afternoon at 2.15 from the Hanna chapel. Services were conducted at 2.30 at the Christ Church cathedral, by the Rev. Canon Coombe. There was a large attendance of members from Court Northern Light, A. O. U. F., and of friends from Colwood. Interment was made in the Ross Bay cemetery.

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LIBERALS NEW

Convention to decide on Olive

At a general meeting held at New Westminster on Friday, April 21st, the meeting was called the assembly every chair in the room. It did not take long to introduce which the meeting, namely, the address nominating committee.

John Oliver, from the meeting of the day during the afternoon, decided to call the meeting. He explained the Liberals' position and the sooner into the field of elections the better the Liberal party. There was some discussion as to the meeting being held at New Westminster, but it was decided to endorse a meeting which was carried on by the meeting, and that in case the meeting was held at a short time before the convention would be held, the meeting would be held at the same time.

He first referred to the boundary which the boundary at present time in the country around the boundary. He did not deny that the boundary was in some of the boundary officials, but he pointed out that the boundary was more derelict in some of the members of the boundary, but he pointed out that the boundary was more derelict in some of the members of the boundary, but he pointed out that the boundary was more derelict in some of the members of the boundary.

When Mr. Oliver spoke on the subject of knowledge there for all present. He said that he had seen that he was marked and that meeting was unwise. He proposed to such a condition on the shoulders of the Liberal party. It was too Liberal to bear the burden of the gross carelessness of the Conservative party.

Another matter of the cost of servative platform. It was set down that the lands owned by the government should be retained and brought down. Thousands of acres had been disposed of, but he pointed out that the lands owned by the government should be retained and brought down.

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The land policy of the government was also a matter of concern. He pointed out that the government had taken place. He pointed out that the government had taken place. He pointed out that the government had taken place.

REDUCING EXPENSE OF CLEARING LAND

How Ranchers of Arrow Lake Apply Principle of Conservation

Nelson, Jan. 28.—F. G. Faugler, after spending a couple of days in Nelson following the Creston convention of the Associated Boards of Trade, left for his ranch at the Needles. He will push matters connected with the Ranchers' Union of the Arrow Lakes, of which he is president, and expects to have definite information on a number of points when he returns to Nelson. The movement begun by the formation of the Ranchers' Union is gathering force, and up and down the Arrow lakes individual ranchers are figuring what ties, props, cordwood and poles they can get out this winter, to be moved in the spring by the barge the C. P. R. has promised if the quantities are forthcoming.

Discussing the principle behind this movement to market forest products from the Arrow lake ranchers, Mr. Faugler said: "The primary idea of this movement for the present, is to make the most of the timber on our land, when clearing it, instead of burning it, as is the common method, thus saving a very respectable amount of what was formerly a lost cause. The trouble with too many ranchers is, that when they are approached on the matter of getting out ties and cordwood, they immediately after their point of view, and instead of clearing the land, they are clearing the land, and they are spending their time and money for, and that any ties and cordwood amounts to so much velvet, come to the conclusion that, unless they can actually make a profit out of the ties and other products in themselves, the proposition is not worth while. Now, everyone knows that, almost anywhere in the Kootenays, cleared land, roughly speaking, is worth \$100 an acre more than the same land before it is cleared. Thus, even if the forest products from a particular acre were manufactured and manufactured at a loss, so far as labor costs were concerned, the labor cost would have to be incurred anyway in clearing the land, and the returns from the forest products go to reduce the net expense of clearing that acre. For myself, I am putting in a gang of men to get out ties, and I figure on making a profit of from \$25 to \$75 an acre on the forest products themselves." Suppose, however, instead of having a profit, I had an actual loss of \$25 per acre. I would still make a profit on my land cleared. I would be paying less than the usual \$100 for clearing, by whatever my forest products brought in.

"This rule applies, whether one is ranching on a small or large scale. Consider the small rancher, who may be working for wages. He gets \$3 a day from the government, spends \$1 of that for board, and in the end saves \$1. If he works for himself, he gets \$100 an acre, and the like, he is home with his family, he saves most of his board, and he is gradually increasing the value of his land \$100 an acre by clearing it."

FIGHT FOR FAIR SITE

Governor of Louisiana Attacks Claims of San Francisco. Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—At the hearing to-day before the senate committee, Governor Sanders of Louisiana, attacked the claims of San Francisco as the site for the Panama exposition. He said that under both the resolutions presented by San Francisco and New Orleans the federal government would be equally responsible to the foreign nations whom it would invite to make exhibits. Under the San Francisco resolution Governor Sanders said the government would have the responsibility without the power, but under the New Orleans resolution it would have the power of supervision.

"Our bill does not provide for any subsidiary appropriations," said Governor Sanders, "and the United States government will invite foreign nations to go to the expense of making exhibits it should also make an exhibit of its own resources. San Francisco says it does not want a government exhibit. So we are asked to put our government in the humiliating and ridiculous attitude of asking foreign countries to exhibit in an exposition we do not intend to patronize ourselves."

Sanders, after speaking for half an hour, suspended his address on account of the condition of his voice. He will address the committee again on Wednesday. Sol Wexler of New Orleans, vice-president of the largest national bank in the south, gave an analysis of the financial backing by New Orleans and said it was of the highest grade. Referring to San Francisco he said: "We have no bootblack stand that can contribute \$500 to the exposition funds, no Masonic lodges that can contribute \$250,000, no merchants rated at \$10,000 or \$15,000 who feel themselves strong enough to give \$25,000 to the exposition fund."

Mayor Behrman of New Orleans, and T. P. Thompson, president of his proposed southern exposition, also put in pleas for the Crescent City. The House the advocates of both cities are lined up for the vote tomorrow, which practically will decide where the fair shall be held. San Francisco boomers are full of confidence and are making claims of larger support than any of the New Orleans boosters have so far advanced.

EX-CITY CLERK'S DOWNFALL

Nelson, Jan. 28.—Sentenced by Judge Wilson to serve twelve months in the provincial jail for misappropriation of funds while holding the position of city clerk of Fernie last year, George H. Boulton has been brought to Nelson.

TAXES ON IMPROVEMENTS

Kamloops, Jan. 28.—At a recent meeting of the city council Ald. Graham suggested that a reduction of taxation on improvements was hoped for by many citizens and the mayor stated that the assessor was present to give some figures for the use of the council. Assessor Drummond then presented a tentative report showing the value of the assessments as made by him. The net assessment could not be stated, however, until after the court of revision.

