

VOLUME 38.

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1910.

NO. 3.

TAXATION OF LAND VALUES

SOLICITOR-GENERAL FOR SCOTLAND SPEAKS

Ontario's Local Self Government Object Lesson for Old Country.

(Special to the Times.)
Edinburgh, Jan. 6.—Arthur Dewar, M.P. for South Edinburgh and solicitor-general for Scotland, has been speaking for the last ten years for the taxation of land values and the breaking up of great estates. In an interview yesterday he said that the people are intensely aroused.

"No matter what the result of the election is," he said, "things can never again be as they have been."
Mr. Dewar, who recently visited Canada, said that if he could take the people of Britain up to Queen's Park, Toronto, and show them Ontario's local self-government machinery at work, all his system would vanish. The majority of the Scotch and Irish favored it, but in England people are still suspicious that it would be derogatory to the dignity of the Imperial parliament.

FIRE IN MAIL CAR

Outbreak Discovered When Train Arrived at Blaine.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—A bonfire in the mail car, licking up hundreds of letters on their way to Seattle, was discovered when the Great Northern southbound train pulled into Blaine. From Vancouver to Blaine, according to the trainmen, this car does not carry an agent. Some employees of the mail train service in Vancouver stacked several mail sacks dangerously close to the car heater so that when Blaine was reached the car was in a fair way toward destruction.

FALLS TO DEATH

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Timothy Dorsey, while visiting an old schoolmate, Paddy Bennett, at No. 2 fire hall, yesterday afternoon, stepped backward through the slide pole aperture on the top floor and turning in mid-air struck his head upon the pavement below and was instantly killed.

FIRE AT TORONTO

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Boston shoe store here was gutted to the extent of \$20,000 by fire last night.

FISHING BOATS

RETURN TO PORT

Number of Fishermen Who Were Caught in Gale Reported Safe.

(Special to the Times.)
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 6.—It is thought there will be no loss of life among the Causo, Whitehead and Dover fishermen who were carried to sea on Tuesday by a gale. Several of the missing boats made shore last night, and report sighting others making for places of safety. A number of vessels are searching for the boats not yet reported safe.

CHINAMEN ROBBED

OF THEIR SAVINGS

Four Robbers Demolish Furniture and Escape With More Than \$600.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—The police to-day are searching for four men who last night held up six Chinamen in a truck leased by the Chinese, two miles below this place, and after demolishing every article of furniture in the place escaped with between \$600 and \$700.

Robbers had blackened their faces in an effort to leave the impression that negroes committed the robbery.

The ranch is leased and operated by Mon Sing, and he employed the other five. When the robbers came up to the house yesterday Mon Sing and one of his men, known as Old Sam, were in the house. The other four men were in the truck garden. Two of the robbers compelled the four Chinamen to hold up their hands, and remain outside while the leader of the gang, with another man, entered the house. The two Chinamen were surprised while preparing the evening meal. Old Sam made a break for liberty, but was killed unconscious. After demolishing most everything of value in the house the robbers finally found the money hidden in a costly teakwood box.

Immediately after they had fled the Chinamen called up the police, and a posse soon started in pursuit, but at an early hour this morning no trace could be found.

WINTER WHALING IS SUCCESSFUL

STEAMER ORION TOOK SIX LEVIATHANS

Number of Passengers Arrive on Steamer Tees From West Coast.

The winter whaling has so far been a success. The steamer Tees, which arrived from the West Coast Tuesday, brought word that the steam whaler Orion had been operating at Sechart for a week and during that time had brought in six whales. All of these were caught in Alberni canal and are valued at seven to eight hundred dollars each. There are reported to be a number more whales in the canal which will doubtless be harpooned in the near future. The steamer St. Lawrence will join the Orion and both will operate for a time from the Sechart station.

The Tees made a very quick trip this time. She was away only about three days, going as far as Clayoquot. Among the passengers down the coast were Mr. and Mrs. Bergas, from Cloose; J. Biddle; Mr. Garrard, a brother of the operator at Toftino; Mrs. Macdonald, who joined the boat at Mosquito Harbor and who was taken to the hospital on her arrival here; Dr. Kerr, wife and family, of Alberni; Messrs. Willoughby and Southern, of Banfield; Misses Love and Denovan, on their way to school at New Westminster; Mr. Buckmaster, a prairie man, who is going up again on the next trip; and Mr. Williams, the hotel keeper at Port Renfrew.

Mr. Williams says there is a good deal of interest taken in real estate at Renfrew since the announcement of the railway going in. A number of people have been buying and the prices are going higher.

The Tees will have several days in port, leaving again on the 10th inst.

BUNKER COAL ADVANCES

Shipping Men Declare Rise in Price is a Serious Matter for Them.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—Bunker coal for steamers has been raised 50 cents a ton by the Pacific Coast Coal Company. This applies to the Black Diamond and Franklin coal mine run, a similar to that effect being issued yesterday advancing the rate at bunkers from \$3.50 to \$4 a ton. This coal, in addition to being used by the steamships, is also burned by hotels and apartment houses, and is the cheapest class of coal marketed.

"It is usual to advance coal in the winter time. Beyond that there is no significance to the advanced price," said Agent Gioia, of the coal company. "The reported coal shortage in San Francisco has nothing to do with the advance."

Shipping men, however, say the advance in coal of the sudden run class has not been the usual thing, and they point out that the sudden advance of one-seventh in the price of fuel is a serious matter for the shipping interests, particularly in the face of the small winter business.

Steamers operating from Seattle to Southwestern Alaska ports burn from 1,000 to 1,200 tons of coal on the round trip, all of which has to be taken aboard at Seattle, and this means to them an increased cost of from \$500 to \$650 a trip.

The steamship men are preparing a strong memorial to Washington state delegation to Washington to press for the early opening of coal areas in Alaska.

SHOT BY ROBBERS

Banker's Brother Fatally Wounded in Bank in Brooklyn.

New York, Jan. 6.—Two robbers, falling in their attempt to hold up the foreign money exchange bank of Henry Kern, in Brooklyn, to-day shot and mortally wounded the banker's brother, Sam Kern, who was overseeing the place.

The proprietor was out when the robbers entered. They leveled their revolvers at Sam Kern and ordered him to give them all the money on hand. Kern turned and fled. The robbers both fired at him, and ran to the street. Three clerks were in the bank at the time of the robbery and witnessed the shooting.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Liberal conventions to nominate candidates for the provincial legislature were held in Dauphin and Beautiful Plains yesterday. In the former Robert Cruise, president of the Liberal Association, was the choice and in the latter E. L. Davis.

DRUGGIST SENT TO JAIL

Toronto, Jan. 6.—F. E. Kern, druggist at Victoria and Queen streets, convicted for allowing girls to come into his place for improper purposes, was sentenced yesterday for six months in jail.

IS IMPROVING

Quebec, Jan. 5.—Alphonse Pelletier, lieutenant-governor, whose illness has caused some anxiety, is rapidly improving.



THE ROUGH ROAD TO OFFICE.

MERCHANT SHOT DEAD IN BED

DARING BLACK HAND MURDER IN CHICAGO

Leader of Gang Holds Woman While Comrades Kill Husband.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Jan. 6.—The boldest Black Hand murder in the history of Chicago was committed shortly after daylight to-day.

Three men entered the home of Benedetto Cienni, a rich Italian druggist merchant, held his wife off at the point of a revolver, and deliberately shot Cienni to death as he lay in bed.

Mrs. Cienni opened the door at the call of the Black Hand members. Three unidentified men entered. One of the men seized her and holding a revolver against her head, his companions entered the bedroom where the merchant lay sleeping.

Mrs. Cienni said she heard three shots and then the couple emerged, each holding a smoking revolver. She and the strangers left the house by the front door.

Rushing into the bedroom Mrs. Cienni found her husband dead with three bullet holes in his body.

Two years ago Charles Black Hand letters demanding the payment of \$5,000 on pain of death. He ignored the demand. A year ago the last letter was received.

The police believe that the murder had been planned a year ago, the assassins awaiting a favorable opportunity for carrying it out.

COLLINS REFUSES FOOD

Attorney, Serving Term for Bigamy, Is Ill in Penitentiary.

San Quentin, Cal. Jan. 6.—Wm. B. Eradbury, the aged millionaire, who is serving a term in San Quentin penitentiary on a charge of forgery, is reported to be dangerously ill. He is suffering from severe organic trouble and is in great pain.

In the cell next to Eradbury languishes George G. Collins, formerly a prominent attorney of this state, serving a sentence for bigamy. He is also ill and refuses food.

ALDERMAN DROPS DEAD

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 6.—Death came with terrible suddenness to Alderman A. H. Dalzell. He had boarded a car and came down town to hear election returns. Just before reaching Sandwich street he suddenly fell from the seat and died almost immediately. He had been a sufferer from angina pectoris for some time. He was a candidate for re-election and had been returned by a handsome majority.

RETIRED ADMIRAL DEAD

Llandudno, Wales, Jan. 6.—Rear-Admiral William Turnbull Burwell, U. S. navy, retired, died at an hotel here. He was on leave of absence from January 3rd of last year.

BLIZZARD CLAIMS VICTIMS OF PRAIRIES

Number of Persons Found Dead, While Others Are Missing.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—The blizzard of the last few days has claimed many victims, particularly along the Soo line. Among those dead or missing for several days are: Sheriff Whitehead, Weyburn; Jos. Clark, of Lang; Hilbert, a member of the Imperial parliament, and one of its champions. Dolan is touring America, advocating the development of Irish industries with the aid of Irish citizens. Industrial independence, he believes, will bring about the freedom of his native land.

Dolan is looking for American markets for Ireland's products. He urges upon all Irishmen to substitute Irish goods for those made in England. By refusing to purchase the products of England's industry and utilizing Ireland's output, one of the means toward welding the island into an industrial nation would have been accomplished.

Dolan stated that the Irish party got back of the Liberals in the present campaign in England because Prime Minister Asquith promised Ireland Home Rule if the party received Irish support. As to this, Dolan said, "I think Asquith's promise will be like so many others, and will amount to nothing after the election."

EXPLORER COOK SUFFERS RELAPSE

Sister-in-Law Declares He Cannot Stand Strain of Further Controversy.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 6.—Another member of the Cook family, this time Mrs. Josephine Dudley, a sister of the wife of the discredited explorer, has made a statement. Mrs. Dudley says Dr. Cook's nervous wreck, unable to think consecutively and that the reason he remains in hiding is that he could not stand the strain of further controversy.

"We are praying," says Mrs. Dudley, "that he will soon recover so that he may come forward and defend himself. Mrs. Cook is at her husband's side. She loves him and trusts him. There has been no quarrel, there never was any trouble between them about money."

Mrs. Dudley received a message to-day, she says, from Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, dated Copenhagen, and reading as follows: "Cable Fred's address at once. I must see him now."

The doctor has had a disheartening relapse, she said, and it is important that his seclusion shall not be disturbed. She says she is aware of the doctor's whereabouts, but will not say whether he is in this country or abroad.

THREE MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(Times Leased Wire.)
Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Three men were killed and nine frightfully burned in an explosion and fire that destroyed the plant of the Buffalo Cereal Company last night. The explosion occurred in the yellow corn mill. A concrete and brick elevator 140 feet high was shattered by the explosion and fell through the roof of the mill. It is said that eight of the injured men have slight chances of recovery.

BALFOUR'S SPEECH CHEERS FOLLOWERS

Liberals Deprecate Alarmist Address of Unionist Leaders and Declare People Are Refusing to Be Stampeded.

London, Jan. 6.—The Conservative claims that Mr. Balfour's statement that Germany is not prepared to allow Great Britain to adopt protection made in his reference to naval weakness, is worth many votes. The party, in fact, has been greatly heartened by the reappearance of the leader and his speech at Hanley. Liberals, on the other hand, deprecate a man in Mr. Balfour's position of responsibility dealing with "such serious stuff," as they allege his platform proposes, as "infinitely more impressive to Germany than any vainglorious assertion as to what we are going to do in the future."

One of the most responsible Liberal organs says: "It is the solid fact that our landed classes and rich men are on a strike against expenditure at the present moment. Just as Britain is watching Germany for evidence that the money strain is beginning to tell, so Germany is similarly watching her tariff independence, she believes, will bring about the freedom of his native land."

The people, the Liberals declare, are refusing to be stampeded by an invasion scare, and the majority believed the premier when he said the navy was unassailably supreme.

Lord Lansdowne, addressing a great meeting at Liverpool last night, responded to the demand for a scheme of reform of the House of Lords by the adoption of Lord Rosebery's proposal for a commission. His was opposed to an elected chamber because it would demand equal powers with the Commons. There, however, must be a check upon a raw Commons and a raw cabinet in order that the will of the people may prevail. Both parties should join for reform. The Lords opposed the budget on its own account and also because they did not want the country to be switched to another policy which he believed would be suicidal to Lancashire. He admitted that he looked with some hesitation upon a tariff reform, as there were enormous interests at stake, but Lancashire had nothing to lose from a system which would make foreigners pay for the use of our marts, even supposing prices were to rise a little. They could not risk much, he said, nobody talked about anything except a moderate scale of duties. The country would not have such a bad bargain, as the duties would have the effect of giving much needed revenue.

Nationalization of Railways.
Winston Churchill at Dundee, declared for the payment of members and nationalization of railways. Mr. Churchill said the Liberal plan taxed wealth, but the Conservative plan taxed wages. The Liberal plan taxed land values, the Conservative plan taxed bread and meat, manufactures and necessities, while the Liberal taxed luxuries.

Says Navy Scare Is Absurd.
Sir Edward Grey maintained that the navy had been fully maintained in a position to protect the country from any probable combination of fleets, while Mr. McKenna described the navy scare as absurd and ridiculous, and declared that no attempt was made to argue seriously. "How," he asked, "can we reason with rumor and reply to shrieks?"

Lloyd George has compelled Lord Saville to admit that he has no proof that the chancellor checked defeats of the army in South Africa. "I sat in the Commons."

The fierceness of the campaign is becoming accentuated. One thousand people at Stafford stormed the Unionist meeting, smashing windows and surging into the hall.

Peel Laureate's Letter.
Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate, last night issued an open letter, in which he pointed out that the present House of Lords includes 200 members who have served the country in the army and navy, 100 on the battlefield, 100 had been members of the House of Commons, and he declared it is impossible to call such a body unrepresentative.

Chancellor and Peers.
Lloyd George addressed two meetings and again chipped the peers. He said they had never worked so hard in their lives. Why were they risking their lives? They were wading through the valley of humiliation purely in order to find work for unemployed men. People would get work. It is true their wages would not come to as much, and would not go as far, but still they would have plenty of work. The peers, on the other hand, would have more profit and less work. London, he claimed, would give the lead to the rest of the country. It was asked why not copy Germany? Tariffs were driving the people of Germany into socialism by the millions. There were already three millions and at the next election there would be more made by the cruel tax on food. His budget more enlarged and revised the edition of Kipling's poem, "Duke's son, Cook's son, son of a belted Earl, pay, pay, pay." (Cheers.)

Earl Stanhope's Criticism.
Immediately following Lloyd George's

speech the Radical Chronicle quotes a caustic criticism of the guest by Earl Stanhope, who was a recent guest of Earl Grey at Ottawa. Lord Stanhope said: "Look at the methods of this chancellor of ours, this dignified successor of Mr. Gladstone. If you are a landlord, or possess anything of an income, he says you are a ruffian and a blackguard. If you vote Conservative you must be taxed, but if you are a soda-water manufacturer he said: 'My boy I know you have voted Liberal at every election. You are a benefactor to the race. You shall not be taxed.'"

"Turning next to the licensed victuallers, our chancellor says: 'You are a monster. You go Conservative, You shall be taxed out of existence.' But cocoa manufacturers who are the mainstay of Liberal journalism, and Liberal party funds he consoles by the assurance that they shall not only go tax free out continue to enjoy incidentally the protection of the present British food taxes."

Imports Increase.
John Burns said the government's opponents were singing a dirge over the decline and fall of Great Britain, but in the year which followed the formation of Chamberlain imports had increased from \$548,000,000 to \$546,000,000, and exports had shown correspondingly great increases. Not a nation in modern times has shown such vitality and progress as Great Britain.

Home Rule.
Lord Crew said the electors were asked to sell their constitutional birth-right for a mess of protectionist portage.

Walter Long at Belfast said Home Rule meant destruction of the property of the people of Ireland. He recalled the words of Lord Randolph Churchill: "Ulster will fight; Ulster will be right." Those were awful words, it might in future be said of them, and the choice was as terrible as civil war. With all his heart he prayed God to avoid anything so terrible.

(Concluded on page 4.)

JOHN BURNS IS VICTIM OF ASSAULT

Attacked by Unidentified Man After Political Meeting.

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 6.—John Burns, M. P., was assaulted after his Staffordshire meeting last night by an unidentified man, according to dispatches received to-day. Burns was entering his auto after making a political speech in a town hall when his assailant sprang upon him from the crowd on the sidewalk and struck him several times with his fist.

The assailant then made good his escape and disappeared in the crowd. Burns was not seriously hurt but suffered a number of bruises and cuts on his face.

NICARAGUAN CAPITAL EXPECTS PEACE SOON

One of the Insurgent Leaders Will Discuss Situation With President.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Managua, Jan. 6.—Managua is jubilant to-day over the prospect of early peace. President Madriz made public last evening a telegram which he had received from General Purnos Diaz, one of the leaders in Estrada's insurgent army, saying that he was leaving Rama for Managua to discuss the situation with the president. General Purnos Diaz is to assume command of the government forces at Acosajagua, where an engagement with the insurgent army, now moving westward, may take place soon. Members of the local Red Cross branch have gone to Bluefields, where remain many prisoners taken by General Estrada in the battle of Rama.

President Madriz has begun personal investigation of the execution of the Americans, Groce and Cannon, with the object of fixing the responsibility. Salomon Selva, who appeared as government prosecutor before the court martial, will be found equally responsible with Zelaya. It is expected.

SUDDEN DEATH

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 6.—S. M. Thompson, a well-known citizen, fell unconscious on Dalhousie street and was carried into an office nearby and died immediately.

NEW YEAR

old, new, makes portend, health to you hundred ten

FORM

chair, of the Woodbury, refused to steer his vessel to Vancouver, and the Kestrel towed her to Bull Harbor instead.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING THURSDAY EVENING

Mr. J. S. Clarke of Vancouver Wedded to Miss Dunn of This City.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn, Cadboro Bay road on Thursday when their eldest daughter, Miss Isabel Dunn, was united in marriage to Mr. J. S. Clarke, principal of South Hill school, Vancouver. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph McCoy, of Knox Presbyterian church. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of crepe de chene over white satin and carried a bouquet of roses. Miss Alice Dunn, the bride's sister, was bridesmaid. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Vancouver, was groomsmen. The bride was the recipient of very many handsome gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke left for Seattle on their wedding trip and will take up their home in Vancouver.

OTTAWA PHYSICIAN DEAD

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Dr. W. C. Beaman, one of the leading physicians of Ottawa, died rather unexpectedly yesterday. He had been ill, but trips abroad it was thought had restored his health.

ELITE STUDIO

640 FORT STREET, Opposite Royal Hotel.
DEVELOPING AND ENLARGING FOR AMATEURS.
Portraits, Post Cards, Lantern Slides, Photos copied and colored.

Helps Itself to Ink

While the other fellow prepares to load his fountain pen with a mussy dropper, the Conklin helps itself to ink at the nearest ink-well and goes writing merrily on. To fill.

CONKLIN'S Self-Filling Fountain Pen

Just dip in any ink and press the Crescent-Filler. No ink besmeared fingers. Writes so smoothly and easily that you simply hate to stop—all of which makes the Conklin a wonderful pen.

We are sole Agents for these best and most reliable Fountain Pens. Every Pen we sell is as represented or your money refunded.

W. H. WILKERSON THE JEWELLER

915 Government St. Tel. 1608

COURT OF APPEAL WAS OPENED ON TUESDAY

Notable Gathering of Members of Legal Profession---Attorney General Bowser and Hon. C. E. Pooley Congratulate Judges.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) This is a British Columbia. This morning the first sitting of the new Court of Appeal was opened in the Supreme courtroom at the law courts, and the occasion saw a gathering of members of the legal profession such as has never been seen here before.

Among them were Hon. W. J. Bowser, K. C., attorney-general of B. C.; H. A. Maclean, K. C., deputy attorney-general; Hon. C. E. Pooley, treasurer of the Law Society of B. C.; Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C.; W. J. Taylor, K. C., H. D. Helmcken, K. C., A. E. McPhillips, K. C., A. F. Luxton, K. C., Fred Peters, K. C., S. Perry Mills, K. C., G. H. Barnard, K. C., M. P. R. T. Elliott, K. C., L. G. McPhillips, K. C., E. V. Bodwell, K. C., A. D. Taylor, K. C., J. A. Harvey, K. C., Stuart Henderson. Others present were Sheriff Richards, John Jardine, M. P. E. Dr. Hall, ex-M. P. P., Chief Langley, R. L. Drury, H. A. Mann.

The members of the court entered promptly at 11 o'clock. Chief Justice Macdonald had seated on his left Mr. Justice Martin and on his right Mr. Justice Irving, who takes the position of senior puisne judge. To the right of the latter sat Mr. Justice Gallihier. In simple formula Registrar Brian H. T. Drake declared the Court of Appeal in session.

Attorney-General's Welcome. The Attorney-General, addressing the court, said: "Your lordships, on behalf of the Bar of the province, I wish to extend to you our hearty congratulations on the position you occupy as the first judges in our new Court of Appeal. Two of your members have, by their past positions, placed themselves in such a position that we can judge of their work, and we can be assured that the same care which has characterized them in

General, very especially indeed for the very kind words you have used towards myself. I remember that we entered the legislature together, and while our courses have not run along the same lines and we have not seen eye to eye I am glad that you are the first to voice congratulations to me on this occasion.

"A question has arisen affecting the status with regard to precedence of my three brother judges. In framing the act under which this court is constituted it was apparently not foreseen that the appointment of the three puisne judges would be made by one order in council, thus making their appointment simultaneous.

"The Court of Appeal act provides that these members of the court shall have rank and precedence amongst themselves in order of seniority of appointment, and as there was no seniority of appointment it became necessary for us to adjust the difficulty. I am very glad to be able to say that my brother judges have approached the question in a most generous spirit, and while we are not unanimous that the statute should be construed as I have indicated, yet the majority are of the opinion that reading the statute and order in council together a condition of things not provided for has arisen, viz., that the three puisne judges of this court are of equal rank and precedence.

"To overcome this defect, a defect which might seriously interfere with the business of the court, my brothers, Martin and Gallihier, have happily solved the difficulty by consenting that my brother, Irving, shall exercise the functions of senior-justice judge."

Treasurer of Benchers. Hon. C. E. Pooley, on behalf of the Benchers of the Law Society and the local practitioners, welcomed their lordships to their high and honorable position and expressed gratification that the Appellate Court was at last



CHIEF JUSTICE MACDONALD, OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, NOW SITTING.

the past will also be found in the future. As to your lordships the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gallihier, we recognize that you have had no former judicial experience, but we look forward to the ability and attention you gave to your work in the future to your duties.

"I may be permitted, my lord the Chief Justice, I would recall that we both entered public life in 1902, and I am in a position to attest as to the ability and attention you gave to your work in the legislature, and therefore I can anticipate with a great deal of confidence your performance of your duties in your present sphere.

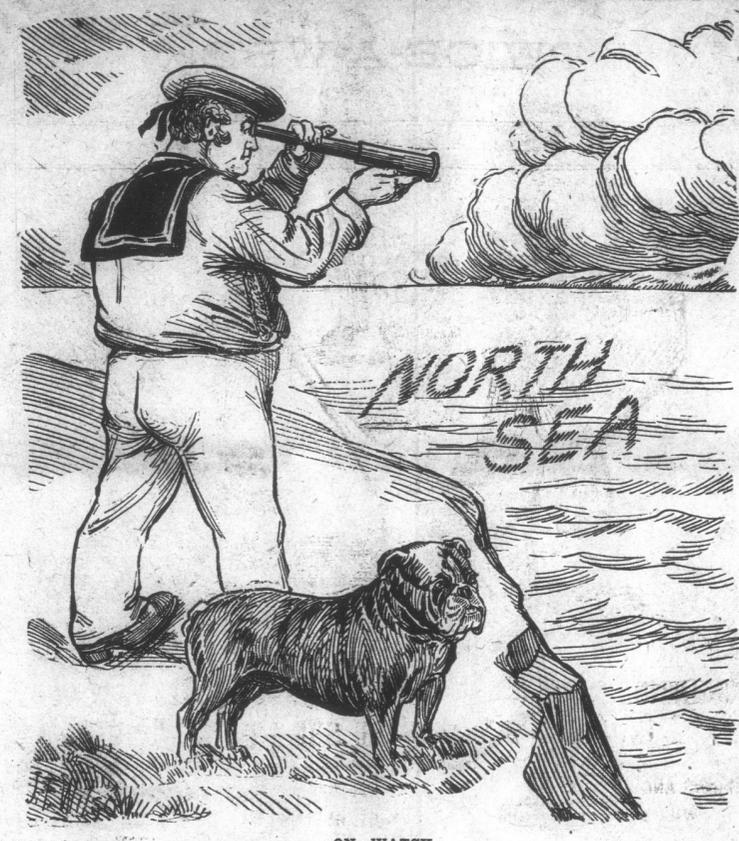
"The public of the province have been looking forward for some time to the opening of this court, and we feel that its work will be done with due expedition, and in that I promise you the co-operation of the profession. I would express to your lordships our best wishes for 1910 and our hope that you may be long spared to grace the Bench."

work. They now looked forward to business being carried on in a way which would not lead to delays of justice, such as had been brought by causes over which the judges of the Supreme Court had no control, but which were very vexatious to the profession.

Mr. Pooley mentioned that forty-seven years ago to-day he began in connection with the Bar of British Columbia, and he had thus seen the administration of justice develop from the time when there was one judge, one acting-registrar (himself) and one constable. There were also five or six gentlemen through the province, without legal training, who acted as local judges, all of whom conducted business in such a way as to give the administration of justice in British Columbia a high name. This happy condition had always existed and the Bar of to-day had no doubt that the justices of appeal would continue the same high traditions. On behalf of the Bar he wished their lordships a happy New Year and a long judicial career.

The list was then called over, there being sixty-nine cases set down on it, and to these ten more were added. The bulk of the appeals were from the Mainland and these were, with one or two exceptions, adjourned to the sitting in Vancouver in April. There are about twenty appeals to be argued here.

Chief Justice Macdonald stated that the court was quite willing to hold a special sitting in Vancouver on the completion of their work here, for the purpose of bearing any cases that would have come up at the November sitting had the Full Court remained in existence.



ON WATCH.

County court, arising out of a case in which he had given evidence as to some stray cows. For the prisoner, E. B. Ross contended that the prisoner had been convicted on verbal evidence of what took place before the police magistrate, and that this was improper.

Deputy Attorney-General Maclean, for the crown, contended that the conviction was perfectly regular. The argument will be continued this afternoon.

POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

POINTS RAISED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

No New Work Can Be Ordered During Last Days.

When does a civic administration die? Has it the right to transact all public business until its successor has taken office? At what date does a city council, about to relinquish office, cease to be empowered to incur a financial liability which will not be met until a new board has succeeded it?

These very interesting questions were raised at Monday's meeting of the city council, when a motion by Alderman Turner was presented and they were not answered to that gentleman's satisfaction at all.

Ald. Turner's resolution provided that local improvement work in the way of boulevarding with curbs and gutters be laid on both sides of Harbinger avenue, between Richardson street and Fairfield road, the owners to pay four-fifths of the cost.

On the motion being read the mayor pointed out that it would be just as well to let the matter stand over for the new council. There was a doubt about the power of the present board in the last days of its administration to order this work done.

On Ald. Turner appealing to the city solicitor, that gentleman said there was a doubt about the right of the council to order new work at this time, and therefore the matter had better stand over. While there is nothing in the Municipal Clauses Act which says the council shall not exercise full powers conferred by the act from the date of its election until the election of a new board, nevertheless the best authorities were of the opinion that these powers should be a limitation.

This led Ald. Turner to remark that in the opinion of the city solicitor "this council is dead." Mayor Hall: "Not exactly dead, but dying." (Laughter.) Certifying his worship said that it appeared to be the opinion of the city solicitor, who had been consulted in the matter, that the council in its last days should confine itself to routine work. New legislative work ought not to be undertaken. In the case in hand the work outlined would call for the issue of debentures, and if the present council undertook to pass on the work it would be infringing on the work of the revenue of the incoming council.

TO SUE CITY FOR DAMAGES

PACIFIC WAGON WORKS ASK FOR \$3,000

Alleged That Tearing Up of Government Street Caused Loss.

The city is threatened with a law suit which if proved with will determine the right of the corporation to proceed with street improvement work regardless of the inconvenience which may be caused business men along the thoroughfare affected by such work. At Monday's meeting of the council a letter was read from C. W. Bradshaw, barrister and solicitor, informing the board that his client, the Pacific Wagon Works Company, doing business on Government street, corner of Chatham, had instructed him to take action against the city to recover the sum of \$3,000 damages which they had suffered in consequence of the tearing up of the thoroughfare. His clients had complained that the street had been made impassable and left out of repair for an unreasonable length of time, with the consequence that the business had suffered very materially.

Mr. Bradshaw ventured the opinion that while it was clear that the city had the distinct right to tear up any street in order to effect repairs or improvements, it was not clear that it had the right to so prosecute this work as to work a hardship upon any business. In the case in point it would be contended that the city had no reason for proceeding with work on both sides of the street simultaneously, with the result that it was impossible for teams to get out of or into the premises of the Pacific Wagon Works Company.

On it being suggested that the communication ought to be referred to the city solicitor for report to the incoming council, Ald. Ross remarked: "That's right, we ought to establish a kind of sanitarium for all the lawyers in the city. This will mean more work for the lawyers."

It was decided to let the incoming council deal with the matter.

EXPLORER COOK MAY GO TO DENMARK

Lonsdale Says He Has Been in Communication With Brookline Physician.

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—The announcement of Secretary Lonsdale, who bore the Polar star of Dr. Cook to Copenhagen, that he has been in personal communication with the explorer, has given rise to the hope that Cook will come to Denmark and appear personally before the committee of the university that recently rejected his claims as the discoverer of the north pole.

FOUND MURDERED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Morgan Schivley, a conductor on the San Gabriel line of the Pacific Electric railway, was stabbed to death in the home of George A. Stone, where he lived at San Gabriel. Schivley's nude body was found in a gully a block from the Stone home. A bloody trail led from a

ALBERNI LANDS BEING CLEARED

CONTRACT LET FOR EIGHT HUNDRED ACRES

C. P. R. Anxious to Build Terminals and Shops on Reserve.

The C. P. R. will continue their land-clearing operations on Vancouver Island. Recently a contract was let for the clearing of 800 acres in the Alberni valley, which will be placed on the market as soon as it is ready. This will mean a good deal to that place, and is an indication that the C. P. R. have a good deal of faith in the future of Alberni. The work is also being continued at French Creek.

Speaking on the railway building into Alberni, R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P. R., said this morning that the work had now been all sublet and would be pushed as fast as possible. Not only was the work being continued on both ends but every contractor has started on his particular section. The result will be that it will not be long before the work is completed. The rails will be laid to Cameron Lake by May.

Mr. Marpole is here for a double purpose. He intends to formally present his objections to the Grand Trunk docks before the committee of the board of trade, and he is also taking the opportunity of impressing upon them the necessity of aiding the company in securing terminal rights on the Indian Reserve.

"As soon as we secure a location on the reserve," said Mr. Marpole, "we shall erect our terminal buildings there, remove the machine shops from Wellington, and make Victoria the centre for our Island system. Wellington is not at all convenient for us and we should like to come here if only we could secure the necessary site. I think that the board of trade and the people of Victoria should help to bring pressure on order to have the part of the reserve we require expropriated. You can see for yourself how we are tied up."

Mr. Marpole also spoke of the advantage the hotel addition would be to the city. The company is at present advising for tenders and will push the work as fast as possible.

COLD IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—It was fifty below at Brandon last night and 38 at Winnipeg, official registration.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY VALUE.

Calgary, Jan. 4.—Evidence of value in newspaper publicity comes in the statement of Doctors Griffin and Barclay, formerly of Greensburg, Penn., but now of Strathmore. They were first interested in Alberta by articles written by Frank Carpenter. After that they purchased large holdings, and now report that their crops this year returned them \$30 to \$25 per acre, and on land costing \$15 per acre.