The mayor stated that while he approved of the principle of reduction of taxation upon improvements they had to have revenue from some source. Whether the increase of \$3,655 at the 25c rate would give a sufficient increase in revenue to meet the increase requirements for the year would have to be considered. In the meantime the report was referred to the finance committee.

Ald. Graham suggested that the rate of taxation might be increased to get some figures for the use of the council. Ald. Rushton favored raising the assessment on the land.

PREPARING FOR RUSH IN SPRING

Grand Trunk Pacific Officials Expect Heavy Travel to Mining Districts. Prince Rupert, Jan. 28.—The coming summer will, it is safe to say, see a tremendous rush into the interior of the province by way of Prince Rupert. C. Van Arsdol, the engineer in charge of the western portion of the G. T. P., recently returned from the north. He says that there can be no mistaking the move that is to follow with the opening. The different mining camps in the west are all looking to the northern interior of British Columbia, and with the first move in the spring these will invade the district. He prophesies that there will be an influx into the Hazelton district this coming season quite as pronounced as was the rush to Portland canal last season. The opinion of Mr. Van Arsdol is borne out by the many enquiries that are from time to time made from the labor centers in the western states with respect to the means of communication with the interior. The Grand Trunk Pacific is preparing for a heavy trade up the river this year. For the early spring rush a suitable service will be provided for the first 100 miles, after which the river steamers will have to be resorted to. There will, however, be a steamer from the end of the route to Hazelton, and Elliston every day at least so that no lack of accommodation should be feared.

ROSSLAND FINANCES

Rossland, Jan. 28.—The financial statement of the city of Rossland for the year 1910 has just been issued by the city treasurer, J. F. Collins, and from it one may gather that the city is in a fairly satisfactory condition financially. The excess of assets over liabilities is \$9,458.40. The receipts for the year were \$70,666.72, including \$14,744.42 for cost of various funds; \$25,183.08, scavenging department; \$2,183.25, board of works; \$6,231.31; interest on debentures, \$10,025.40; waterworks, \$3,884.09. The balance on hand is \$1,384.48.

INVESTIGATE CHARGE OF VOTE BUYING

Grand Jury Continues to Call Witnesses in Speaker Cannon's District. Danville, Ill., Jan. 27.—Vermillion county was startled yesterday when it was announced that the grand jury had summoned Earl Chambers, a chauffeur, as the result of a publication that he was ready to testify that on last election day, Mayor Platt and Judge Kimbrough, the originators of the vote buying investigation, loaded down his automobile with money for distribution to voters. Friends of the two men are charging that the supporter of "Uncle Joe" Cannon are responsible for the publication. Officials of the First National bank, from which institution Chambers asserts Kimbrough and Platt drew the money, have also been subpoenaed to tell all they know. Chambers declared that he drove the two politicians to the bank several different times on election day, and each time they packed into his proposed southern exposition, also put in pleas for the Crescent City.

FIRE AT LADYSMITH

Ladysmith, Jan. 28.—Fire completely destroyed Robert Harrop's residence on the waterfront, near the Dominion wharf, and also burned a gasoline launch, the property of Robert Wilson, and partly burned Theo. Reynard's motor boat. Mr. Harrop cannot definitely state what the loss, but said \$2,500 would not replace all that is lost. He carried \$500 insurance. The launch was worth about \$400 and no insurance was carried on it. The other launches can be repaired.

REALTY CASE HEARING BEFORE JUDGE YOUNG

Marriott & Fellows Sue for Commission on Sale of Registry List in County Court

(From Monday's Daily). A real estate commission action was commenced in the County Court this morning before Judge Young, in which Marriott & Fellows, Tronca avenue, claim \$420 commission from Mrs. Soper for the sale of her property on Douglas street opposite the North Ward club house. The order is a demand of a sale having been effected in the terms authorized.

PAID OFFERS FOR COTTAGE CITY AND HOSPITALITY OF THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

Passengers who were bound for Alaska ports on the steamer Cottage City when she grounded on Cape Mudge last Thursday evening, and who arrived in Seattle on Saturday, will make another attempt to reach their destinations tomorrow evening. They will go north on the steamer Jefferson at the expense of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. On reaching Seattle on the U. S. life-saving cutter Snomish, the first relief vessel to catch the news of the steamer's stranding, the passengers seemed little the worse for their rather rough experience.

The story of the wreck of the Cottage City as told by various persons on the occasion of the different credit of Capt. A. C. Jansen, his officers and crew for excellent discipline and cool-headed action in the time of emergency. For Capt. Haak and his regular travellers on the West Coast, every passenger had a word of praise. Every officer vacated his quarters for the women, meals were served at all hours, and every effort was made to make the shipwrecked passengers comfortable until they were landed in Seattle. The Cottage City was proceeding slowly for about half an hour before 2 o'clock, because of a dense snow storm which had blotted out all signs of land. She was in this "white" sea, the whistle sounding with monotonous regularity, most of the passengers were in the cabin reading, talking and sleeping. As the ship drifted on, the hulls of the other vessels of the engine ceased. The ship drifted slowly through the snow pall except when the whistle roared.

STRIPPED PROPELLER AND INJURED RUDDER

Leebro Struck Rock in Barkley Sound—Was Beached and New Screw Fitted

Striking a submerged rock in Barkley Sound on Friday night during very thick weather, the steamer Leebro, owned by Leeming Bros., of Victoria, was beached and her propeller and rudder were damaged. The vessel was not equipped with wireless nor word of the accident was received in this city until Saturday afternoon.

THE AVERAGE WOMAN NEEDS MORE BLOOD

Nerves Easily Irritated; She Worries Over Little Things. To the woman in the home—the woman who is confined to the house either through household duties or the care of children, or both—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a positive blessing. The average woman has too little blood. Her nerves are easily irritated, she worries over little things; has severe headaches and backaches, and is sick most of the time. With the woman who uses Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the condition is different. She is always well and the care of her children, or her household duties, is a real pleasure. This is because Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enrich the blood supply and bring bounteous health and strength. Here is proof. Mrs. Fanny Shepherd, Girvin, Sask., says: "I am the mother of a large family and was worn out, weak and irritable. I kept going to my doctor about every six weeks, and he would give me something to 'keep me going a little longer.' But it was like winding up a clock, I soon got run down again, and although life seemed hardly worth living, I did not wish to die because of my little children. I continued like this for some years, but at last summoned up enough energy to strike out a new departure and got a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had hoped they would help me, but to my surprise, before I had been taking them long I began to feel like a different woman. I started continuing taking the Pills for some time, and they made me as well and strong as any woman need wish to be. Once more I would enjoy life thoroughly, and have done so ever since. I never had a doctor now, and everything seems bright and cheerful. I shall always recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to anyone who in my opinion needs a tonic of any kind."

SEARCH FOR MURDERER

Shade, Wyo., Jan. 27.—Following reports that Charles Cook, who shot and instantly killed James Walker, a saloonman, had appeared at a ranch near here yesterday and demanded \$500, a large posse headed by Sheriff Davis took the trail early to-day to renew the efforts to capture the man. Cook shot Walker a week ago and then fled to the hills. Several possees searched for him unsuccessfully for two days and then returned home. Cook is without funds.

FIGHT FOR CRIPPLE ESTATE

London, Jan. 30.—A legal battle for the estate of Dr. Hawley H. Crispin, who was hanged for the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, was begun here to-day, when the attorney, half brother of the murdered actress, filed a contest for the Crispin property, which is said to be worth about \$100,000. Attorney Granbeck, representing Ethel Claire Le Neve, with whom Crispin fled to America, is opposing Thessa Hume's claim. The case has been taken under advisement.

ROSSLAND COUNCIL

Rossland, Jan. 28.—Although somewhat later in the month than usual, a start has been made in preparing for the winter carnival in Rossland. Already two meetings have been held. J. McDonald has been selected chairman and Percy B. Hunt, secretary. Committees have been formed, and all are hustling with a vigor, which, if maintained, will go far towards making the 1911 carnival one of the best ever held.

ONE PLATE ON TEES PUNCTURED BY ROCKS

Also Several Dirts in Hull—Repairs Will Take a Week—Trip Cancelled

Examinations of the hull of the steamer Tees, which grounded on Cowdard island Thursday night, revealed the fact that there is a small hole in one of her plates and that there are several large dents in some of the other plates. The injured vessel was hauled out on the B. C. Marine ways yesterday and work on repairing her will commence immediately. Captain Group, manager of the B. C. Coast Service, announced this morning that the scheduled trip of the Tees on the first of the month for the West Coast would be cancelled. With a slight list to starboard the Tees arrived in port on Saturday evening, bringing little additional news of the accident. The steamer had left Campbell, Capt. Gilliam, left the pilot house and Chief Officer Hicks was in charge. The weather at the time of the grounding was very dry and the wind was blowing from the north. The vessel was travelling at a fair rate of speed and a bad jar was felt as she struck. Capt. Gilliam had the passengers taken ashore shortly after the vessel hit and when she was floated they embarked and were taken to their destination. The pumps on the vessel handled what water seeped in and at no time was the vessel in any danger. Captain Gilliam was loud in praise of the excellent manner in which the officers and crew behaved, and also to the passengers, who were cool and collected after the vessel struck. While the Tees was on her way to this port a number of the passengers, who had regular travellers on the West Coast, which Capt. Gilliam handled the situation, presented him with the following testimonial:

"We, the undersigned passengers of the Tees, on the occasion of the different credit of Capt. A. C. Jansen, his officers and crew for excellent discipline and cool-headed action in the time of emergency. For Capt. Haak and his regular travellers on the West Coast, every passenger had a word of praise. Every officer vacated his quarters for the women, meals were served at all hours, and every effort was made to make the shipwrecked passengers comfortable until they were landed in Seattle. The Cottage City was proceeding slowly for about half an hour before 2 o'clock, because of a dense snow storm which had blotted out all signs of land. She was in this "white" sea, the whistle sounding with monotonous regularity, most of the passengers were in the cabin reading, talking and sleeping. As the ship drifted on, the hulls of the other vessels of the engine ceased. The ship drifted slowly through the snow pall except when the whistle roared.

INVESTIGATING RAILWAY RATES

Case of Alleged Discrimination Now Before the Railway Commission

Montreal, Que., Jan. 30.—The hearing of the application of the Vancouver Board of Trade against the C. P. R. in the case of alleged discrimination in railway rates is still occupying attention of the railway commission in Montreal. The testimony of the general traffic manager of the company, W. R. McInnes, regarding internal traffic, arrangements has been completed. By the comparison of rates to the west from different eastern and western points, the C. P. R. intended to show that there was no discrimination here, and that the higher rates on promotion of Aid. Davis and Smith, the increase was granted.

WANDERERS SNOWED UNDER BY OTTAWA

Capitals Come From Behind and Win in Last Fifteen Minutes of Game

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, Jan. 29.—In the presence of more than 6,000 spectators at the Arena on Saturday night Ottawa defeated the Wanderers by 5 goals to 2, and secured a grip on the National Hockey Association championship that is not likely to be loosened. After holding Ottawa scoreless for three-quarters of the time the champion Wanderers wilted and suffered humiliating defeat. With less than fifteen minutes to go, the Montreal players led 2 to 0. Then followed the biggest blow-up seen on the Arena's glacial surface for a long time. Five goals in less than two minutes and eight in five minutes show how completely the home team wilted after they had kept Ottawa shut out for fifty minutes of the hour's play.

SCHEINK BEES DIVORCE

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Laura P. Schenk, at whose trial on a charge of attempting to poison her millionaire husband the jury disagreed, is a free woman. Judge Jordan on Saturday released Mrs. Schenk on her own recognizance. It is believed she never will be tried again.

COLONEL DISAPPEARS

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 28.—A messenger delivered to-night from Bisbee, Arizona, that Colonel Koestelitzky, commander of the federal garrison in Northern Sonora, has been killed in a fight with insurgents. This information came from Colonel Sonora, in a letter from the wife of the fallen hero. He mysteriously disappeared four days after a fight with insurgents.

CARRIE NATION DYING

Burlington, Ark., Jan. 30.—Friends of Carrie Nation here are awaiting news to-day that the famous anti-saloon crusader is sinking rapidly and that her death is momentarily expected.