WOMAN ASPHYXIATED.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Ethel Irwin, wife of General Manager P. E. Irwin of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, who came here recently from Salt Lake, was found dead in her bath room here. She was asphyxiated accidentally by gas from a heater.

OVER THOUSAND MEETINGS DAILY

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN BRITISH CAMPAIGN

Chancellor of Exchequer Makes Flying Visit to London.

London, Jan. 4.—The election campaign is entering upon its final and fiercest stage. Over a thousand political meetings daily will be held in Great Britain during this week. Nobody can compute the number of leaflets that will be distributed or the area of wall space that will be covered with posters.

All the party leaders will be actively engaged. Mr. Balfour speaks at Hanley to-day. Mr. Lloyd George is making a round of the metropolis, with a flying visit to Plymouth. Mr. Churchill will visit Dundee on the seventh. Numerous meetings to be addressed by peers, members of parliament and candidates have been arranged by the Conservative central office. The peers will be especially active, 24 speaking to-day and twenty-five on Thursday.

The election in York promises to be keen, and the result is difficult to predict. There are 500 military voters of the Seventeenth Lancers who come on the register. Unionists hope for their support. Mr. Churchill's writing of Hamar Greenwood, says: "As a Canadian, well known and well liked throughout Canada, he has a special responsibility at this juncture."

Premier Roblin's speech is widely quoted, and appears most opportunely on the morning of the publication of Lloyd George's declaration at Reading, when he said: "Our colonial brethren have been watching this budget with great interest, and have been expressing their opinions very fully. They are all thoroughly ashamed of their lordly friends for the way in which they are declining to face the responsibility to pay up like men. I think that on the whole our tariff reform friends are rather glad our kinsmen beyond the seas are not here to take part in the election."

The Daily Express, under the heading "Colonial Premier Refutes Lloyd George," set the foregoing passage in parallel columns with Premier Roblin's fears of the result if the Socialists dominate the British parliament and his argument for the necessity for a general recognition within the Empire of preference for Great Britain over foreigners.

The Standard heads its special report "Danger to Empire Over Premier's Appeal Against Socialist Influences." Radical papers have not published any report of Premier Roblin's speech, though they report fully Lloyd George's representations that the colonies are wholly on his side.

As election day approaches, the statements of free lances on each side are growing more reckless. After reading the Radical papers one would really imagine that the Germans in their poverty had no other food than horse-flesh, dog sausages and bitter black bread. A gruesome picture is drawn of a German eating diseased horses and a musty black loaf, to which smart Unionist speakers reply: "The Germans who eat horse flesh and rye bread do so because they prefer it. The German people generally do not live on dejected British workmen."

The United States is being pictured as overflooding with destitute unemployed, "ten millions in California alone," one enterprising journal announces, while those who have work are represented in the Chronicle as paying 20 to 40 per cent higher for food than a few years ago, owing to the trusts. The Manchester Guardian makes great play with what he calls "the American anti-tariff revolt."

Winston Churchill, in a published letter written to a Radical candidate on official board of trade paper, makes the most of these horseflesh and other stories, especially emphasizing American unemployment during the 1907-08 financial collapse.

The Express correspondent, cabling from New York, reports great amusement caused by Lloyd George's description of America as a protectionist Eden, with the serpent of hunger, want and unemployment hissing in every part of the land. In reply reports are cabled from Federation of Labor representatives at 123 of the principal American industrial centres declaring that work is steady, the unemployment problem non-existent and prosperity general.

In comparison with this foreign hunger scare, the peers have dropped into the background, although yesterday the Daily News gives the following in bold type: "Horatio Nelson, the victor of Trafalgar, had a brother, who had a nephew, who had a son, who is at present Lord Nelson. This lordly person has received a pension of \$5,000 sterling per annum for 67 years. This sum, together with moderate interest, amounts to more than \$50,000 sterling. For what? Because he had a brother who had an uncle who had a brother named Horatio Nelson. He voted against old age pensions for the aged poor."

What in fact Lord Nelson scheme was the German contributory scheme by which through the co-operation of employer and state the workmen's old-age pension would have been obtainable at sixty instead of seventy, and for ten or twelve shillings weekly instead of five.

CITY ENGINEER'S PARTING SHOT

C. H. TOPP SPEAKS PLAINLY TO COUNCIL

Declares That Street Work is Impeded by Lack of System.

"Referred to the incoming council. Such was the course pursued at Monday's meeting of the city council, coming before it that morning in the case of a communication received from the city engineer, and a motion by Ald. Turner that certain works of local improvement be ordered, there was a debate on the business in hand. In regard to the letter from Mr. Topp, to the statement contained therein to the effect that the city council had acted in ordering street work as to impose a hardship upon the engineering staff."

Mr. Topp points out some of the causes which have delayed several of the by-laws from being closed up. The work, included in local improvement by-laws, are passed by the council in such a manner that the macadam roads and permanent walks are lunched together, and the consequence has been that the sidewalk work has been carried out in advance of the other work, there were complete plants for such sidewalk work and material available, while on the other hand the macadam roadways have had to lay over for want of sufficient apparatus, etc., and road-making material to carry out that class of work. Mr. Topp has always been of the opinion that sidewalk construction and macadam roadways should be included in separate by-laws, and also that the work should be kept in districts as much as possible. Unless this is done no system or economy can be expected in the carrying out of local improvements. In a great many cases the resolutions to undertake works are passed by the council without any consideration of expeditiously carrying out the work, and after the reports are laid before the council several works are grouped into by-laws without the engineer's office being consulted as to the adaptability of such works being carried out to the best advantage, etc., and in conjunction with another.

On a motion being made that the letter be referred to the incoming council, Ald. Fullerton objected to the suggestion made by Mr. Topp that the council had tied his hands. He thought it was for the engineer to say that his department had no knowledge of the various kinds of street work that was being ordered done.

Mayor Hall corrected Ald. Fullerton. The engineer was not complaining about the nature of the work ordered in various by-laws, but to the grouping of streets in different parts of the city in one by-law.

Ald. Fullerton stuck to his guns and declared that if any embarrassment ensued in the engineer's department it was the fault of the city engineer, and that officials must know all about the work from the time of its inception. In fact, in his opinion, the engineer knew more about the street work and the manner in which it was going to be executed than any member of the board.

Ald. Henderson also thought that the complaint of the city engineer was a little far-fetched. When he (Ald. Henderson) was chairman of the streets committee he had invariably consulted with the city engineer in respect to the manner in which the street work was going to be executed. The motion to refer the matter to the incoming council, was then passed.

EXONERATES THE CHIEF.

Police Commission of Cranbrook Investigates Charges.

Cranbrook, Jan. 3.—Rev. Robert Hughes, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been publishing from time to time recently a paper called the Searchlight, the last issue of which contained a serious charge against Cury A. Dow, chief of the city police. A sworn investigation of the charges was called for by Mr. Dow before the police commissioners, Mayor Fink, Jas. Ryan and D. J. Johnson. The inquiry opened on December 21st, when Mr. Hughes produced six witnesses in support of his allegations.

The inquiry was postponed in order to afford Mr. Hughes the opportunity to produce witnesses, and on being resumed, A. J. Fisher of Fernie, appeared as counsel for Mr. Hughes, who stated that he got the information from what he considered a reliable source but had not verified it at the time of publication. He offered no evidence in substantiation of the allegation for which he said he took the fullest responsibility. He admitted writing the article and publishing the paper in which it appeared. He said it was all meant for the public good. He produced no witnesses.

The chief of police on oath gave the most positive denial of the whole matter and was subjected by Mr. Fisher to a cross-examination in which counsel was permitted by the commissioners the widest possible latitude. After the commissioners had consulted for about five minutes they entirely exonerated the chief of police.

BUILDING AT CALGARY.

Calgary, Jan. 4.—Building returns for the year past total \$2,490,622. This merely represents eighty per cent of the value of the buildings erected. Building Inspector Harrison announces that in 1910 the permits issued will total at least four millions. This estimate is considered very conservative in well-informed circles. Permits issued during December show an increase of 240 over the same month last year. Revision of the building by-laws is now taking place, with a view to meeting present requirements.

TARIFF

Balfour De Will Decr - Britai

London, Jan. 5.—Mr. Hanley last night confirmed himself to and tariff reform. He believed that Gern would not come if diplomats of less share this view. Britain was in a the navy which within tariff reform to press naval seas was threatened future.

"I don't believe," is going to be was try and any pr Heaven knows I don't believe it, that absolutely you can secure a victory if war tar The empire exi anco, he said, if I reason the memos sufferance.

Mr. Balfour, con Germans not com erment, but men mentioned actual to say: "Do you should ever allow adopt tariff reform to press private coly, he said this m was nearly as ne our productive c socialistic, d edy socialistic, d edence without wh was an absolute. As to the tariff where a tariff had been increased import trade. "The such confidence of the council. On the increase employm classes, while the ing the budget of the welfare of the Balfour said neglected the cha ge and patrioti give them they selves deserved. Concluding, Mr. lieve that tariff point of inhabita is by far the bes Nothing will be producers, and I beyond the seas, overseas have a freely, the value They have Are you going to

He refused to a party which who were their a plain step for clo with scorn the in Land

The campaign phase with the putting emphasis proposals. He b icy, which, as a priors of small popular, the value taxes. In the Monday, he says ly think land ex except in the cas To make him a credit may be l a different polic Britain. Here, treated almost a Indulge in sh Nothing shall be number of own clever way of ge for the English already inclined privileges of the

Questio Leader-baiting of the moment. hand at avoidin closure of detail berlain's ideas, of some of the of the party officials of Now it is Pr Yesterday Sir V eyes of the by "bery" instent your policy res Lords." Three rested, namely, claiming ending Socialist and t supporters. Als porting either Lord Roschery's holding that the ing a second ch sentative, and the importance of the Grey, he verbal ahead of Mr. favor of an chamber.

Power There meant Ing, which mean of the Lords, v sition of the bo

CITY ENGINEER'S PARTING SHOT

H. TOPP SPEAKS PLAINLY TO COUNCIL Declares That Street Work is Impeded by Lack of System.

Referred to the incoming council, which was the course pursued at Monday's meeting of the city council...

On a motion being made that the letter be referred to the incoming council, Ald. Fullerton objected to the suggestion made by Mr. Topp...

Ald. Fullerton stuck to his guns and declared that if any embarrassment ensued in the engineer's hands...

Ald. Henderson also thought that the complaint of the city engineer was a little far-fetched...

EXONERATES THE CHIEF

Police Commission of Cranbrook Investigates Charges. Cranbrook, Jan. 3. - Rev. Robert Hughes, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been publishing from time to time recently a paper called Searchlight...

BUILDING AT CALGARY

Calgary, Jan. 4. - Building returns for the year past total \$2,420,452. This represents eighty per cent. of the value of the buildings erected...

TARIFF REFORM WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

Balfour Declares Principles Underlying Budget Will Decrease Welfare of Working Classes - Britain's Naval Supremacy Threatened.

London, Jan. 5. - A. J. Balfour, speaking at Hanley last night, said he would continue himself to the navy, socialism and tariff reform...

Mr. Balfour, continuing, alleged that Germany had not connected with the government, but men of position and character, when they heard tariff reform mentioned...

Mr. Balfour said that if the people neglected the chance which the courage and patriotism of the lords had given them they would bring on themselves deserved misfortune...

The campaign enters on its last phase with the passing of the last proposals. He believes that this policy, which, as previously explained, aims at creating a large class of proprietors of small holdings...

Leader-baiting is the political sport of the moment. Mr. Balfour is an old hand at avoiding any premature disclosure of details of his policy...

It is understood that not a few schemes, fulfilling in part Mr. Chamberlain's ideas, are filed away in treasury pigeon holes with the imprimatur of some of the highest of British treasury officials of past years...

Power of the Lords. There remains the policy of empowering, which means curtailing the powers of the Lords, while leaving the composition of the house alone...

Radical member of parliament asserts that Mr. Asquith, speaking in the presence of several members of the cabinet, told him the probable method would be to demand from the King a letter accepting a condition...

Another significant defection is announced. John Duffy, Socialist leader of the Independent Labor party at Gateshead, has resigned the vice-chairmanship of that party...

Mr. Balfour, continuing, alleged that Germany had not connected with the government, but men of position and character, when they heard tariff reform mentioned...

Mr. Balfour said that if the people neglected the chance which the courage and patriotism of the lords had given them they would bring on themselves deserved misfortune...

The campaign enters on its last phase with the passing of the last proposals. He believes that this policy, which, as previously explained, aims at creating a large class of proprietors of small holdings...

Leader-baiting is the political sport of the moment. Mr. Balfour is an old hand at avoiding any premature disclosure of details of his policy...

It is understood that not a few schemes, fulfilling in part Mr. Chamberlain's ideas, are filed away in treasury pigeon holes with the imprimatur of some of the highest of British treasury officials of past years...

Power of the Lords. There remains the policy of empowering, which means curtailing the powers of the Lords, while leaving the composition of the house alone...

Two Killed by Train. Sherbrook, Que., Jan. 5. - Jimmy Woods and Charles Howard, of Megantic, were killed by a train at Echovale Crossing, near here, yesterday. They did not hear the approaching train.



THE WIND-UP OF THE HOLIDAYS.

COUNTING CHANCES IN ELECTION

BURNS AND BUXTON WILL HAVE HARD FIGHT Other Members of Cabinet Considered to Hold Safe Seats.

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 5. - With the beginning of the new year, the smouldering fires of the English political campaign have burst forth into a heat and a torrent of speech-making...

Mr. Chamberlain, in another of his daily epistles, says the agriculturists want such legislation in order to enable them to become owners of the soil they till.

William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Broad street hall.

St. Catharine, Jan. 5. - R. Hoople, aged 89 years, a son of the first white man who ever piloted a steamship through the St. Lawrence river...

Montreal, Jan. 5. - Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending December 31st, increased \$121,973.

SCOTLAND STANDS WHERE SHE DID

IS ALMOST SOLID FOR THE GOVERNMENT Unionists Admit Proposal to Tax Food is Unpopular.

Edinburgh, Jan. 5. - Central officers of the Liberal party yesterday again expressed the opinion that politically Scotland stands as in the last House, almost solid for the government.

Mr. Chamberlain, in another of his daily epistles, says the agriculturists want such legislation in order to enable them to become owners of the soil they till.

William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Broad street hall.

St. Catharine, Jan. 5. - R. Hoople, aged 89 years, a son of the first white man who ever piloted a steamship through the St. Lawrence river...

Montreal, Jan. 5. - Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending December 31st, increased \$121,973.

COAL FAMINE NOW FEARED

COLD WAVE DEMORALIZES RAILWAY TRAFFIC Two More Deaths Are Reported in Western States.

(Times Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., Jan. 5. - The cold wave of the last few days, which has resulted in at least ten deaths in Western states and has partially tied up nearly every railroad, threatens to bring on a coal famine throughout the entire middle West.

Mr. Chamberlain, in another of his daily epistles, says the agriculturists want such legislation in order to enable them to become owners of the soil they till.

William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Broad street hall.

St. Catharine, Jan. 5. - R. Hoople, aged 89 years, a son of the first white man who ever piloted a steamship through the St. Lawrence river...

Montreal, Jan. 5. - Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending December 31st, increased \$121,973.

CANADIAN NORTHERN OFFICIALS ARE HERE

Wm. Mackenzie, Who Arrived Last Evening, Says Immediate Inquiries Will be Made Regarding Vancouver Island Connection.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Victoria has as guest to-day one of the foremost railway builders on the continent of America in the person of William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company...

The purpose of the visit is to confer with Premier McBride and his colleagues of the government respecting the details of the contract for the extension of the Canadian Northern railway through British Columbia to the coast cities.

Mr. Mackenzie, who arrived last evening, says that he has a great future. That the Canadian Northern would have a hand in its development to an important degree he did not doubt.

Mr. Mackenzie displayed a keen interest in the construction of the pipe line in the right-of-way of the railway to Barkley Sound. While here a conference would be had with A. T. Goward, the local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway on that point.

Asked if, in the event of the negotiations with the government proving satisfactory to all concerned, there would be an early start on the construction of the line through British Columbia, Mr. Mackenzie said that the enterprise was a larger one than most people seemed to assume, and as construction would be difficult in such a rough country as British Columbia, it could not be taken in hand until that alacrity that characterized railway construction on the prairies, it should not be forgotten, either, that the financing of the proposition was a task which would necessarily occupy some time.