FORESTERS HELD SMOKER

City Parks—Expenditures on Improvements—Much on Stock at Nursery

T. Purdy, superintendent of parks and boulevard, has just submitted his annual report to Ald. Humber, chairman of the parks committee of the city council. It is a very interesting document, indicating that under the fatherly care of Ald. Humber the various "breathing spaces" of the city have been well looked after. There is now stock at the nursery at Beacon Hill valued at \$9,033. The present value of the operating plant at the various parks is put at \$4,251.10. The present nursery stock was planted and reared under D. D. England's direction and now contains no less than 1,780 trees and shrubs valued at \$3,858; 10,000 seedlings and cuttings valued at \$65; 2,500 bedding plants; \$550; 20,000 herbaceous plants; \$200. During the year \$2,000 bedding plants, 2,000 perennials and 961 trees and shrubs were sent out from the nursery.

YUCATAN WILL AGAIN SEE ACTIVE SERVICE

North Pacific Steamship Company Will Use Her on Portland-Frisco Run

Announcement has been made by C. F. Doe, president of the North Pacific Steamship Company, which recently purchased the damaged steamer Yucatan from the Alaska Steamship Company for the sum of \$40,000, that the vessel will be repaired and placed on the San Francisco, Astoria and Portland service. The work of repairing the steamer will take several months, and will undoubtedly prove an expensive undertaking as the interior of the vessel will practically have to be rebuilt. She is to be taken to the Columbia river, and floated at Seattle, where the repairs will be made. The vessel will be towed from the outer dock to the Columbia is not known, but it is stated that it will be within the next few days.

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PRICE ELLISON TELLS OF STRATHCONA PARK

Beauties of Buttes Lake—Brewster's Tribute to the Late Michael King

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LEAGUE WILL BE A POWERFUL FACTOR

Speculation as to Effect of Republican Body on Next Campaign

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LEGISLATURE IS MAKING PROGRESS

Workmen's Compensation—Health Conditions in Camps—Victoria Requests

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GERMANS HONOR THEIR EMPEROR BANQUET HELD AT THE EMPRESS HOTEL

Many Guests Hear Speeches of Friendship and Drink Healths of the King and the Kaiser

The fifty-second birthday of the German Emperor was celebrated in Victoria Friday by the Deutsche Verein, which had as its guest many prominent Victorians...

MAY ROUGHEN FACE OF ASPHALT ROADS

Worswick Company Explains How Surfaces Can Be Improved on Grades

At Friday night's meeting of the city council the following self-explanatory letter from the Worswick Paving Co. Ltd. was read and referred to the city engineer for his information...

FORCED TO RESIGN

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—By order of President Taft and Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Rear Admiral B. Barry yesterday resigned "for the good of the service."

TRADE AGREEMENT MAY BE KILLED

(Continued from page 2)

FEARS EXODUS FROM AMERICAN FARMERS

Iowa Senator Declares He Will Oppose the Tariff Agreement

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 28.—Predicting enormous growth for Canada if the reciprocity treaty at present under discussion in Washington and Ottawa is adopted, La Fayette Young, senator from Iowa, is out in his paper, the Daily Iowa Capital, here, with a denunciation of the plan...

LOCAL BRANCH OF VICTORIAN NURSES

Mrs. Bromley-Jubb Draws Attention to Inauguration of Work Here

An event of some importance in Victoria is the inauguration of a local branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, and the advent of Miss Kennedy, the new nurse, specially recommended by the chief lady superintendent, Miss A. Mackenzie, of Ottawa.

HOUSE SAT FOR FORTY-NINE MINUTES

PROTECTION OF CIVIL SERVICE CANDIDATES

H. C. Brewster Proposes the Amendment—Strathcona Park Bill

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 27.—To-day's sitting was a record one for brevity, outside the formal proceedings of the opening day of a session. The House met promptly at 10 o'clock and sat for but a brief forty-nine minutes...

LOSES MONEY WHEN SHOOTING HIMSELF

San Francisco Man Ends Life in Presence of His Son

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—Losing all his money at a poker table in the Saratoga club, Gustave Tostler, yesterday afternoon, shot himself through the head in the presence of his 15-year-old son.

EXPENDITURE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Report Presented Shows Contemplated Expenditure of Over \$80,000

Ald. Fullerton, chairman of the fire wardens, at Friday night's meeting of the city council, presented in draft form the estimate of the fire department expenditure for the present year. With the exception of the item of \$1,000 for the installation of a machine shop...

RECORD YEAR FOR AUSTRALIAN TRADE

Statistics for 1910 Show a Large Increase—Referendum in Victoria

Melbourne, Jan. 26.—The trade of the Commonwealth is increasing in a gratifying fashion. Last year's trade, according to figures just published, shows a record for exports and imports, the value of the latter being over 50,000,000 pounds sterling, or an increase of eight and a quarter millions over the figures for the previous year.

WHAT POLITICAL PARTY NOT RATIFIED

Western Conservative Party Not Ratified

(Special to Ottawa, Jan. 28.)—Members of the Hon. dny in that Messrs. son, have secured a bargain from Wash. delighted beyond satisfied that the least another five years... unexpected complete cessations granted by upset all their political left then practical which to have set only real objection from representative districts, who fear may lead to leading set with early... Western Conserv the party not to which means 80 farmers, a question is to-day "ratified."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT MIDDLETON, N.S.

Several Blocks Are Burned—Loss Estimated at Hundred Thousand Dollars

(Special to the Times.) Middleton, N. S., Jan. 28.—A disastrous fire broke out here early yesterday morning. It started in Bentley's block, A. J. Morrison block, Shafters block, F. R. Burcher's block, Royal Bank building, containing bank and G. C. Hillier's residence; J. H. Potter's premises. The total loss is estimated at about \$100,000, half covered by insurance.

INVESTIGATING EXPLOSION

Board Will Inquire Into Bursting of Gun at United States Proving Grounds

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Starting inquiries regarding numerous recent naval accidents are expected in navy and army circles as the result of a court of inquiry to investigate the explosion of a five-inch gun at the Indian Head proving grounds on November 15.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE BALL BIG SUCCESS

Masquerade Was Attended by Many From All Parts of the Island

One of the biggest dance successes ever held in the northern part of the island was held at Shawnigan Lake on Thursday night, when the Shawnigan Lake Athletic association held their masquerade ball at the new pavilion.