Waterloo, S. D., Jan. 5. - The town of Castlewood, 18 miles south of here, narrowly missed being wiped out by fire of unknown origin last night. The entire south side of Main street is ashes. The loss amounts to \$180,000. Twelve buildings were destroyed by the fire, which, fanned by a high wind, spread rapidly.

Montreal, Jan. 5. - The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has decided to remove the surcharge placed two years ago on Montreal risks, owing to the enlarged pumping capacity and the generally improved conditions. The decision was expressed at the meeting that the men of the Montreal fire brigade were not in the physical trim required for their arduous duties, and did not give evidence of good and steady drill.

Victoria has as guest to-day one of the foremost railway builders on the continent of America in the person of William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company...

The purpose of the visit is to confer with Premier McBride and his colleagues of the government respecting the details of the contract for the extension of the Canadian Northern railway through British Columbia to the coast cities.

Mr. Mackenzie, who arrived last evening, says that he has a great future. That the Canadian Northern would have a hand in its development to an important degree he did not doubt.

Mr. Mackenzie displayed a keen interest in the construction of the pipe line in the right-of-way of the railway to Barkley Sound. While here a conference would be had with A. T. Goward, the local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway on that point.

Asked if, in the event of the negotiations with the government proving satisfactory to all concerned, there would be an early start on the construction of the line through British Columbia, Mr. Mackenzie said that the enterprise was a larger one than most people seemed to assume, and as construction would be difficult in such a rough country as British Columbia, it could not be taken in hand until that alacrity that characterized railway construction on the prairies, it should not be forgotten, either, that the financing of the proposition was a task which would necessarily occupy some time.

Waterloo, S. D., Jan. 5. - The town of Castlewood, 18 miles south of here, narrowly missed being wiped out by fire of unknown origin last night. The entire south side of Main street is ashes. The loss amounts to \$180,000. Twelve buildings were destroyed by the fire, which, fanned by a high wind, spread rapidly.

Montreal, Jan. 5. - The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has decided to remove the surcharge placed two years ago on Montreal risks, owing to the enlarged pumping capacity and the generally improved conditions. The decision was expressed at the meeting that the men of the Montreal fire brigade were not in the physical trim required for their arduous duties, and did not give evidence of good and steady drill.



WILLIAM MACKENZIE, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Twice-a-Week Times Published every Tuesday and Friday by THE STATES PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO., LIMITED.

A SCANDALOUS APPOINTMENT. Little fault will be found with the appointment by the McBride government of a commission to revise the statutes of British Columbia.

There is little doubt that the announcement of the personnel of the commission appointed to undertake the important work of revising the statutes will cause consternation in the ranks of the legal profession.

There is little doubt that the announcement of the personnel of the commission appointed to undertake the important work of revising the statutes will cause consternation in the ranks of the legal profession.

A PIT FOR THEIR OWN FEET.

The Lords are quite busy defending their course on the hustings. And yet the strongest and the ablest lordings of them all admit the imperative necessity of reforms which will have the effect of limiting and curtailing the powers of the purple chamber.

AND THE PRESS.

The press has no more achieved political freedom than the record of events leading up to such high achievements.

Great Britain is the method which shall be adopted of raising revenue commensurate with the requirements of the situation.

One fact is established by the political history of Great Britain, and that is that the Lords or the privileged classes have always been opposed to "light." Previous to the enfranchisement of the "common people" taxes were levied upon windows.

William Edward Gladstone, publicist and litterateur, was born on December 29th, 1809. That fact has caused much to be written about him during the past week and no feature is more interesting than the account of his fight with the House of Lords over penny newspapers.

By a law of the year 1836, there was an inland revenue tax of a penny on every copy of a newspaper printed in Great Britain and an additional tax of sixpence on every advertisement in the paper.

Mr. Gladstone became the champion of the penny rag, and in 1860 brought in a bill to abolish the paper duties. The bill was read by a majority of fifty-three, the bill reading by nine.

ALAS! POOR COOK.

Our readers will remember that the famous Dr. Cook announced on his return from the Arctic regions that he had wrenched the north pole from its firm base, inserted a brass plate in its stead, and brought the unique trophy, decorated with an American flag, home to the United States.

Columbia, and very few of them will bury themselves in obscurity. We found out. We are consequently inclined to sympathize with Dr. Cook, impostor, liar and perjurer though he may be, now that the newspapers which were the first to accept his story and to glorify the nation because of his alleged discovery are the loudest and most severe in their condemnation.

COMBINES AND CONSUMERS.

Now it is the unassuming and industrious, and it must also be said enterprising, milkman who looms up conspicuously in the limelight. The correspondent of the newspapers is chastising him with scorpions. Yet we are not sure that the milkman is so very much to blame.

But very few of us are disposed to pay top prices for such a prime necessity of life as milk for the purpose of bringing about the rapid settlement of the land on Vancouver Island.

At the same time there is something more than a suspicion in the public mind that milkmen are not the only nor the worst offenders in Victoria or neighborhood against the anti-combines law.

PROVINCIAL POLITICAL REFLECTIONS.

Now that the holiday season is at an end, the "glad hand" is beginning to cool off, and the business of life has become normal, perhaps we shall be excused for bestowing a minute or two to the consideration of matters which we expect to occupy a considerable deal of our attention for three or four years—the administration of provincial affairs by the McBride government.

Mr. McBride has been elected to represent two constituencies. We assume that he will nominate Victoria as his seat for the next four years, or for whatever term he may fix as the point of the legislature.

WHITE ELEPHANT AT SPRING RIDGE CITY HAS PROPERTY BUT CANNOT USE IT

The Spring Ridge gravel pits problem, which for years has loomed large as a civic question, bids fair to be handed on to succeeding generations with increased force.

It will be recalled that early last year the agitation which has long engaged the attention of the residents of that section of the city for the abolishing of the sand and gravel pits and the regrading of the land in question took definite form.

The people of Spring Ridge, however, expressed amazement at the high cost of the work as estimated, and asked if a simpler plan could not be devised.

About this time the board, assuming that the improvement scheme would go through, and needing a site for a corporation yard, thought it would be advisable to purchase land at Spring Ridge pits.

A Times reporter this morning inspected at the city engineer's office at the city hall the plan of the proposed improvement of the Spring Ridge pits, which has passed into the hands of the city.

BELL COMPANY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

New York, Jan. 5.—The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which reached here today, shows that the concern made nearly \$100,000,000 during the last year.

CLASH BETWEEN TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 6.—Native soldiers, serving at Tunis under the French flag, have been fired upon by Turkish soldiers, according to dispatches received at the war office today.

BUYERS STEAMER

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Schell Steamship Company, of this city, has purchased from the Terminal Steam Navigation Company the steamer Belcarra, which will be placed on the run from here to Ladysmith on January 17th.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Judge Hughes does not believe that the people should elect the minor state officials. In his annual message to the legislature he recommended the election of governor and lieutenant governor, allowing them to appoint a cabinet like the National government.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR FAVORS CHANGE

Does Not Believe the People Should Elect Minor State Officials.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Judge Hughes does not believe that the people should elect the minor state officials. In his annual message to the legislature he recommended the election of governor and lieutenant governor, allowing them to appoint a cabinet like the National government.

SIX SCHOONERS FOR SEALING GROUNDS

Pescawha Sailed for California Coast Last Evening.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) It is reported that six sealing schooners at least will go to the Behring Sea this year. The Pescawha sailed last evening for the California coast after having a good deal of difficulty in getting her crew aboard.

BELL COMPANY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

New York, Jan. 5.—The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which reached here today, shows that the concern made nearly \$100,000,000 during the last year.

CLASH BETWEEN TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 6.—Native soldiers, serving at Tunis under the French flag, have been fired upon by Turkish soldiers, according to dispatches received at the war office today.

BUYERS STEAMER

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Schell Steamship Company, of this city, has purchased from the Terminal Steam Navigation Company the steamer Belcarra, which will be placed on the run from here to Ladysmith on January 17th.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria.

The mining outlook for 1910 looks up the most promising for a decade past. In the local field the prospects are particularly bright, says the Kaslo Kootenai, and the slow but gradual rise in the prices of silver augurs well for the silver-lead industry.

Mining in the Kaslo-Slocan District Outlook is Bright for the Present Year—Extensive Work Planned.

Assurance is given that the Slocan Star, one of Sandon's best known properties, about to start up as active as of yore. Then there is the possibility or probability of the all-Payne resuming life and being worked upon an extensive plan.

Shipments from the Lucky Jim are at present hampered somewhat owing to the reluctance on the part of the Great Northern to accept zinc consignments for the United States, due in part no doubt to the switchmen's strike across the line and the difficulty experienced in handling the tonnage in a frozen state.

BELL COMPANY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

New York, Jan. 5.—The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which reached here today, shows that the concern made nearly \$100,000,000 during the last year.

CLASH BETWEEN TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 6.—Native soldiers, serving at Tunis under the French flag, have been fired upon by Turkish soldiers, according to dispatches received at the war office today.

BUYERS STEAMER

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Schell Steamship Company, of this city, has purchased from the Terminal Steam Navigation Company the steamer Belcarra, which will be placed on the run from here to Ladysmith on January 17th.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The members of the returned out-of-door club, who have turned out to-day for their annual honor, Mackenzie, president of the club, and they heard a report from that gentleman that the Canadian North-West was to be a rich province.

CANADIAN HEARS MACKENZIE PRESIDENT

(From Thursday's Daily.) The members of the returned out-of-door club, who have turned out to-day for their annual honor, Mackenzie, president of the club, and they heard a report from that gentleman that the Canadian North-West was to be a rich province.

President McPhillips would be a guest. There were twenty-five guests in all, and they were very happy to have the last elections of the past. Mr. Mackenzie was one of the guests, but he was not present, but he was sure he would be there.

BELL COMPANY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

New York, Jan. 5.—The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which reached here today, shows that the concern made nearly \$100,000,000 during the last year.

CLASH BETWEEN TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 6.—Native soldiers, serving at Tunis under the French flag, have been fired upon by Turkish soldiers, according to dispatches received at the war office today.

BUYERS STEAMER

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Schell Steamship Company, of this city, has purchased from the Terminal Steam Navigation Company the steamer Belcarra, which will be placed on the run from here to Ladysmith on January 17th.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The members of the returned out-of-door club, who have turned out to-day for their annual honor, Mackenzie, president of the club, and they heard a report from that gentleman that the Canadian North-West was to be a rich province.

CANADIAN HEARS MACKENZIE PRESIDENT

(From Thursday's Daily.) The members of the returned out-of-door club, who have turned out to-day for their annual honor, Mackenzie, president of the club, and they heard a report from that gentleman that the Canadian North-West was to be a rich province.

President McPhillips would be a guest. There were twenty-five guests in all, and they were very happy to have the last elections of the past. Mr. Mackenzie was one of the guests, but he was not present, but he was sure he would be there.

BELL COMPANY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

New York, Jan. 5.—The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which reached here today, shows that the concern made nearly \$100,000,000 during the last year.

CLASH BETWEEN TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 6.—Native soldiers, serving at Tunis under the French flag, have been fired upon by Turkish soldiers, according to dispatches received at the war office today.

BUYERS STEAMER

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Schell Steamship Company, of this city, has purchased from the Terminal Steam Navigation Company the steamer Belcarra, which will be placed on the run from here to Ladysmith on January 17th.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria.

MINING IN THE KASLO-SLOCAN DISTRICT Outlook is Bright for the Present Year—Extensive Work Planned.

The mining outlook for 1910 looks the most promising for a decade. In the local field the prospects are particularly bright, says the Kaslo stenographer, and the slow but gradual advance in the prices of silver augurs well for the silver-lead industry.

Assurance is given that the Slocan mine, one of Sandon's best known properties, is about to start up as active as of yore. Then there is the possibility or probability of the oil shale mining life and being worked upon an extensive plan.

Reports by next spring the Surprise mine at Sandon will also be in good working condition after completing an extensive but deep development plan which has been underway for several years.

The Richmond-Eureka is working steadily and is generally supposed to begin aggressively in the spring. Other properties around there that are dependent upon an extensive plan are the Noble Five, and the Rich McAllister group at Three Forks.

The outlook for the Silver City is particularly bright, and it would surprise us next spring to find conditions of such promising aspect as to encourage the Great Northern to connect Sandon with Kaslo and make better arrangements here to handle all ores more expeditiously than at before.

Shipments from the Lucky Jim are present hampered somewhat owing to the reluctance on the part of the Great Northern to accept zinc concentrates for the United States market.

There is no doubt to the switchmen's strike across the line and the difficulty experienced in handling the tonnage in a frozen state. In the meantime the development of the mine is being speeded with, and when conditions are favorable the Lucky Jim will be in the fore.

With good prices for metals the miller could ship extensively, but for the present conditions the best thing is to warrant a large output, and subsequently all efforts are confined to developing this noted property.

By spring it is expected that the will be among the K. S. shipmen. Its prospects are such as to warrant development of a rather extensive nature for a prospect, but the owners are absolute faith in the property despite the discouragement experienced in driving the 400-foot tunnel.

Whitewater the greatest activity outside of Sandon, is expected to be among the K. S. line. The Whitewater and the Whitewater Deep both speed extensively the past season, and this year promises to witness activity that has never before.

Connections made from the long tunnel to the upper workings, and the property will be one of the banner producers of the province.

At South Fork, in addition to the marck, Cork, Flint and other properties, there is likely to be a consolidation of several interests whereby the properties will be worked on an extensive basis. At present affairs are in an embryo state, but the deal has every chance of being consummated in the near future.

It is expected that the deal will be among the K. S. shipmen. Its prospects are such as to warrant development of a rather extensive nature for a prospect, but the owners are absolute faith in the property despite the discouragement experienced in driving the 400-foot tunnel.

Whitewater the greatest activity outside of Sandon, is expected to be among the K. S. line. The Whitewater and the Whitewater Deep both speed extensively the past season, and this year promises to witness activity that has never before.

Connections made from the long tunnel to the upper workings, and the property will be one of the banner producers of the province.

At South Fork, in addition to the marck, Cork, Flint and other properties, there is likely to be a consolidation of several interests whereby the properties will be worked on an extensive basis. At present affairs are in an embryo state, but the deal has every chance of being consummated in the near future.

It is expected that the deal will be among the K. S. shipmen. Its prospects are such as to warrant development of a rather extensive nature for a prospect, but the owners are absolute faith in the property despite the discouragement experienced in driving the 400-foot tunnel.

Whitewater the greatest activity outside of Sandon, is expected to be among the K. S. line. The Whitewater and the Whitewater Deep both speed extensively the past season, and this year promises to witness activity that has never before.

Connections made from the long tunnel to the upper workings, and the property will be one of the banner producers of the province.

At South Fork, in addition to the marck, Cork, Flint and other properties, there is likely to be a consolidation of several interests whereby the properties will be worked on an extensive basis. At present affairs are in an embryo state, but the deal has every chance of being consummated in the near future.

It is expected that the deal will be among the K. S. shipmen. Its prospects are such as to warrant development of a rather extensive nature for a prospect, but the owners are absolute faith in the property despite the discouragement experienced in driving the 400-foot tunnel.

Whitewater the greatest activity outside of Sandon, is expected to be among the K. S. line. The Whitewater and the Whitewater Deep both speed extensively the past season, and this year promises to witness activity that has never before.

CANADIAN CLUB HEARS MACKENZIE

CANADIAN NORTHERN PRESIDENT IS GUEST

Predicts Great Future for the Province of British Columbia.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The members of the Canadian Club gathered in force at the luncheon at noon today at the Broad street hall in honor of their distinguished guest, Mr. Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, and they heard a cheering message from that gentleman. This was that the Canadian Northern had long desired to come to British Columbia, and that ambition was now about to be realized.

The distinguished speaker also gave it as his deliberate opinion that this province was probably the richest in the whole of the Dominion of Canada. There were brief speeches also by the Premier, Hon. Richard McBride, Signor de Barra, a distinguished member of the Bar of the Republic of Mexico, who happens to be visiting the city, and Col. Prior and C. H. Laurin—all breathing a spirit of optimism for the future of this section of Canada.

A. E. McPhillips, K.C., the president of the club, presided, and on his right he had the guest of the day and Mayor Hall, Signor de Barra, Hon. C. H. Laurin, on his left, Premier McBride and Bishop Perrin. Every seat at the long tables was occupied.

President McPhillips, in introducing the speaker, said how glad the club would be to have the Premier also as a guest. There were no politics in the railway question affecting British Columbia, and though a great controversy had just been gone on with at the last election, all that was in the mind of the past, Mr. Mackenzie had told him he was not much of a speaker, but he was sure he would be inspired by the fine audience present.

Tremendous cheering greeted Mr. Mackenzie when he rose to speak. He began by apologizing for appearing before them in the guise of an after-dinner orator, for he had no claims whatever to that reputation. He belonged to the class of men who chose to do things instead of talking. (Cheers.)

He hardly thought it would be good form either to say much about the affairs of the Canadian Northern railway. He was indeed very pleased to meet the members of the Canadian Club, and he briefly alluded to the splendid work which was being done by similar organizations throughout Canada.

Mr. Mackenzie recalled that it was in 1884 that he had first visited British Columbia, a province for which he had always had the greatest admiration. At that time he had been engaged in construction work on the C.P.R. Since that date there had been great changes not only in Canada, but in British Columbia. It had been demonstrated to all who had eyes to see that it was capable more than railways. (Renewed cheers.)

Continuing, Mr. Mackenzie said he had hardly been much to say about the wonderful resources of British Columbia, as they knew more about them than he did. This they were all agreed upon—that the province had possibilities greater perhaps than any other in the British Dominion. In regard to the Canadian Northern they would, he hoped, be ready to start to build through the province at an early date. They had always had the intention of extending their line to the Pacific coast. He recalled that it was in 1886 that the first small work of railway building had been undertaken by the Canadian Northern Railway Company, that reputation, it belonged to him, as they knew more about them than he did.

Now they were looking forward to constructing their line through British Columbia. (Cheers.) They had placed surveyors in the field last summer, and from the reports which they had received they were assured of having one of the best lines across the continent of America. (Renewed cheers.)

He did not know that he could add much more to what he had said. He could not tell them what he proposed to do in British Columbia for the simple reason that they had not yet completed their agreement with the government. Of one thing he was very hopeful—that the wishes of the people of the province would be met to the fullest degree. (Cheers.)

Colonel Prior, in moving a vote of thanks, said he knew of no man in the Dominion of Canada whom the Canadian Club would more delight to honor. The guest of the day was a native son of the Dominion, whom "Jimmy" Hill had termed the greatest railway engineer on the continent of America. (Cheers.) He was sure that all who had watched the magnificent success which had attended the Canadian Northern enterprise in other portions of the province would follow to this province from their building a road to the coast. He looked forward to a great future for British Columbia in general and Vancouver Island in particular. He read a letter day in the history of the

Island when they had succeeded in interesting such a great company in its plans of transportation.

C. H. Laurin, in responding to the vote of thanks, said the Canadian Club was fulfilling its real mission when it entertained eminent Canadians, and Mr. Mackenzie could in all truthfulness be termed one of Canada's eminent sons. (Cheers.)

President McPhillips then mentioned that they had a distinguished visitor present with them in the person of Signor de Barra, of the republic of Mexico, and he called upon him to make a few remarks.

Signor de Barra in a brief but exceedingly interesting speech, spoke of the ties which existed between Canada and his country—ties which should do much to assist in developing trade between the two countries. He would remind them that Mexico was developing at a very rapid rate. A few years ago it had been at a standstill, but now, thanks to the wise policy that had been formulated by President Diaz, there was \$50,000,000 of surplus in the treasury. (Cheers.)

Continuing, Signor de Barra dwelt upon the importance of the Tehuantepec railway. This great road had been constructed by an English contractor. It had been the experience of the republic in the past that when any contract work was done there the country had been swindled, but to the credit of this man there had been no swindling. (Cheers.) He believed that the building of the Panama canal would serve to direct attention to the fact that Mexico occupied such a superior strategic position that freight from Europe could be delivered to points on the Pacific coast more quickly than by the Panama route. He closed by stating that British Columbians endeavor to get a superior better steamship service to Mexico, and that everything possible be done to foster trade relations between the two countries.

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

KELOWNA WILL STOP SIDEWALK BICYCLING

Orders Are Given to Chief of Police—Destruction of Shade Trees.

Kelowna, Jan. 4.—At the last meeting of the council the mayor said there was a matter that required attention, namely, the practice of cycling on the sidewalks, which should be stopped, as it was becoming a decided nuisance. He had told Chief Hildson to stop it, and the chief had replied that it was hard to do so when the sidewalk was the property of the city.

Chief Hildson said his duty in the matter was made very difficult by the fact that the sidewalks were the property of the city, and he had to be careful not to trespass on the rights of the city.

Ald. Ball said there might have been some excuse for people to ride on the sidewalks when the roads were very bad, but they had become utterly unreasonable and never thought of making way for a pedestrian, and on that point he was in agreement with the mayor.

Should a cyclist injure a pedestrian, the city would undoubtedly be held liable, as violation of the by-law on the matter was being permitted.

The mayor said the practice must be stopped, no matter who was concerned, and gave an order to the chief accordingly.

Ald. Cox said a reward of \$100 should be offered for the arrest of the people who had driven over and destroyed a number of shade trees on Harvey avenue. The mayor agreed with Ald. Cox, and on motion of Ald. Rowcliffe and Bailey, it was resolved to offer a reward of \$50 for information leading to the conviction of the party or parties guilty of driving over the trees on Harvey avenue some two weeks ago.

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

The premier then spoke of the brilliant career of Mr. Mackenzie and declared that while the government was concerned in the framing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, it would also be very just. (Loud applause.)

There were loud calls for the premier, and on Mr. McBride rising, after being called upon by the president, he was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The premier said he would not trespass on any political preserves. He had talked so much of politics recently that he was almost afraid to speak. So far as the government was concerned, he would not touch the subject. He summed up in the word "competition." If this competition were given, the province would be transformed in five years. (Applause.)

The wonderful position of the province—the Keystone of the Empire—assured a tremendous development in the near future.

GLORY OF SEAS RUINED BUILDERS

FINE OLD CRAFT TO BE DISMANTLED

Captain Locke Tells Little of History of Man She Broke.

Twice recently the old ship Glory of the Seas, which for many years was owned and commanded by Captain Freeman and carried coal from the Comox mines to San Francisco, was changed hands, and now she is laid up on Puget Sound and probably will be sent to the Eastern United States to be made into a barge.

The passing of this fine old ship has about the year 1815 or 1820. He and my father were about the same age and went to school together in the town of Sherburne. Donald was not a very bright boy at school, but always very bright by according to my father.

He was one of those boys who although not at the head of the class at school, would always win all the marbles from the other boys who were at the head of the class. Their school-house was close to a shipyard and the boys would always play around the new ships at present. Donald's father was a ship carpenter in said yard, and the boys were always bothering the men with so many questions that sometimes they were thrown out of the yard altogether by Donald's father.

"When Donald grew up he naturally went into the yard with his father and learned the trade. My father went to sea, because his father was a shipmaster, and he and Donald did not meet again for many years. But Donald also left home after he had learned his trade. He, his father and his brother started to build a brigantine, but when she was ready for launching she was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

"Donald McKay," said the captain, "was born in Sherburne, Nova Scotia, but he was seized for debt, Donald and I were left to take care of her.

Donald McKay, one of the greatest shipbuilders who ever lived, his built the Flying Cloud, the Red Jacket, the Donald McKay, the Young America, the Sovereign of the Seas, and the Dreadnought. This last ship was built to compete with the steamship in the North Atlantic, and was sailed by the great Captain Samuel. The Glory of the Seas was the last of all. She was not a clipper, neither was she by any means slow. She was, however, one of the strongest and staunchest of vessels that ever was built of wood.

POWER CONTRACT FOR REVELSTOKE

Canadian Pacific Will Furnish the Power for Five Years.

Revelstoke, Jan. 4.—At the last meeting of the city council the mayor said Mr. Bury had approved of the price suggested of \$2.25 per kilowatt hour for supply of power, and had asked him to meet Mr. Busted, which he did. Supt. Kilpatrick also called on him, and it was arranged to have the contract prepared for completion.

The correspondence with the C. P. R. on the power question was read.

Mr. Wells: "Is the city liable to any penalty?"

The Mayor: "We are quite safe when the new plant is installed. The gas producer plant is now giving thorough satisfaction as an alternative, running satisfactorily the other day."

Ald. Macdonald: "I think the offer of the C. P. R. to pay \$2.25 per kilowatt is a mighty good one."

The Mayor: "I think we should make a five-year contract on that basis."

The city clerk said the rate would give the city the minimum revenue of \$25 a day for power.

Ald. Macdonald said even if they had to use the gas producer in the case of a break-down, the cost to the city would not be more than 2c per kilowatt, as shown by the superintendent's report of cost of operation. The city had suffered heavily from failure to complete this contract when it was arranged on a former occasion. This matter had been talked over for five years and nothing done. Now they had the opportunity to close it up. Seven thousand dollars a year from the C. P. R. was a nice addition to the city revenue. He moved that the city agree to enter into a contract to supply the C. P. R. with power from the last of May at \$2.25 per kilowatt for from 75 to 150 h.p., for a period of five years.

Ald. Macdonald's motion was adopted.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 5.—Upon the receipt of assurance from the officials of the Great Northern Railway Company that they themselves will switch the company's trains at Great Falls, in order to allow the resumption of work at the Boston and Montana smelters, the Amalgamated Copper Company announced today that their mines and plants will continue in operation.

The re-opening of the great smelter will mean relief to the men employed in the plant who were thrown out of work when the smelter closed following the strike of the switchmen on the Northern roads. The Amalgamated company announced, too, that they would continue to operate their plants if union men refrained from interfering with work in the Great Northern yards at Great Falls. In case of a violation of this order, the company said, a complete suspension of the work in Amalgamated properties will follow.

At an exciting meeting last night the Butte miners evaded the question of withdrawing their support from the striking switchmen.

LOCAL OPTION VOTING.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Latest returns on the voting on local option in the province shows the following results: Contests, 161; carried, 76; lost through failure to obtain three-fifths of vote, 66; defeated, 18; repealed, 2; by-laws sustained on spot vote, 2; places yet to hear from, 11.

DROWNED IN CISTERN.

Guelpi, Ont., Jan. 6.—Mrs. George Smith, fifty years of age, was drowned last night when she fell into a cistern at her home.

AMALGAMATED WILL RE-OPEN BIG SMELTER IN SHEEP CREEK CAMP

Employees, However, Must Refrain From Interfering With Railway Work.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 5.—Upon the receipt of assurance from the officials of the Great Northern Railway Company that they themselves will switch the company's trains at Great Falls, in order to allow the resumption of work at the Boston and Montana smelters, the Amalgamated Copper Company announced today that their mines and plants will continue in operation.

The re-opening of the great smelter will mean relief to the men employed in the plant who were thrown out of work when the smelter closed following the strike of the switchmen on the Northern roads. The Amalgamated company announced, too, that they would continue to operate their plants if union men refrained from interfering with work in the Great Northern yards at Great Falls. In case of a violation of this order, the company said, a complete suspension of the work in Amalgamated properties will follow.

At an exciting meeting last night the Butte miners evaded the question of withdrawing their support from the striking switchmen.

LOCAL OPTION VOTING.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Latest returns on the voting on local option in the province shows the following results: Contests, 161; carried, 76; lost through failure to obtain three-fifths of vote, 66; defeated, 18; repealed, 2; by-laws sustained on spot vote, 2; places yet to hear from, 11.

DROWNED IN CISTERN.

Guelpi, Ont., Jan. 6.—Mrs. George Smith, fifty years of age, was drowned last night when she fell into a cistern at her home.

AMALGAMATED WILL RE-OPEN BIG SMELTER IN SHEEP CREEK CAMP

FIVE TRAMPLE DEATH IN PANIC TWENTY-ONE ALSO SUSTAIN INJURIES

Thieves Light Firecrackers in Theatre and Pick Pockets During Rush.

Lemburg, Austria, Dec. 31.—The entire police force of this city is in a man hunt in their efforts to run down the desperate pickpockets who exploded fireworks at a moving picture show Wednesday, when five were killed and twenty-one seriously injured in the panic that followed the explosion.

The pickpockets' plan was entirely successful, scores being robbed as they fled through the exits. It is supposed that the criminals had a man stationed at each door while the leader stood at the back of the house and lighted the fuses attached to a number of cannon crackers which he had concealed under his seat.

HOLDING SALMON FOR HIGHER PRICES

Peabody & Co. Report Little Selling During Past Few Months.

The salmon on this coast is already finding its way to Europe by the Teanauque route. Prices still remain high and sellers think the price will go yet higher, consequently they are holding.

Henry W. Peabody & Co., of London, England, report as follows: During the last four months practically no trade has been done in British Columbia salmon, either on the spot or to arrive.

Alaska—There is a scarcity of tails, and sales have been made at the 71-cent and 22s. 8d. The Cyclops, due next week, will bring a further supply, but there is no likelihood that this market will recede until the bulk of the shipments which are coming here by sailing vessel arrive.

The total imports of salmon to the United Kingdom for the eleven months ending November 30th were:

Table with 2 columns: Salmon type and quantity. Includes entries for C. sockeye salmon to Liverpool, C. sockeye salmon to London, Alaska salmon to Liverpool, and Alaska salmon to London.

Received, Delivered, Stock. 808 427 28,517 188,716 809 8,083 25,796 75,283

SURVEY STATIONS FOR WIRELESS AND MARINE

C. P. Edwards Leaving Saturday for Prince Rupert.

On or about Saturday next C. P. Edwards, the superintendent of the Dominion government wireless stations, accompanied by Engineer Killen, will proceed to Prince Rupert to survey the tram road of the site of the wireless station on Digby island.

Mr. Killen has another work to perform while at Prince Rupert. He will survey the site for the new sub-station of the marine department for the Dominion government. This station will be built on Digby Island, adjoining the wireless station. Mr. Killen is at present at West Coast, but is expected to return before Saturday.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. The agent of marine at this port gives notice that the boiler of the fog alarm is now undergoing repair, and the fog horn will be inoperative until about the 10th January, 1910.

The funeral of the late Richard West took place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hanna parlors, where services were conducted by Rev. St. Ian Collins. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers were presented. The Masonic order, of which the deceased was a valued member, attended in a body and six of that order acted as pallbearers.

ING ACT OR CIVIC FOLLY PEOPLE ASKED TO VOTE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

W. E. Oliver Scores the Council—Explains His Policy to Workingmen.

A good reception was given to W. E. Oliver by a meeting of workingmen in Labor hall last evening. Mr. Oliver's frank presentation of his platform pleased the audience, which was critical, as all audiences of workingmen are.

The chair was occupied by ex-Ald. Ed. Bragg. Mr. Oliver devoted his time chiefly to the water question, as being the most important to the people in his estimation, and his scheme for the solution of the problem by the creation of a water board. He explained the broad principles of this scheme very clearly and lucidly, and pointed out that it had the advantage of having been tested over and over again in the Old Country. If this scheme was adopted the board would have control of the sources of water supply in the district and would see that all the communities it represented got a sufficient supply of wholesome water at cost.

WRIGHT BROTHERS SECURE INJUNCTION

Glen Curtiss is Enjoined From Flying at Los Angeles Meet.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—Glen Curtiss, holder of world's aeroplane record, yesterday received the first news of a sweeping injunction which had been granted against him by Judge Hazen at Buffalo for the Wright Brothers. He immediately wired his New York attorneys for full details.

"I left New York with the intention of flying while in Los Angeles, but I am not prepared now to say just what I shall do under the existing conditions," he said.

"It certainly was not my intention to give exhibition flights for my health when I started for this city," he continued. "I decline to say just what I shall do, until later."

In company with local aerial enthusiasts, Curtiss visited the Aviation field yesterday. After looking it over, he announced that it was the worst field aviators were ever asked to fly above. "In the first place," he said, "the field is too small and this added to the fact that it is cut up by gullies, will make it very hard to start aeroplanes and to pick a place to alight after a trip."

The general impression is that Curtiss will sail during aviation week. The aviator did not seem to be worrying over the outlook.

Suit Against Paulhan. New York, Jan. 6.—It became known here yesterday that a second set of papers were served on Paulhan the French aviator, just before he left this city for Los Angeles to take part in meet there.