DEPUTATION SEES MOR

V. I. D. L. R. Deputation Sees Mor

A deputation of Vancouver Island and the Board of provincial members of the league twenty, waited on Secretary of the executive a list in regard to the clearing and the operation on Vancouver Island. The V. I. D. L. R. V. Other speakers were president of the local branch of the league C. Brewster, M. P. P. J. John Gardiner, M. P. P. Behrman, M. P. P. Baird, McGaffey, S. M. P. P.

The Province, making a laudatory reference to the presence of the Kaiser on rising to reply, was presented with a large stein by F. W. Kosterbader, president of the German club. The premier complimented the Germans on their club and the previous speakers of the club on their eloquence, and predicted illimitable prosperity for the provinces.

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Responding to the toast, F. W. Kosterbader, president of the club, spoke of the national love for music and of "Das Deutsche Lied," as created by Schubert, Beethoven, Schumann, Haydn, etc., and the club was a pledge to hear the country's songs. The motto of the club might have been the words of the poet: "Where song rises, rest. No bad man with song is blest." The membership embraced not only Germans, but who spoke German, that being the only requirement, and there were Swiss, Austrians, Belgians, Americans, English, French and Canadians in fact, all were Canadians on the roll. Many members had lived here many years, many had married English and Canadian ladies, and their children were growing up good Canadians and English speakers.

Mr. Collinson sang "Tip-I-Addy-I-Addy" and Mr. G. B. The Beachy sang "The Wall," an old German student song, with illustrations.

eyes. We ourselves are very largely to blame. Chamberlain's warning seven years ago was disregarded and the pulp clauses set back. The United States are not our enemies, but we are greatly satisfied, and the Canadians naturally greatly value the freedom from competition.

The Telegraph dwells significantly on the possibility of such a measure in a few days ago. The United States then would only talk to Canada along the lines of a big brother, but now is talking like a very little one in the matter of the three Canada back on herself and the consequences were literally astounding, for Canada suddenly became a nation. This is nowhere better understood than at Washington, where it is recognized that Canada's future may rival that of the United States. Perhaps the chief impulse is the anxiety to divert southwest part of the Alaskan grain lands to Alberta and Saskatchewan. Mr. Fielding's explanation means that the value of Canada's preference to the British manufacturers is considerably reduced in the present agreement.

The Times is impressed with the deep and enduring significance of the agreement with the United States. It is a continental trade and Canada has so modified her ancient fears as to meet the United States half way. The Times is not surprised that the agreement was well received in the Canadian parliament, the arrangements promising tangible benefits.

The Leader declares that the agreement is another Canadian free trade deal and denies that British trade will be unfairly prejudiced. If there is one thing which would help to alienate the Canadians it would be the success of tariff reformers here.

The Express in a second article says that the more they look on the agreement the less they like it. "All we retain is equality of treatment. We are no longer the most favored nation. It is a heavy blow to our trade with the Dominion. Our two most powerful neighbors remain in the advantages of a protective tariff with mutual benefits from free trade. It is the thickest end of a calamitous wedge which has ever driven Canada into the arms of the American republic and is a dangerous precedent."

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Rumor That Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, Minn., Will Be Made Cardinal

(Times Leased Wire) Rome, Jan. 28.—Renewal of the report that Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, Minn., is soon to be made a cardinal, came here to-day with the announcement that an early meeting of the consistory is scheduled.

The occasion for the meeting of the consistory is believed to lie in the friendly feeling with the Austrian foreign office, which has resulted from the recent appointment of Mr. Barons to succeed Mr. De Monts as the papal nuncio at Vienna. No definite statement has yet been issued by the vatican as to whether Archbishop Ireland is to be included among the new cardinals, but authorities brought out the beautiful life of the late Archbishop Ireland, which has been published in the "Austrian Review" (Neuener) that the Austrian government is to the effect that the American prelate will be honored.

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V. I. D. L. RESOLUTIONS

Deputation of the members of the Vancouver Island Development League and the Board of Trade, supported by provincial members and representatives

ALBERNI NOW HAS MOCK PARLIAMENT

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ASK FOR CHANGES

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Attorney-General Bowser has promised to consider several points in the act for the regulation of motor cars which is before the legislature. He has received a deputation of those concerned in the automobile business in Victoria and Vancouver, who ask that several changes be made before the bill is brought up.

TO GIVE LECTURE ON EARTHQUAKES

At the Broad street hall on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of the Natural History Society, F. Napier Denison, of the local branch of the meteorological office, will give an illustrated lecture on earthquakes.

MANAGER OF LOCAL RUGBY UNION SAYS 'NO MORE GAMES SHOULD BE PLAYED'

(From Friday's Daily) If W. C. Moreby has his way there will be no more games between Victoria and Vancouver for the McKechie cup.

DECLARES DIVIDEND OF TEN PER CENT

Meeting of Directors of B. C. Copper Company—Operations at Smelter

PRESENTS SACRED PAINTINGS.

Rosebank, Jan. 26.—St. George's church has become the happy possessor of what is probably one of the most beautiful sacred paintings in Canada.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—That the deceased came to his death by accidental drowning while in an intoxicated condition, were the few brief words which the jury at the inquest held by the coroner, John Edward Hurty, returned on the body of the deceased.

SYNDICATE BUYS LAND.

Nelson, Jan. 26.—The Edgewood subdivision, consisting of about 1,000 acres, partly developed fruit lands, together with the townsite, have passed from the hands of the local owners to an English syndicate for a large cash consideration.

DOUBLE MURDER.

Mankato, Kas., Jan. 27.—Well, mother, I have just killed Bates and his wife, and have got the kid, too, if he had not run away.

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TROOPS AMBUSHED BY MEXICAN REBELS

Commander of Federal Force Reported to Have Lost Hundred Men

San Jose, Mexico, Jan. 28.—Colonel Dorante, of the federal troops, lost 100 men and the revolutionists two men when his soldiers were led into an insurrection trap near Ojizaga, according to news reaching here.

Huachuca Ariz., Jan. 28.—A Mexican recruiting officer was reported yesterday visiting towns in this vicinity, endeavoring to get recruits for the Mexican army. Cowboys along the border are said to be in sympathy with the insurrection and are willing to join them if well paid.

A former Arizona ranger has offered to organize 100 men for service in Sonora. It is reported.

At Aru Prieta and south of them rebels were reported active. It was said that 500 cases of 30-30 rifle cartridges have been sold here within the last six weeks.

Madrid has planned to push its campaign in Sonora, seizing all ports of entry, establishing a new republic and seek recognition from the United States. It is reported.

TRANSCONTINENTAL CONTRACTS.

Commissioners Reduce Awards of Engineers by Half a Million Dollars.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Half a million approximately is to be deducted from contracts on the Eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway in respect to over-classification and allowances for over-break. This is the effect of the award of the arbitrators, Gordon Grant for the Transcontinentals, B. K. Kennerly for the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Collingwood Schreiber, C.M.G., chairman. The report has been sent to the government and represents several months of work in which different sections were examined and notes taken on each cut.

KILLED AT COLWOOD.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A sad accident occurred at Colwood yesterday, when John Thomas Bennett was struck by a branch of a tree which was falling, and injured so badly that he died a few minutes later. Mr. Bennett was clearing land for his uncle, James Bennett, and had tackled a tree a little larger than the ordinary, which did not fall exactly as he expected. One of the branches caught him, breaking both legs and crushing his face and body.

Two of his little children were with him at the time and they immediately ran for assistance. Dr. George Hill was called, but could do nothing. The body was taken to the Colwood hotel. The remains were brought into town yesterday afternoon and are resting at the Hammond undertaking parlors.

The deceased was born in Staffordshire, England, and was 41 years of age. He is survived by a wife and six children, living in that order: Cole, Mrs. B. Kennerly, Order of Foresters, of which Mr. Bennett was a member, will arrange for the funeral.

AWAITS FAVORABLE WEATHER.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 28.—Confronted by a high wind and raging sea, viator McCurdy announced that he would be unable to attempt his proposed flight from Key West to Havana. McCurdy is determined to make the flight, even if he has to remain here a month.

The city council on Friday authorized the water commissioner to complete the purchase of 1.2 acres of land at Elk lake necessary for watershed purposes at \$500 per acre.

The Sergeants' Mess of the Garrison has issued an invitation to the Sergeants' Mess of the Fifth Regiment to a card party at the Work Point barracks at 8.30 on Tuesday evening next.

CITY'S NEEDS FOR NEW STREET LIGHTS

Ratepayers Asked to Send in Early Requests to the City Council

Residents in outlying sections of the city who desire that better street-lighting facilities should be installed should make their wishes known to the council at once. This was the advice given by the electric light committee of the council in a report to that body Friday evening and which was adopted.

The report recommended that the council should call for tenders for 1,500 pounds of line wire for main feeders to the cluster street lighting system; that as it is the intention to make all extensions to the street lighting system during the dry season, the complete system ready for service by September, it would be advisable for ratepayers contemplating submitting petitions for extra lights to do so now. In order that early consideration may be given to same; that the purchasing agent be authorized to expend the sum of \$100 for improved office facilities at the city lighting station; that the city electrician proceed with the work of repair to lights on the Causeway wall at a cost of \$200.

UNEMPLOYED DEMAND WORK.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—A large crowd of the unemployed attended a hostile demonstration in the vicinity of the palace yesterday at a time when the Emperor William was transmitting the passport to the castle watch. The manifestants, driven away by the police, marched through the central district of the city hurling insulting epithets at the officers and shouting "We want work."

NANAIMO NEEDS LARGER SCHOOL

Provincial Government Will Be Asked to Make Extra Appropriation

Nanaimo, Jan. 27.—At the first meeting of the newly-elected board of school trustees, Trustee Planta was elected chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. E. Quennell after 28 years' service.

A communication received from F. B. Dixon, principal of the High school, asking an increase in salary to \$100 per month, will be taken up for discussion at the next meeting of the board. Miss Haerer wrote asking an increase in salary to \$90 a month and Miss Woodman also requested an advance to \$85 per month. Mr. E. Foy, principal of the Central school, was present at the meeting and also put in a request for an advance in salary, stating he would apply for the advance by letter at the next meeting.

Chairman Planta brought up the question of the overcrowded condition of the city schools, stating more accommodation was needed as soon as possible. He suggested the government be urged to make an extra appropriation at the session toward the schools of Nanaimo, and if the government was prepared to assist, the council could go to the ratepayers with a motion by-law to authorize a loan for school purposes.

Trustee Shaw endorsed the remarks of Chairman Planta, and stated that Middle Ward school constructed nearly three years ago, was in a state of disrepair and entirely unfit for school purposes. If the government would render some financial assistance, he thought the Middle Ward school should be replaced with an eight or ten roomed structure, which would furnish accommodation to meet the exigencies of the times.

Trustee Forrester agreed with the proposal and moved that Trustees Planta and Shaw be delegated to interview the government. In the meantime the building committee to prepare plans and ascertain the approximate cost of a modern ten roomed structure.

Trustee Mainwaring seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. GORDON SUCCEDES.

Stewart, Jan. 27.—Charles Gordon passed away at the Stewart General hospital on January 15. His death resulted from pneumonia, caused from the terrible exposure he underwent while crossing the divide from the Naas river valley, in which his two companions, Matthew B. Pendray and Robert Lightner, succumbed on the trail.

Deceased was born at Maitland, Ontario, and had barely arrived at his man's estate. He leaves two brothers at Fort William and a married sister residing at Alberni.

DR. BURKE FOUND GUILTY.

Motion for New Trial Will Come up on Monday.

LAW STUDENTS WILL DEBATE FOR TROPHY

Victoria, Vancouver, Washington and Oregon Universities Interested in the Shield

Towards the end of March the Law Students' Societies of Victoria, Vancouver and the Universities of the States of Washington and Oregon will hold a competition law-debate, the prize for which is a silver shield offered by Lieutenant-Governor T. W. Patterson.

Beyond the law arrangements, details are yet unannounced, but it is anticipated that the delegates selected by the Victoria Law Students' Society will go to Portland to debate with the delegates from the University of Oregon, and that the delegation from the Vancouver Law Students' Society will go to the University of Washington to debate there.

The winners of these two debates will meet later on for the final trophy competition in one of the cities represented by the successful debaters. Each side taking part in the debate will consist of two speakers.

The subjects to be debated have not yet been selected, and the personnel of the Victoria delegation is undecided. It will not be known until after several try-out debates have been held by the members of the local students' society.

The debate is international in its scope, and is the first in which four societies from states and provinces have taken part. It is affording much interest, and a great incentive to the members of the Victoria Law Students' Society, and meetings of the society for the purpose of formulating the plans on which the selection of delegates will be made, are to be announced shortly.