The papers commanded Paulhan to appear here on January 14th, to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining him from flying in this country. The papers were served following the receipt of news that Judge Hazen had enjoined Curtiss from flying in a Wright machine at the Los Angeles meet. The probable effect of these legal papers upon the Los Angeles meet is the subject of much discussion here.

The headquarters of the Aero club of America was filled with aerial enthusiasts who freely predicted the bad results to California promoters.

C. Bishop, of the Aero club, will leave on Friday for Los Angeles. It was stated he will make every effort to straighten out the unusual tangle.

VANCOUVER WILL WIDEN TWO STREETS

Powell and Bridge Streets to Be Widened for Short Distance.

Vancover, Jan. 5.—The city council will shortly take steps to have Bridge street widened at the southern end and Powell street widened for about a block between Boundary and Campbell avenues. This latter thoroughfare for that distance is only 58 feet wide, whereas it should be the full 66 feet, but the right of way of the C.P.R. railway happens to encroach.

In the past the city has had difficulty in getting the company to move. The latter will now apply to the provincial government for power to expropriate sufficient of the private property on the south side to make the street of the necessary width.

Ald. Crowe brought up the question of having the proposal to give an eight hour day to civic employees voted on by only those entitled to vote on the money by-laws. Instead of a general plebiscite, he claimed that it meant an expenditure by the city of at least \$100,000 per year, and the property owners were the ones who were principally affected. His amendment however, was lost on the following vote:

For—Ald. Crowe, McKechnie, Prescott, Kirpatrick and Goodman; against—Ald. MacMillan, Whiteside, Morton, McBride, McTaggart and McSpadden.

EXPLOSION AT PHOENIX. Phoenix, Jan. 4.—An explosion in a cook stove in the wash block, a boarding house, here, completely wrecked the kitchen and considerably damaged the entire building, most of the windows being broken. Prompt action fortunately prevented a fire, as a score or more people were asleep in the rooms at the time. The explosion appears to have been caused by dynamite in the wood, but how it got there is a mystery.

Resolve to Be Strong. The best kind of a New Year's resolution is to make up your mind to withstand the heaviest winter weather by taking BOWES' FERRATED EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL. A most palatable combination. Cod Liver Oil in the form of Emulsion, Phosphorus in soluble form, a soluble Hypophosphites and Iron. Per bottle \$1, here only. Unrivalled for Pulmonary Troubles, Coughs, Emaciation, etc.

PENSION EMPLOYEES OF VANCOUVER CITY

Council Will Extend Scope of Superannuation Project.

Vancover, Jan. 5.—The city police will not be the only fortunate individuals to share in the superannuation fund idea. If the plans of the city council materialize, when the city solicitor reported at last council meeting that, following upon the conference between the mayor, police commissioner Bennett and himself, it had been decided to apply to the Provincial government for permission to make grants to a police benefit society, Ald. Prescott immediately proposed that the scope of the project be increased so that the city could recognize its servants in all branches. For long and faithful work. The alderman thought that the fire brigade, at any rate, was at least entitled to some recognition.

Ald. MacMillan was of the same opinion and their motion to make the application more general in its character was unanimously adopted.

The application is to have two distinct clauses. One will read that the city be granted power to make grants to benefit societies among its employees, whose undertakings are hazardous, meaning the police and the firemen, and the other, that the city be empowered to create a general superannuation fund for its employees. The idea is that civic grants will be given, and these, aided by regular contributions from the employees themselves, will guarantee the establishment of a fund large enough to allow pensions to all the employees who have been in the service of the city for a certain number of years (about 21).

CHINAMAN TAKES OATH ON SAUCER

Administered for First Time in Vancouver Police Court.

Vancover, Jan. 5.—The saucer oath was administered in the police court for probably the first time here. The witness was a Chinaman, who said he was unable to write his name even in his own language, and therefore the ordinary burnt paper oath was of no effect. The case was that of Thomas Hernandez, charged with smuggling opium, and J. A. Russell, who appeared with W. C. Brown for the defence, suggested that the chicken oath be administered.

C. J. South, acting magistrate, suggested that the saucer oath would be more convenient.

Detective Anderson brought in a small saucer, but the court objected that it must be of China and of the proper dimensions.

"A thing like that," remarked Mr. Russell, "would only bind the left hand of his conscience."

A full-fledged China saucer was produced later, and the Chinaman swore that he would tell the truth or expect his soul to be cracked like that saucer, and dashed it to the ground.

Hernandez, the man in the case, was charged with smuggling and selling opium. Superintendent Welsh, of the Canadian Bureau, has just got on his track by hearing some men in a boarding-house conversing in Spanish, a language he understood, and how he and Detective Perry had searched the rooms of Hernandez afterwards and found several tins of opium there.

The Chinaman told how he had been commissioned by another Chinaman to take a package to the room of Hernandez, but that was all he knew about it. Hernandez was remanded.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 28th-December to 3rd January, 1910. Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 18 hours and 38 minutes; rain, .50 inch; snow, .25 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 20th; lowest, 24 on 2nd.

Vancover—Total sunshine, 28 hours and 35 minutes; highest temperature, 42 on 30th; lowest, 14 on 2nd.

New Westminster—Rain, .44 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 30th; lowest, 12 on 2nd.

Kamloops—Snow, .30 inch; highest temperature, 32 on 30th; lowest, 4 below on 2nd.

Barkerville—Snow, 23 inches; highest temperature, 30 on 28th and 29th; lowest, 20 below on 1st.

Port Simpson—Rain, 1.30 inch; snow, 4 inches; highest temperature, 38 on 29th; lowest, 14 on 2nd.

Atlin—Snow, .30 inch; highest temperature, 32 on 29th; lowest, 14 below on 31st.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 18 on 29th; lowest, 28 below on 30th.

USED A KNIFE. Rossland, Jan. 5.—F. Marchande was tried in the police court here on the charge of stabbing Antonio Ranetta three times with a pocket knife. They met in a saloon on Christmas Eve and had an altercation, which was ended by Ranetta striking Marchande in the face with a glass that contained beer, inflicting cuts and abrasions. With his eyes almost blinding with blood and beer, Marchande drew a pocket knife and endeavored to disembowel Ranetta, inflicting three stab.

MAN FATALLY BURNED. Vancover, Jan. 4.—Peter Trudeau died in the General Hospital on New Year's morning. He was working on a new house at the corner of Pender and Jarvis streets, and had evidently gone to work still feeling the effects of the celebration of the coming of the New Year. The morning was cold, and he lit a fire to warm himself, but fell into it. Some of the workmen dragged him out and sent for the police. Trudeau was sent to the General Hospital where he died before noon.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED. Vancover, Jan. 4.—The new Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church was formally dedicated at the services held there on Sunday. There were large congregations at the morning and evening and the services were impressive. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Woodside, preached at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and the choir of the Christian church on earth and its mission.

—Morse Davis, M. E., left last night for London, Eng., where he will consult with chemists who he objects of arranging a mining property in the Yukon.

OLDEST WHITE MAN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Antoine Lamproné Passes Away at Kamloops at Age of 111.

Kamloops, Jan. 5.—Antoine Lamproné, who died here recently is believed to have been British Columbia's oldest inhabitant—certainly the oldest white man in the province. He was 111 at the time of his death. He had himself lost all count of the passage of years, but cherished an old, old family Bible, in which the fact was recorded of his birth on March 15, 1798. Old-timers in the Kamloops district, among them C. T. Cooney of Tranquille, himself a resident of 60 years standing, remember Lamproné as a very old man when he came to the country half a century ago. He had been for years a pensioner of the Hudson's Bay company, for whom he worked as a trapper and courier in the early days of the last century.

CHAIR PRESENTED TO EX-MAYOR KEARY

After Eight Years in Council He Takes Chair With Him.

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—At the closing session of the old city council, Alderman Fader moved that the mayor retire from the chair and permit Alderman Gray to act as chairman. Mr. Fader then moved that the chair from which Mr. Keary has presided at the meetings of the council for the past eight years, be presented to him, and that the city clerk prepare a list of all the councillors who have ever sat under Mr. Keary and present the same to him. Alderman Fader said that he had always found Mr. Keary a good friend of the city and to the citizens.

Alderman Jardine seconded the motion made by Mr. Fader and said a few words expressing his regret at seeing Mr. Keary retire. The other aldermen all spoke in the same strain, agreeing that they had had their little differences with the mayor at some time during their term of office, but they had been able to settle them and would be forgotten while the memory of their pleasant relations with the mayor remained fresh.

Mr. Keary very gracefully thanked the aldermen for their gift saying that though he knew that the chair was not of any great intrinsic value, he was glad that an old friend would still be with him. In retiring from the chair he said he regretted that he had not been able to do anything that he had done, although he might have said things in the heat of argument that he now regretted. He would be glad to have the names of the aldermen who had been in the council with him since 1902.

Speaking of the prosperity of the city he remarked that he was sanguine that it would continue throughout the year 1910. He thanked the newspaper reporters for the fair reports that they had given of the meetings of the council in 1909, and hoped that they would continue in their course.

HOSPITAL MERGER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED

Negotiations on Between City and the Jubilee Directors.

Mayor Hall yesterday had a conference with E. A. Lewis, president of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, relative to the question of the amalgamation of the Isolation Hospital, which is managed by the city, with the larger institution. Mr. Lewis reported that the matter had been discussed at a special meeting of the directors, and it had been deemed advisable, in view of the fact that the incoming council will shortly take office, to postpone negotiations until after the elections. Mayor Hall is to get a letter from the Jubilee board setting forth the above, and will lay the same before the next meeting of the City Council on Monday evening, which will be the final session of the present body.

Discussing the matter this morning, the corporation said the directors of the Jubilee wished to go very carefully into the financial liabilities which would be involved in the merger of the two institutions; and as it would necessarily take considerable time to prepare the statements it would be difficult to use in the present council going ahead with the negotiations any further.

In view of this situation, it is improbable that anything further will be done in the matter of the complaint of the medical health officer of the city, Dr. Hermann Robertson, against the matron, Mrs. King, that question also being left over as a legacy to the incoming council.

FIRE IN CHILLIWACK HOTEL.

New Westminster, Jan. 4.—Fire in the Dominion hotel, Chilliwack, caused damage to the extent of \$1,500 on Friday. The fire broke out on the first floor, and the prompt arrival of the brigade was responsible for confining the blaze to that section of the house. The fire fortunately occurred at a time when the majority of the guests were out of their rooms, and the few who were in the hotel at the time found no difficulty in escaping.

PROVINCIAL CABINET DOES MUCH BUSINESS

Revision of Statutes—Appointments Made—Many Deputations.

The provincial executive had a long session yesterday, heard four deputations, discussed civil service reorganization with Mr. Cotsworth of the civil service commission and made several appointments.

Charles Wilson, K.C., and A. P. Luxton, K.C., are appointed as commissioners for the revision of the statutes. This will be the first revision since that of the late Chief Justice Davie and R. T. Elliott, K.C.

E. E. Lenson is appointed as provincial assessor in the place of J. K. Worsfold, who retires at his own request and will be superannuated.

J. O. McMillan, inspector of police and assistant to Supt. Russey, succeeds Wm. Manson, M.P.P.-elect, as government agent at Prince Rupert. He leaves for the North on the Princess May to-morrow.

The resignations were accepted of W. O. Carter, collector of revenue tax here, and A. Lucas, Kaslo, provincial assessor for Kootenay district. The successors have not been appointed yet. There are four vacancies in Nelson district to be filled—government agent, district registrar, police magistrate and assessor.

On behalf of the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver, A. B. Erskine, Rev. Mr. Sandford, C. J. South and Mr. Gordon asked for changes in the law for the better protection of the young. The Attorney-General will report on these.

A Vancouver deputation, headed by W. M. McKay, applied for authority to construct ocean docks at English Bay, to cost about a million and a half, and for a lease of foreshore at what is known as Spanish Banks. Plans, specifications and details were left with the government and the deputation represented the Fort Mellon Pulpwood & Paper Manufacturing Co., which seeks to consolidate its pulpwood leases at Howe Sound with others at Quatsino. This will receive consideration.

An order-in-council was passed permitting the killing and selling of bear by Indians in the Northern districts between now and August 1st, 1911, when the close season terminates. Deaver have so multiplied and thrived under the protection they have been given for some years back that hardly a week passes now without permits having to be issued to kill them where they have become a nuisance. Last week a permit had to be granted in respect of bearing on Lulu Island, which are boring holes in the dykes. Another colony is making itself a nuisance at Deer Lake, close to Vancouver city.

OLD PIONEER OF ALBERNI IS DEAD

George Compton Was One of the Oldest of Residents.

Alberni, Jan. 5.—Alone in his cabin, George Compton, one of the oldest residents of Alberni, died of heart failure.

Mr. Compton, who was 72 years of age, and was known to have heart trouble, had not been seen for three days, and George Roff, suspecting that he was ill, called at his home, to enquire about his health. He found that the door was locked on the inside, and after having given several loud knocks and made several calls, he broke open the door. The dead body of Mr. Compton was found in bed. There was an expression on the face as if he were merely having a peaceful sleep. There was no sign of his having suffered or struggled.

Coroner Pybus examined the body.

FIT-REFORM

Opportunity Is Knocking

Soon it will be time to say farewell to old winter and welcome the incoming Spring. Modern retailing knows no better time to close stock than these between season days. We have cut our prices to move out the stock on hand and HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY. The prudent buyer will read this ad. and call at once. The profit to us is in disposing of goods that while new now, would be "last season's" next season. Your profit is in the money saved—and where else would you look for such splendid styles as FIT-REFORM offers, at such small prices? Friday and Saturday will be bumper days. Reductions in all lines. It's an easy matter to quote prices, but our advice is to call at the store and see the goods at the price.

ALLEN & CO. FIT-REFORM

1201 GOVERNMENT ST.

DOMINION CARRIAGES

FIRST IN QUALITY LATEST IN DESIGN BEST IN FINISH

B. C. HARDWARE COMPANY, LTD. 510 JOHNSON STREET Phone 1611

WILKERSON'S WATCHES

This branch of our business always receives the most careful personal attention. We can sell you any kind of a reliable Watch that your fancy might choose at a LOWER PRICE THAN ELSEWHERE

Nickel Silver Watches, \$5.00 to \$7.00 Sterling Silver Watches, \$5.00 to \$7.00 Gold Filled Watches, \$11 to \$15 Solid Gold Ladies' Watches, \$25 to \$75 Solid Gold Men's Watches, \$50 to \$150

W. H. Wilkerson The Jeweler 915 GOVT. ST. Tel. 1606.

CANNED DELICACIES

ASPARAGUS, per tin 25c ASPARAGUS TIPS, per tin 25c ASPARAGUS, large white, per tin, 50c; large green, per tin 40c CORN ON THE COB, per gallon tin 60c FRENCH PEAS, per tin 25c STUFFED MUSHROOMS, per tin 25c SWEET POTATOS, per tin 25c OKRA, per tin 25c SUCCATOSH, per tin 25c HOMINY, per tin 25c

DEMONSTRATION PURITAN SELF-RAISING FLOUR. Come in and taste the most delicious Pancakes FREE. SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK. Corn, Peas, Beans, Tomatoes or Pumpkin, each, per tin 10c. Famous "Navy" Brand.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

Independent Grocers, Tels. 50, 51, 52 and 1590, 1317 GOVERNMENT ST.

ELITE STUDIO

60 FORT STREET, Opposite Royal Hotel. DEVELOPING AND ENLARGING FOR AMATEURS. Portraits, Post Cards, Lantern Slides, Photos copied and colored.

and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The only known relative of the deceased is a brother who resides in Seattle, Wash., and who has been communicated with.

Behind the door panel the chief of police, who examined the premises, found a savings bank book, with a credit of over eight hundred dollars written in it, and a deed of the property, which consists of twenty acres of good land and buildings thereon.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION. Vancover, Jan. 4.—Saying that he had not had a bite to eat for six days, an old man named James Pearson walked into the Imperial hotel yesterday afternoon and asked for nourishment. His condition was so serious that the police were summoned, and Dr. MacTavish removed him to the hospital. He is utterly worn out with exhaustion.

The Want Ads. Here Eliminate Most of the "Waiting" in Selling and in Finding Things

A WIFE'S MESSAGE Cured Her Husband of Drinking.

Write Her Today and She Will Gladly Tell You How She Did It.