LUMBERMEN TO MEET AT NELSON

Members of Mountain Association Will Hold Annual Session on Monday

Nelson, Jan. 27.—The annual meeting of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association will be held on Monday next and will probably witness the largest gathering of members in the history of the association. The sessions will be held in the board of trade rooms, and the first one will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning. It is possible that the session may close into the evening. There are 72 mills in all membership of the association and the importance of the subjects to be discussed is the ground for expecting an unusually large attendance.

The list of topics connected with those of timber legislation, the report of the forestry commission, protection on lumber and reciprocity. The annual reports will also be received, and in connection with them the outlook will be discussed. The election of officers will also take place. Otto Lachmund of Arrowhead, is president, and Otis Staples of Wycliffe, vice-president.

One of the subjects to be discussed is that of moving the headquarters of the association from Nelson to Calgary. There is a division of sentiment on this point, and two years ago a similar proposition was voted down. The argument of those who wish to see the headquarters in that the association would be in closer touch with the market. There is a strong opposition to this proposal, on a variety of grounds, one of the principal of which is that the association would probably lose more in public sympathy in this province than it would gain elsewhere.

TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND STATES

Clause Referring to Coolie Immigration Eliminated From the New Agreement

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—A new treaty between Japan and the United States, which eliminates all reference to coolie immigration, is about to be presented for ratification, according to reports to-day. If the proposed agreement is reached each nation will be allowed to regulate the influx of foreigners as it sees fit. The clause in the old treaty by which the United States has been able to force Japan to check its coolie emigration will be dropped.

MORE MONEY NEEDED.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—At the first meeting of the water committee of 1911 civic administration, with Alderman Crowe, chairman, presiding, the announcement was made that the \$400,000 voted by the people for the extension of the city's water system would be inadequate to carry out much desired improvements and that it would be necessary to submit another by-law at an early date asking for a sum of approximately \$223,000 to complete the Seymour creek intake.

So as to arrange for the preservation of the city's water rights on both Seymour creek and Capilano, his worthily the mayor, Aldermen Crowe and Rogers, were appointed a committee to interview the provincial government and go thoroughly into the matter.

MEMORIAL TABLET FOR SEA WALL

ORNAMENTAL PARAPET AND RECESSES PROVIDED

Memorial Tablet Will Also Be Placed in Position in Wall

The city council, at its special session held last evening, decided on an alteration in the plans for the Dallas Road sea wall, being erected by the Pacific Coast Construction Company, so as to provide for an ornamental parapet of concrete along which, at intervals of 200 feet, will be placed recesses similar to those on the causeway.

The matter was brought up for discussion on the reading of a letter from the secretary of the constructing company, expressing a willingness to make provision in the wall for a memorial tablet with suitable inscription; the expense in connection with the same to be borne by the company. It is probable that the tablet will set out the date of the commencement of the work, the name of the constructing company and recite that the work was done on the initiative of Ald. Langley.

The latter called attention of the board to the fact that J. Forman, supervising engineer, had suggested certain alterations in the plans for the wall, and that if the council approved of the same, now would be the time to do it, in order to save expense. The cost of the proposed parapet, recesses and necessary railings would be in the neighborhood of \$4,500.

Ald. Langley submitted plans of the additional work and the same was approved by the board. Before the ordinance for the work is issued, however, the contractor will be asked to submit an estimate.

On the recommendation of the water commissioner the city will install additional extensions in Saanich municipality the cost of which will be paid for by the municipality. These extensions will be laid on Boleskine road, from Saanich road to Harriet road; on Harriet road, from Boleskine road to Gorge road; on Burnside road, from Harriet road to Tillicum road; on Tillicum road, from Burnside road to Obedience to the easterly boundary of section 18 A, and on Gorge road, from Harriet road to Craigflower bridge. These will require approximately 3,000 feet of eight-inch and 24,000 feet of six-inch pipe, at a total cost of \$30,000. Saanich will pay the entire cost, with the exception of Harriet road, from Burnside road to Gorge road, and in front of the Gorge park, which the city will pay one-half. All connections and cut rates are to be paid for according to the city-by-law.

It was decided to purchase lot 2, Mills road, Hollywood park, for a right of way for the sewer which is being constructed along that thoroughfare. The cost of the lot, \$1,050, will be charged up against the local improvement work.

In response to the request of the Berlin, Ont., board of trade that Victoria places on record its approval of the former body's suggestion that the railway commission be memorialized to the effect that in cities where there is more than one railroad company operating, union depots shall be insisted on by the hands of District Judge Fisher demanding that the Wyandotte county grand jury investigate charges that during the past few years vast sums of money have been paid there for votes. The Wyandotte situation is said to be worse than that in Adams county, Ohio, or Vermillion county, Illinois.

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PRINCESS CHARLOTTE WITH OIL BURNERS

Princess Will Be Laid Up Next Week—Adelaide on the Triangular Run

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Relieved by the new steamer Princess Adelaide, the Princess Charlotte will next week be taken on the triangular run to be given her annual overhauling. The Princess Royal, which was the night boat until recently replaced by the Adelaide, will resume the service between here and the mainland. On past occasions the Princess Royal has relieved the largest Princesses on the three city routes, but as the Adelaide has considerably more speed Capt. Truop has allotted her the work.

The Princess Charlotte will be laid up for several weeks and besides being extensively overhauled will be equipped with oil-burners. She will be the second of the fleet to have this more economic system for steam generating installed, the first being the Princess May, which is at present lying alongside Bullen's wharf. In turn the Princess Victoria will be laid up and fitted with this modern plant, and it is understood that the greater number of the vessels of the fleet will, before the present year has elapsed, be equipped with the new system.

It has been found to be a more efficient fuel for getting up steam, and it is also a money-saver in the boiler-room. Although the C. P. R. fleet will have to secure the oil from the United States for the present it is hoped that the Canadian field will shortly be producing oil for the Princess line.

THREATS AGAINST JAPANESE IN PARIS

Federation of Labor Declares It Will Avenge Execution of Socialists

(Times Leased Wire.)

Paris, Jan. 28.—Terrified at the threats demanding revenge for the execution of the 12 Japanese Socialists, the Japanese colony to-day asked the police for protection.

"We were unable to save our Japanese brothers," the placards say, "whom the Japanese government asked, but we will avenge their deaths and make Japan pay dearly for them."

Feeling here is running high among the labor element and the police are guarding the Japanese embassy to prevent a possible attack.

The Japanese diplomats are being accompanied about the streets by detectives.

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EMPIRESS OF JAPAN LEFT THIS MORNING FOR ANTIPODES

Empress of Japan Left This Morning for the Orient Several Days Late

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Delayed several days at Vancouver owing to the late arrival of the over-seas mails, R. M. S. Empress of Japan, Capt. Davidson, did not leave the Terminal City until early this morning, and it was after noon when she pulled out from Victoria for the Orient on the first lap of her century round trip to the Far East. The mails were brought across the Atlantic by the steamship Hesperian, under charter to the C. P. R., which has not the speed of the other vessels and consequently was late in arriving. On reaching Montreal the mails were placed on the fast express, and although rushed with all speed they did not get to the Orient to make connections with the steamship's schedule.

Since 1831 the Empress of Japan has been speeding her way across the Pacific to China and Japan and return. She was the first of the three Empresses to arrive here from the building yards in Burrow-in-Furness, reaching this port in April, 1891. The Japan has the distinction of being called "the greyhound of the Pacific," for ten years ago she made the passage from Yokohama to Victoria in ten days and ten hours, a performance which has never been equalled in the history of navigation on the peaceful ocean.

Through the retirement of Capt. Pyburn at the conclusion of the last trip from the Orient, Capt. Davidson was to pilot the vessel across this passage, after which Capt. Robinson will be placed in command.

The Empress had a full cargo and carried a number of passengers. Several Chinese embarked here.

AFFIDAVITS FIGURE AT INVESTIGATION

C. J. South is Witness at the Chinese Inquiry at Vancouver

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Robert Spratt was called up as the first witness at the Chinese customs royal commission this morning, but Mr. Justice Murphy took his seat Crown Prosecutor Geo. E. McCrossan arose and asked permission from S. S. Taylor to call C. J. South, P. I., to stand for witness.

"His testimony will be very brief," said Mr. McCrossan. "Not more than five minutes. Very brief."

"Certainly," said Mr. Taylor. "The magistrate is satisfied in placing his seal to the now famous affidavits made by Lew Dick and Lew Ding in the office of David Lew, on Dec. 2 last, in which they accused Yip On of accepting money to obtain illegal entry."

Then Mr. Taylor got busy. He ridiculed the affidavits.

"Who were there?" asked Mr. Taylor. "When the affidavits were made?"

"Mr. T. R. E. McInnes, Inspector Foster, Sam Moon, Lew Wong and David Lew. Lew Wong acted as interpreter," said the witness.

Then came Mr. Taylor's bomb. He set it off to its full rhetorical effect.

INDIANS LEAVE FOR ANTIPODES

SEVENTEEN RED MEN TO DEMONSTRATE IN SOUTH

Departed on Makura This Morning—Liner Had Full Passenger List

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Traveling as third cabin passengers on the circle Indian-Australian liner Makura, Capt. Gibbs, which left port this morning for Sydney via Honolulu, Suva and Brisbane, were 17 South Indians, who are being taken by the Dominion Steamship to the Antipodes for exhibition purposes. The vessel were a number of tomopoles, canoes and other belongings of the Indians, including their blankets, head-pieces of feathers, moccasins and tomopoles.

The Canadian red-men will be away from this country for some time, as they will visit nearly every city in Australia and New Zealand to give exhibitions. Colonel Stacey, who is a representative of the Dominion government for the safe return of the natives. Undoubtedly they will prove a great attraction in the south.

Nearly every steamer on the Makura line was taken, being 130 passengers, 34 second cabin and 54 third cabin. She also carried a large cargo of freight, amounting to 150 tons and including considerable machinery and many automobiles.

VANCOUVER BUILDING BY-LAW.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—It has been found that the plebiscite as passed by the people at the polls in the municipal elections, regarding the restriction of the height of buildings to 120 feet or 130 feet, is practically unworkable. The civic building commission has decided to discuss the matter with the city council, the outcome being that it was decided that while the buildings should not soar above 120 feet they should include any portion of roof or parapet above the top story. This really means that a building measured from the curb can extend above the limit provided in the plebiscite to the extent of a few feet.

The cause of the building height which was referred to provide for safety circumstances now reads as follows: "Subsection 10. Height of buildings. The perpendicular distance measured from the sidewalk or curb level at the base of the front of the building to the underside of the ceiling joists of the highest ceiling of a building having a flat or Mansard roof on to a joist the height, from the roof plate to the highest ridge of a pitched roof, shall not exceed 120 feet."

LEAVES CHINESE HUSBAND.

Nanaimo, Jan. 27.—The married life of Sam Sung came to an abrupt end Wednesday. Mrs. Sung, who was married with a half-breed young man known locally as Sam Kivert, whose father is said to be a Chinaman and his mother "klootchman." Mr. and Mrs. Sung were united in marriage in this city December 10 last, eventually finding several had refused to conduct such a ceremony. The groom was Sam Sung, a local Chinaman, and the bride was a young girl named Kivert, who was the couple took up their residence in Chinatown, and took Sam Kivert as a boarder. Sam evidently won his wife's affections, for the twin sisters, Mrs. Sung, according to the accounts, went away of her own free will.

PIONEER DEAD.

New Westminster, Jan. 27.—One of the oldest residents of this city, Mrs. Priscilla Nicholson, nee Malcom Nicholson, passed away at home, 233 Sixth avenue. She was seventy-three years old and came to this province from eastern Canada as far back as 1861, just fifty years ago. For many years the family lived in Burnaby, but for the last fifteen years they have resided in Vancouver. The late Mrs. Nicholson is survived by her husband, two sons and six daughters.

AMMUNITION SEIZED.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 28.—The federal authorities here arrested the brakemen and five Pullman car employees yesterday at the Mexican Central railroad depot, just as the regular passenger train for the south was due to leave. The authorities found four cases of rifle ammunition fastened to the trucks of the Pullman cars containing 2,400 rounds. All arrested were Mexicans, except the negro porter, who is American.

HOME DESTROYED.

New Westminster, Jan. 27.—A fire which wiped out the home and belongings of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burnett, of Spartan, took place on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett had just recently been married and were living in a house on Kelly street. Every stick of furniture and every article of clothing in the building was burnt and only a pile of ashes marked where the house once stood.

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