For over 20 years her husband was a hard drinker. He had tried in every way to stop...

MRS. MARGARET ANDERSON, 150 Howe Avenue, Hibernia, N. Y.

Please tell me how she did it so I can cure my husband, as I am positively interested in one who drinks.

JUVENILE COURT. Pleasant Evening Spent by Youthful Members of Foresters' Lodge.

Court Excelsior, No. 1, of the Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters, gave a very successful entertainment Tuesday night...

The officers for the ensuing half year that were elected are as follows: Past Chief Ranger, E. P. Lewis; Chief Ranger, E. Nickolls...

The Juvenile Foresters' rifle and drum band, just newly organized, rendered excellent selections during the evening.

LAW EXAMINATIONS. Additional Names to the List of Successful Candidates at Recent Tests.

In addition to the results of the law examinations published in "Tuesday's" paper the following gentlemen were successful in the first intermediate examination...

A meeting of the instructors of the Boys Scout brigade was held Tuesday night, when the patrol leaders and corporals were given their first lessons in samophone signalling.

G. V. Lawry who recently resigned his position as secretary of the Vancouver Island board of fire underwriters...

The funeral of the late James Fraser took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the Victoria Undertaking Company...

The report on the city's system of fire protection, made by C. E. Wagner, inspecting engineer for the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific, has been printed and copies may be obtained on application at the office of the association...

A canvas is now being made of the auxiliary branches of the Vancouver Island Development League for the purpose of selecting the location for the holding of the annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the Men's Own Association of the First Congregational church was held Tuesday. After a supper had been served the reports for the year from the various officers were heard.

The annual meeting of the Men's Own Association of the First Congregational church was held Tuesday. After a supper had been served the reports for the year from the various officers were heard.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906).

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

ADVERTISEMENTS under this head 1 cent per word per insertion; 3 lines, 3 months; extra lines, 2 cents per line per month.

Architects. C. BLAVOD WATKINS, architect, Room 4, Five Sisters' Block, Telephone 2183 and 1888.

W. HARGREAVES, Architect, 1411 Fort Street, Bonanza Building, Broad St.

H. S. GRIFFITH, 14 Promts Block, 1008 Government street, Phone 1853.

Bookkeeping. VICTORIA SCHOOL OF BOOKKEEPING, 121 Douglas street, Pupils receiving instruction at all hours.

Business College. VICTORIA BUSINESS COLLEGE—Fitting man's shorthand, touch-writing, bookkeeping, etc.

Dentists. DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone 1800.

Land Surveyors. THOS. H. PARR, British Columbia land surveyor, Room 8, Five Sisters' Block, Victoria.

Legal. C. W. BRADSHAW, Barrister, etc., Law Chambers, Bastion street, Victoria.

Medical Massage. MR. BERGSTROM BJORNFELT, Swedish Masseuse, Turkish bath, 521 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 2382.

MUSIC. BANJO, MANDOLIN AND GUITAR taught by W. G. Flouwright, Conductor of the Alexandra Mandolin and Guitars Club.

Nursing. MISS E. H. JONES, 731 Vancouver st. mri ft.

Piano Tuning. C. P. COX, Piano and Organ Tuner, 194 Quadra street, Telephone 834.

Shorthand. SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 1109 Broad St. Shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, stenography taught.

Titles, Conveyances, Etc. NOTICE—We draw up agreements, mortgages, conveyances and search titles at reasonable rates.

Wood Carving. C. J. BROWN, teacher of wood carving, "Crow Nest," Hereward street, Victoria.

Lodges. COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening.

COURT CARBOO, No. 743, I. O. F., meets on second and fourth Monday of each month.

K. O. P. No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday, K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora.

VICTORIA, No. 17, K. of P., meets at K. of P. Hall, every Thursday, D. S. Mowat, K. of P. & S. Box 54.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906).

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909. YATES & JAY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISEMENTS under this head 1 cent per word per insertion; 3 insertions, 2 cents per word; 4 cents per word per week; 50 cents per line per month. No advertisement for less than 10 cents.

Art Glass. A. F. ROY'S ART GLASS, LEADED LIGHTS, ETC., for churches, schools, public buildings and private dwellings.

Hotels and Restaurants. WINDSOR CAFE—Under new management, Best 25c dinner in city, from 11:30 to 3 p. m.

Junk. WANTED—Scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, cast iron, sacks, and all kinds of bottles and rubber.

Landscape Gardener. E. J. LAING, Landscape and Jobbing Gardener, floral pruning and spraying, etc.

Blasting Rock. ROCK BLASTING and well sinking, R. Bosence, 281 Cedar Hill road, city.

Blue Printing and Maps. PRINTS—Any length in one piece, six cents per foot.

Boat Building. VICTORIA BOAT & ENGINE COMPANY, LTD., boat and launch builders.

Boot and Shoe Repairing. NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, bring them here to be repaired.

Builders & General Contractors. CARPENTRY—Jobbing, roof repairing, receive prompt attention.

CAPITAL CARPENTER AND JOINING FACTORY—Alfred Jones, All kinds of alterations, jobbing work.

A. J. McCORMICK, Contractor and Builder, Takes contracts for every detail of building.

ERNEST RAWLINGS, Carpenter and Builder, Prompt Attention to Alterations, Jobbing, etc.

ALTON & BROWN, carpenters and builders, Estimates given on all kinds of work.

DEWALDE & MALCOLM, Builders and Contractors, 3020 Quadra St.

Chimney Sweeping. ORBRIEN BROS.—Chimney and furnace cleaners, Phone 2382.

CHIMNEYS CLEANED—Defective flues fixed, Neal, 1018 Douglas St., Phone 1019.

ORBRIEN BROS.—Chimney and furnace cleaners, Phone 2382.

Cleaning and Tailoring Works. GENTS' CLOTHES CLEANED, repaired, dyed or rewed.

PAUL'S DYING AND CLEANING WORKS, 120 Fort street, Tel. 624.

JAPANESE DYE WORKS, Cleaning, Pressing, Repairing, 1725 Government Street, Phone 2068.

THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, MRS. P. K. TURNER, 668 (54) Fort St. Hours 10 to 5, Phone 1552.

Gravel. B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO., foot Johnson street, Tel. 1388.

Engravers. GENERAL ENGRAVER, Stencil Cutter and Seal Engraver, Geo. Crowther, 315 Wharf street, behind Post Office.

Furrier. FRED. POSTER, Taxidermist and Furrier, 424 Johnson street.

Machinists. L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 150 Government street, Tel. 830.

Ladies' Dresses. JUN LEE & CO., manufacturers of and dealers in ladies' dresses, silk, cotton, underwear.

Fish. WM. J. WIGLESWORTH—All kinds of fresh, salted and smoked fish in season.

Read the "Times"

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISEMENTS under this head 1 cent per word per insertion; 3 insertions, 2 cents per word; 4 cents per word per week; 50 cents per line per month. No advertisement for less than 10 cents.

Hotels and Restaurants. WINDSOR CAFE—Under new management, Best 25c dinner in city, from 11:30 to 3 p. m.

Junk. WANTED—Scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, cast iron, sacks, and all kinds of bottles and rubber.

Landscape Gardener. E. J. LAING, Landscape and Jobbing Gardener, floral pruning and spraying, etc.

Blasting Rock. ROCK BLASTING and well sinking, R. Bosence, 281 Cedar Hill road, city.

Blue Printing and Maps. PRINTS—Any length in one piece, six cents per foot.

Boat Building. VICTORIA BOAT & ENGINE COMPANY, LTD., boat and launch builders.

Boot and Shoe Repairing. NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, bring them here to be repaired.

Builders & General Contractors. CARPENTRY—Jobbing, roof repairing, receive prompt attention.

CAPITAL CARPENTER AND JOINING FACTORY—Alfred Jones, All kinds of alterations, jobbing work.

A. J. McCORMICK, Contractor and Builder, Takes contracts for every detail of building.

ERNEST RAWLINGS, Carpenter and Builder, Prompt Attention to Alterations, Jobbing, etc.

ALTON & BROWN, carpenters and builders, Estimates given on all kinds of work.

DEWALDE & MALCOLM, Builders and Contractors, 3020 Quadra St.

Chimney Sweeping. ORBRIEN BROS.—Chimney and furnace cleaners, Phone 2382.

CHIMNEYS CLEANED—Defective flues fixed, Neal, 1018 Douglas St., Phone 1019.

ORBRIEN BROS.—Chimney and furnace cleaners, Phone 2382.

Cleaning and Tailoring Works. GENTS' CLOTHES CLEANED, repaired, dyed or rewed.

PAUL'S DYING AND CLEANING WORKS, 120 Fort street, Tel. 624.

JAPANESE DYE WORKS, Cleaning, Pressing, Repairing, 1725 Government Street, Phone 2068.

THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, MRS. P. K. TURNER, 668 (54) Fort St. Hours 10 to 5, Phone 1552.

Gravel. B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO., foot Johnson street, Tel. 1388.

Engravers. GENERAL ENGRAVER, Stencil Cutter and Seal Engraver, Geo. Crowther, 315 Wharf street, behind Post Office.

Furrier. FRED. POSTER, Taxidermist and Furrier, 424 Johnson street.

Machinists. L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 150 Government street, Tel. 830.

Ladies' Dresses. JUN LEE & CO., manufacturers of and dealers in ladies' dresses, silk, cotton, underwear.

Fish. WM. J. WIGLESWORTH—All kinds of fresh, salted and smoked fish in season.

Read the "Times"

MISCELLANEOUS

ADVERTISEMENTS under this head 1 cent per word per insertion; 3 insertions, 2 cents per word; 4 cents per word per week; 50 cents per line per month. No advertisement for less than 10 cents.

Agents Wanted. MEN WANTED in every locality in Canada to make \$20 per week and \$5 per day.

Exchange. EXCHANGE—We have farms to exchange for residence property, and also vacant lots to exchange for residence property.

For Rent—Houses. FOR RENT—New cottage, 3 rooms, pantry and basement, \$12 per month.

For Rent—Houses. TO RENT—Or will sell on easy terms, 5 room modern cottage on Ontario street.

For Rent—Houses. FOR RENT—5 roomed modern cottage, 1619 Dupont street, rent \$13.

For Rent—Houses. FOR RENT—1 roomed house, with large garden, large lot, on 15th street.

For Rent—Houses. FURNISHED COTTAGES TO LET, with electric light, bath, hot and cold water.

For Rent—Houses. YATES STREET—Between Vancouver and Pandora streets, 1812 Douglas street, Fullman Hotel.

For Rent—Houses. CLOSE TO CITY HALL—New, modern building, built in the summer.

For Rent—Houses. OAK BAY AVE.—4 room house, lot 50x120, electric light, hot and cold water.

For Rent—Houses. LARGE HOUSE on Pandora street, 33 rooms, close in, full sized lot, price \$3,500.

For Rent—Houses. PEMBROKE STREET—4 room house, bath and pantry, price \$1,900.

For Rent—Houses. COBURN STREET—4 room cottage, electric light, chicken house, fruit trees.

For Rent—Houses. WE HAVE TWO fine residences overlooking the George which can be bought cheap.

For Rent—Houses. GILT EDGE INVESTMENT, paying 10 per cent, net, five roomed cottage.

For Rent—Houses. A SNAP FOR MONDAY—\$1,700 buys a 2 story roomed house on Third street.

For Rent—Houses. A SNAP FOR MONDAY—\$1,700 buys a 2 story roomed house on Third street.

For Rent—Houses. FOR SALE—Eight roomed house overlooking Beacon Hill Park.

Help Wanted—Female. WANTED—A good general servant for family of three. Apply 1410 Harrison street.

Help Wanted—Female. HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—Must be of good character. Apply Mrs. J. Elliott, 780 Yates street.

Help Wanted—Female. WANTED—Reliable girl to do light house work and assist with baby.

Help Wanted—Female. FEMALE HELP WANTED at Standard Steam Laundry, 811 View street.

Help Wanted—Female. WANTED—Woman to look after three small children from 1 to 5 each day.

Help Wanted—Female. WANTED—A young nurse girl, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, 208 Yates street.

Help Wanted—

AID. HENDERSON MEETS ELECTORS MAYORALTY CANDIDATE EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

He Favors Passage of Water By-Law—W. E. Oliver Present.

Owing possibly to the cold weather, there was not a large attendance at the A.O.U.W. hall Tuesday to hear Aid. Anton Henderson speak in support of his candidature for mayor, and those who did turn out had the opportunity of hearing Aid. Henderson very fully, and also W. E. Oliver, who, at the invitation of Aid. Henderson, ascended the platform and explained the remedy of the water question as proposed by him.

Mr. Oliver was received in a mixed way, but after answering a number of questions there was quite a considerable applause given him, although he did not convince all who were present.

Aid. Henderson had finished his speech, had answered a number of questions and when about to sit down mentioned the water board scheme as suggested by Mr. Oliver. His reference was against the plan, and an elector at the rear of the hall took exception to his remarks, whereon Aid. Henderson, seeing Mr. Oliver in the hall, invited him to come forward and explain his plan for settlement of the water question to the electors. Mr. Oliver thanked Aid. Henderson for the opportunity, and outlined his plan as previously given before electors. He said during his speech that the water board was formed it would be necessary to take in every source of supply to which Aid. Henderson replied: "That is what I thought. It is a scheme to buy out the Esquamalt Waterworks Company."

Mr. Oliver, however, explained to the audience that he has no investment in the Esquamalt Waterworks Company and was not a shareholder. In replying Aid. Henderson said he did not believe in any water board, but stood by his plan as outlined in his speech. Both the speakers were well received by those present.

Aid. Henderson, introduced by the chairman, Keith Wilson, in a few words, addressed the meeting as follows: "I would like to delay this meeting a little longer till the seats are filled, but I'll open the meeting by telling why I'm here. As a mayoralty candidate I thought it only fit and proper that you should hear from me direct. It gives a better idea to hear the candidate personally than to read his remarks in the papers. I'll try and be as brief as possible."

"Now, in presenting myself for the important office of mayor I have thoroughly considered the duties and the responsibilities, and if I had not thought I could successfully fill the office I would not have consented to present my name to the electors. I have been three years an alderman, and I feel I should give some account of my stewardship. This last year I have been connected with the financial department. I am pleased to say it is well and carefully managed. There is no fraud that you read about in other cities. There is a conscientious and able man in charge. The staff must be added to as the work increases, and there is nothing saved by stinting."

"The public works department has been under a great deal of just criticism. In order to carry it on in an efficient manner it is necessary to have a good man with full authority. It will be up to the next council to see that a capable man is secured. A man that can put the department into proper shape. The waste of money in that department has been attributed to many things. The great waste has been by mistake of officials in the highest down. The various heads have been working at a disadvantage. We voted early in the year \$64,000 for street repair. That money was expended two months ago, and I fall to wonder what has been expended. I do not blame ratepayers for finding fault. The local improvement work has gone forward quickly. We have been able under the present system to do better. The people are paying four-fifths of the cost, and this ought to reduce the rate of taxation. The general rate should and can be reduced. The only way the city can build up its streets is by this means."

"The fire department has an efficient head and is now in a thoroughly good position. There has been a 30 per cent. insurance reduction. We have no doubt a further reduction can be obtained. The salt water system is not in working order yet, but that is not the fault of the mayor and council. The engines and pumps are not up to specifications, and our engineer refused to accept them. The company has not been paid yet, and won't be until the machinery is in the hands of the police force is competent and efficient, but I think there are things they might look after better than they do, but I don't blame the department for that. If the police commissioners have the instructions the chief would have them carried out. The cost is increasing, but that is owing to the growth of the city."

"There is a by-law before you to vote \$34,000 for the school board, and I think it is our duty to prepare for educating the young. I hope the people will always keep the education of the young in mind. In the health department there is expense, especially in regard to the isolation hospital. We can't afford to let it go down. There is a movement afoot to get the Jubilee hospital to take it over. The incoming council can deal with it. The scavenger system is in an unsatisfactory state. The work is principally in the hands of Chinamen. There should be a system compelling people to keep their yards clear. We are getting rid of our refuse at less than one-half the cost to Vancouver."

"Regarding the public parks board the council felt it was a fifth wheel to the council and from the first of the year it

SUNLIGHT SOAP

THIS IS IT! The soap that saves you work, and saves you money without injury to hands or article.



Sunlight Soap turns wash-tub drudgery into pleasure. Get a bar of Sunlight to-day and try.

will pass out of existence. If elected I will place the parks in the hands of a committee of the council. Under the old law it could never work satisfactorily. The council should control the funds. I think we are satisfied with the work done on the parks and visitors have admired the uniformity of our boulevards.

"The cemetery will have to be added to soon. There was a by-law turned down that would have provided for the purchase of an adjacent piece of ground. This will be a matter for the new council. The Market building has not been used for its original purpose but I believe it can now be made successful, and it is up to the incoming council to open it up as a public market."

"The water system. Elk Lake water is very good but we won't have enough soon. I think Elk Lake could be added to, but that would be a temporary matter. I think we should provide for the future, and the council has put a by-law before electors asking for \$1,500,000. Objections have been raised to putting this by-law before the people now. I think now is the appropriate time. It is said people won't support it as they don't know who will have the handling of the money. I think, however, that the electors have the opportunity to pick out the best men now. This money is not all being given to the next year's council to spend. The work would take five years, and it will not be till the fifth year that the greater portion is spent. I don't believe that Elk Lake will only last three years, but if this is so the water question should be handled at once. It will be settled if you vote for this by-law at the election. We don't need to hurry the work, but we will have it ready when Elk Lake gives out. Our water income this year is \$120,000, next year it will be about \$140,000, and maintenance will cost about \$200,000. One-fifth of the sum asked in the by-law, the interest would be provided for amply by the surplus of the water income. In 1910 there will be a surplus on this basis of \$25,000; in 1911, \$25,000; in 1912, \$15,000; in 1913, \$9,000, but in 1914 there would be a deficit of \$11,000. Now during these five years we have laid aside a surplus of \$100,000 to meet the 1914-15 deficit, and from 1918 there would be a surplus. Our present water rates will carry the Sooke scheme without any trouble. In ten years there will be quite a nice surplus and in 50 years the debt would be repaid and then the city could reduce the water rates. Give me five minutes to talk to Victoria West and I'll convince them. If you can't vote for me as mayor I want you to vote for that by-law. I wouldn't care to be mayor unless that by-law is passed. If you can vote for me, I'll be glad to serve if elected."

Question: "What do you propose to do with the reservoir?" (Laughter.) Aid. Henderson: "I propose to have it made watertight. That's one of the first things to be done. It isn't satisfactory to me. The lining is porous, but otherwise it is satisfactory. We are at \$810,000 on the water system, and the lining of the reservoir is all that is wrong. I think this can be remedied. I think Mr. Adams is to be held in the first place. He must be held responsible by the people and council. There was \$3,000 over-estimated, and had this been spent it would have been all right."

Question: "How about the fair buildings and races?" Answer: "I am against betting at horse races. The association has spent money on buildings, but the ordinary income is not enough to pay for them. There will be a deficit this year. The women's building was erected on the understanding that the women would pay for it, but they only collected \$800 out of a little over \$8,000. This was owing to the five days' strike. I think the women should be held responsible. The only way to make the fair pay is to cut it down to an estimate within the gate receipts."

Question: "Was there anything wrong with the management?" Answer: "Well, I don't think there was anything absolutely wrong with it, but there was injudicious expenditure for attractions."

In answer to a question Aid. Henderson said he had refused to sign the voucher authorizing the payment of \$800 to the solicitor and barrister retained by the city. Continuing, he said: "On ordinary receipts and expenditure the city has received \$4,000 due from Oak Bay for water pipes and \$4,000 due by the Dominion government as taxes on the old post office property there would be a surplus. As it is the city is about \$2,000 behind."

"Regarding the water board," he continued, "Victoria has its city limits and its pipe system, and a revenue yearly increasing, and if the mains are extended the revenue will increase more, every house meaning a clean profit. If we have to take in outlying districts, where half a mile lies between homes, the expense will not be covered, and I'm against it."

W. E. Oliver, called to the platform by Aid. Henderson, reiterated his former statement plan for a water board. He claimed the interests were identical in all the districts. All were really citizens and he thought the city has taken on itself the sole burden of

supply. Why should Victoria bear the whole burden of the supply? The surrounding country should share in the expense. There should be a water board with representatives from all territories interested, dealing with finances, supply and output. The water companies could be remunerated by bonds. Sooke Lake bonds could be secured on the prospective rates and guaranteed by the city and the municipalities interested.

The board ought to take in every source of supply. In London the water board has the right to acquire by expropriation.

Question: "Are you in favor of Sooke Lake by-law?" Mr. Oliver: "I say the water board is the best plan; but if the ratepayers choose otherwise I am ready to be bound by them. They, however, must have the facts before them, and they have not got the facts yet. Reports by engineers should be posted at the library and city hall. I am not in favor of the by-law."

Aid. Henderson: "I believe Victoria should control the water. We have the nucleus of the supply, and Oak Bay shall not get the right to put mains through the city if I have anything to do with it. Ever since Mr. Oliver entered Oak Bay council we have had nothing but trouble. We don't want any water boards. In a few years they will come into the city. There has been no trouble with Saanichton. The provincial government can make the city supply outside sections, and that is what the city is prepared to do."

The chairman called for other speakers but as none came forward the meeting was brought to a close.

RECIPROcity WITH OAK BAY DISTRICT

Trustees Make One-sided Arrangement With Outside Places.

A reciprocity treaty has been arranged between the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay. On motion of Trustee McNeill the board of trustees of the city recently decided to exclude the outside children from the schools. This was made to apply to Oak Bay as well as to the other districts.

As soon as attention was drawn to the way in which the water would operate, an investigation was instituted and it was found that eighteen of the city children were attending the Oak Bay school, whereas not a dozen of the Oak Bay children were attending school in the city. Accordingly, to the manifest advantage of the city, it was decided to allow the present arrangement to continue. In the other districts, however, where the balance was in favor of the city, the regulation was enforced and about half a dozen children have been excluded from attending school because their parents reside on the farther side of the city limits. One or two of the parents who were able to do so, purchased lots within the city in order that the continuity of their children's education might not be broken in the middle of the term.

STREET RAILWAY CASUALTIES.

Report Submitted to San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Eight persons were killed and 27 injured by street cars of the United Railways in this city during July, August and September last, according to a report made to-day by General Manager Black. The figures were submitted to the board of supervisors.

Ninety-two of the 327 cases of injury were due to mistakes in boarding or leaving cars, the report states, and eighty to jumping from moving cars.

Chapped Hands AND Cold Sores. Are your hands chapped, cracked or sore? Have you "cold cracks" which open and bleed when the skin is drawn tight? Have you a cold sore, frost bite, chilblains, or a "raw" place, which at times makes it agony for you to go about your household duties? If so, Zam-Buk will give you relief, and will heal the frost-damaged skin. Anoint the sore places at night, Zam-Buk's rich healing essences will sink into the wounds, end the smarting, and will heal quickly.

Mrs. Yellan, of Portland, says: "My hands were so sore and cracked that it was agony to put them near water. When I did so they would smart and burn as if I had scalded them. I assumed quite unable to get relief from anything I put on them until I tried Zam-Buk, and it succeeded when all else had failed. It closed the big cracks, gave me ease, soothed the inflammation, and in a very short time healed my hands."

Zam-Buk also cures chafing, rashes, scalds, eczema, piles, ulcers, festering sores, sore heels, corns, blisters, sunburn, ringworm, etc. It is a safe, reliable, and sure cure for all eruptions of the skin, or any free from the Zam-Buk Co., Portland, Maine. Price 50c a box.



OLD CHUM CIGARETTES

Equal in quality to the well-known pipe-tobacco and specially blended for cigarette smoking. TEN FOR TEN CENTS.

IRON AND COAL MERGER ON COAST COMPANY WILL BE CAPITALIZED AT \$20,000,000

Steel Plant at Irondale to Be in Operation in Two Months.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Confirmation of the reported Pacific coast iron and coal merger was given to-day by Herbert E. Law, first vice-president of the Western Steel Corporation, a new company which will be capitalized at \$20,000,000, and is composed of California, Washington and Canadian millionaires. In March the company's steel plant on Puget Sound at Irondale will be in active operation, according to Law. The officers hope to have the plant operating to its maximum capacity by 1912.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY FLOODS

Inhabitants of Oregon Town Suffer Intensely From the Cold.

Paisley, Ore., Jan. 5.—There is little change in the flood situation here today, the town being virtually frozen in an ice flow. The Chequamegon river is still on a rampage and is carrying flood debris through the principal streets of the town. Encamped on an eminence several feet above the high water mark, Paisley's citizens are watching the water ravage their homes. The only thing that will prevent great financial loss is a quick thaw. Zero weather prevails and residents driven from their homes are suffering intensely from the cold.

TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT. Only One Store Left Standing—Residential Saved Through Work of Volunteer Firemen.

Lumont, Wash., Jan. 5.—The little town of Lumont, but a little more than a year old, was almost completely wiped off the map by a fire to-day. With the exception of one store, that owned by George Howell, the business section is in ruins. The fire broke out at 9 o'clock this morning and fanned by a high wind spread rapidly. The town is without fire apparatus, and only the volunteers, badly hampered by the cold weather, prevented the flames from spreading to the residential section of the town. The loss amounts to about \$28,000. All of the owners of the burned buildings have expressed their determination to rebuild at once.

ELEVEN DIE FROM PTOMAINE POISONING Only One Member of Party Which Partook of Peaches Survives.

Sawtelle, Cal., Jan. 5.—B. Preadado, aged 30, and his three-year-old daughter Virginia, died to-day, bringing the total number of deaths in the Valdez family from ptomaine poisoning up to 11. Mrs. B. Preadado, who was reported to be in a precarious condition, will recover. She ate but a small portion of the poisoned peaches on New Year's Eve before she noticed that it tasted strong. This saved her life. She is the only one of a party which sat down to the feast to survive.

PIONEER OF PROVINCE DIED ON TUESDAY

Edwin John, of Saanichton, Passed Away After Few Days' Illness.

In the death of Edwin John at the St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday an old pioneer of British Columbia has passed away. The late Mr. John succumbed to an operation for ptomainitis after a few days' illness. He was born at Lantrissant, Glamorganshire, Wales, on October 7th, 1829. The deceased immigrated to America with his wife and oldest son in 1851, settling in Pennsylvania. Mr. John, like many other pioneers, was seized with the gold fever, coming to California via Nicaragua in 1854. The deceased followed the gold mines for the next ten years, both in California and Nevada. Leaving California in 1864 Mr. John accompanied the gold rush to Cariboo, where he remained until 1868. Mr. John located in Saanichton upon leaving Cariboo, purchasing the property he farmed until the time of his death.

VANCOUVER ISLAND RESOURCES PICTURED

Pamphlet Now Being Prepared Will Be Full and Accurate.

The manuscript of the pamphlet which has been compiled by the Victoria Island Development League is being revised carefully by Frank I. Clark, of the Provincial Bureau of Information. The facts and figures are being compared with the statistics in the provincial departments, so that the information given to the public as to the resources of this island shall be absolutely accurate. The pamphlet will make a handsome publication, illustrated with some 30 half-tone engravings, and will be the most complete ever issued, bearing on the island. It will be printed at the government printing bureau, and in its distribution the bureau of information and the board of trade will assist the development league.

PIONEER CONTRACTOR DEAD.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Michael Cyr, a pioneer contractor of this city, and father of J. Ernest Cyr, ex-M.P. for Provencher, died yesterday, aged 77. Lever Brothers, Toronto, will send you free a cake of their famous Plantol toilet soap, if you mention this paper.

PAULINE & CO. Wholesale Dry goods VICTORIA Wish their customers and friends the compliments of the season and a prosperous New Year. CHRISTMAS, 1909. NEW YEAR, 1910.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE IN FOG

Two Men Are Killed, While Five Others Sustain Serious Injuries.

Cascade Locks, Ore., Jan. 5.—Two men were killed and five seriously injured early to-day in the wreck of two extra freight trains on a curve, three miles east of this place on the Oregon railway. A dense fog was partly responsible for the accident. The dead, T. H. Carson, cattleman, and unidentified immigrant burned to death. The injured, T. B. Moore, Surge, Ore., leg broken, internally injured; McLean, cattleman, arm broken and internal injuries; G. Hanley, cattleman, internal injuries, may not recover; Bert Hallan, The Dalles, brakeman, leg broken.

VANCOUVER ISLAND RESOURCES PICTURED

Pamphlet Now Being Prepared Will Be Full and Accurate.

The manuscript of the pamphlet which has been compiled by the Victoria Island Development League is being revised carefully by Frank I. Clark, of the Provincial Bureau of Information. The facts and figures are being compared with the statistics in the provincial departments, so that the information given to the public as to the resources of this island shall be absolutely accurate. The pamphlet will make a handsome publication, illustrated with some 30 half-tone engravings, and will be the most complete ever issued, bearing on the island. It will be printed at the government printing bureau, and in its distribution the bureau of information and the board of trade will assist the development league.

PIONEER CONTRACTOR DEAD.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Michael Cyr, a pioneer contractor of this city, and father of J. Ernest Cyr, ex-M.P. for Provencher, died yesterday, aged 77. Lever Brothers, Toronto, will send you free a cake of their famous Plantol toilet soap, if you mention this paper.

BRAKEMEN MUST WORK ON THE TOP OF CARS

Chairman of the Railway Commission Announces Decision.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—After hearing representations by Canadian and American railways, operating in Canada, against the doing away with brakemen on the top of freight cars, Chairman Mabee, of the railway commission, this morning decided that the present conditions would not be changed and brakemen will continue to perform their duties on the top of freight cars. The question of the provision of shelter at flag stations was also up for consideration.

BASEBALL COMMISSION.

Meeting in Cincinnati to Select Man to Direct Affairs.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The national baseball commission convenes in this city to-day. The commission will vote on a man to direct its affairs during the coming year. It is thought in baseball circles that Grey Hermann will be re-elected. John Kling, the Chicago National League player, who was suspended for a violation of his contract when he failed to appear for practice last spring, after he had been refused a higher salary, will apparently not re-enter organized ball, as his application has not yet been received. Vancouver's Manager. Vancouver, Jan. 5.—Victor Lord, part owner of the Vancouver team in the Northwestern League, announced this morning that Bob Brown, released yesterday by Spokane, had purchased a three-fifths interest in the club, and would manage next season's team. Brown is in Seattle and will come up here to-morrow.

FORM No. 11. LAND ACT. FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District. Take notice that Murray C. Potts and wife, do hereby apply for permission to use following described lands; Commencing at a post planted on the shore near the west end of Felix Bay, Call Creek, thence running easterly 80 chains along shore line, thence 80 chains of commencement. Located Nov. 29th, 1909. MURRAY CLARKE POTTS, December 29th, 1909.

PLACE WANTED.—By a man willing to do ordinary janitor's work, look after animals, or make himself useful about kitchen; bachelor premises preferred. Love or country, at low wages for day winter. Box 896 Times.

VOLUME 38. THREE BY-ARE IMP OUTLOOK FOR VOTE ON School By-Law Only On Carry

(From Monday) The three by-laws voted on Thursday the most important. They were submitted to the ratepayers of Victoria by-laws—one to enable to raise the sum of purpose of bringing up Sooke lake; one to incorporate the Grand Opera House Company a theatre, and one for \$184,000 for public.

In respect to the Sooke lake conviction is generally rejected by a very it is seldom that it is forecast the fate of such certainty as in the moment of its in city council, it has defeat, if one may judge expressed by citizens who have spoken about the money, in an attempt public opinion on the reviewed a number of They were chosen having every instance of the were opposed to have submitted at this time. There is no difference presently, that Sooke chosen ultimately as the water supply for the but while this is so, agreed that this is not the ratepayers to vote sum. It is contended, ant a scheme should be carefully by the engineer expeditious calculation all the necessary fact the council in the first later before the public many form up on the proposed to determine what guarantee there is to sources of the city.

It is contended also, that it is not fair to ask that this money should be voted no one knows the plan are to compose the rest of the city. It is a later date, when the assumed office. Those supporting the they are led by Aid. that there is no force tion that it is improper money before the year end they say, that the money will be spent this year and that the expenditure over several years, that it is highly important interests of the city be taken at once to the world that Victoria policy for waterwork and that the passage of the best way to change the contrary—a referendum, is working to the city. (Concluded on

IMPORTANT MEETING ON V

A. D. McRae Sa With French C

With French C