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OPENING OF THE LABOR CONGRESS

ANNUAL SESSION IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Term of General Superintendent Fixed at Eight Years by Methodist Conference—Man Shot.

Berlin, Ont., Sept. 15.—The annual session of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened this afternoon in Berlin, with an attendance larger than ever before. Between 150 and 200 delegates are in attendance, from Atlantic to Pacific. Greetings were conveyed by Dennis Driscoll, of Boston, from the American Federation of Labor, and the brief addresses were delivered by Vice-President John A. Fleit, of Hamilton, and Ralph Smith, M.P., president of the congress.

Wheat Moving.
Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—On Saturday the movement of wheat throughout the province and Territories along the C.P.R. lines was very heavy. There were 200 cars loaded for shipment, and most of this was taken at once from Port William to be re-shipped by vessel across the lakes. There were 220,000 bushels of wheat marketed.

Methodist Conference.
At the Methodist general conference to-day the term of office of the general superintendent was fixed at eight years. A recommendation that the interval of six years, within which a pastor may not be returned to the same circuit, be reduced to four years, was carried. A motion made by Rev. James Allan, that the reduction of the pastoral term to four years do not come into effect until July, 1903, was lost.

Colors in Church.
Cobourg, Ont., Sept. 15.—The colors of the Fourth Regiment presented in 1862 to the old volunteers of the fight John Mathews, were deposited in St. Peter's church yesterday afternoon.

Shot at Fight.
Fort Erie, Ont., Sept. 15.—Ryan won to-night in the sixth round from Carter. During the progress of the fight John Mathews, a Buffalo cab driver, was shot in the leg. Jack Herman, manager of the International A. C., is held by the Ontario police, pending an investigation of the affair. According to the story told to the police by Mathews, he and several others were standing at the rear of the club house watching the fight through an opening in the roof. The man, it is alleged, suddenly opened the door and pointed a revolver at them. The foremost man in the group struck the revolver downwards just as it was discharged. The bullet entered Mathews' leg at the knee. He was taken to a Buffalo hospital. His condition is not serious.

Bank Robbed.
Woodstock, N.B., Sept. 15.—Burglars entered the local branch of the Bank of New Brunswick and stole cash and securities to the value of \$5,000. The bank agency only opened a few months ago and was located in a detached building. The burglars stole tools from a couple of local blacksmith shops, and collecting several horse blankets, soaked them and wrapped them about the case, deadening the sound of the explosion. The bank agent and sheriff are in pursuit, but so far have failed to secure any clue to the robbers. As the international boundary was only a few miles away they are now believed to be in the United States.

CHINESE RAILWAY.
Britain Will Keep Peking-Shan Hai Kwan Section While Russia Holds Newchwang.

Tientsin, Sept. 15.—Major-General Creagh, the British commander, who started for Peking Saturday to confer with the foreign ministers regarding the restoration of the Chihli section of the Peking-Newchwang railway to the Chinese, has returned here. It is now said that the British will not restore the Peking-Shan Hai Kwan section of that road until Russia relinquishes possession of the Newchwang portion.

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS.
The British Admiralty Has Ordered Nine Additional Vessels.

London, Sept. 16.—The British admiralty has ordered nine additional torpedo boat destroyers from private firms. Only one of these will be turbine engines, and all of them will be more substantially built than are the boats of the existing types. Their speed will be 25½ against the present 30 knots.

CARRIED MANY PEOPLE.
Steamer Kronland Had Over Eighteen Hundred Passengers.

New York, Sept. 15.—The American liner steamer Kronland, which arrived last night from Antwerp, brought it is said, the largest number of passengers ever brought on any ship from Antwerp. The number was 1,844, of which 455 were cabin passengers.

PROBABLY DROWNED.

Strange Conduct of a Man Who is Reported to Own Mines in Atlin.

Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 15.—Miss Stephens, of Saginaw, was united in marriage in this city on Friday evening to Charles B. Rabson, Atlin, B. C., said to be owner of two gold mines in that district. At 3 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) morning Rabson awakened his bride and asked her to light a lamp. He acted strangely and said that she had hypnotized him and that she must go with him at once to Rev. Mr. Gallinger, who performed the wedding, and tell him about it. Mrs. Rabson wanted to dress, but her husband compelled her to go in her night dress. She finally broke away from him and escaped after some time. Rabson then went to the river and walking in swan across. The bridge tender offered him assistance, which he declined. When the bridge tender returned with a rope Rabson had disappeared. Officers dragged the river all day yesterday without result. Rabson is said to have had a large sum of money with him in currency and gold nuggets, valued at several hundred dollars. He is the son of the late Thos. Rabson of Kent, England, and has lived in British Columbia.

EXPLORER PEARY.

Dispatch Received Reporting He is Now On the Way Home.

New York, Sept. 15.—Herbert Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, received dispatches to-day from Lieut. R. E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, dated Chateau Bay, Labrador. Lieut. Peary says in the dispatch that he is on his way home on the relief ship Windward, and that all on board are well. He says that he was in the dispatch received to-day, Mr. Bridgman has no information as to the movements of the explorer, who sailed with his expedition to the north on July 14th, 1898.

DISCUSSED DETAILS.

Meeting of the General Board of the International Steamship Combine.

New York, Sept. 15.—The general board of the International Steamship Combine, organized by J. P. Morgan, met to-day, those present including Mr. Morgan, W. J. Pierre, of the Harland & Wolff Shipbuilding Company, of Belfast, Ireland, who acted as representative of those interests abroad; Clement A. Griscom, P. A. R. Wiedener and several others. Organization has been perfected, according to the dispatches of the Morgan firm, and shares of the companies in the combination have been deposited. Beyond the statement that additional details had been discussed at to-day's meeting, no information was given out.

SWEEPED AWAY BY FLOODS.

Calcutta, Sept. 15.—Twenty-five villages have been swept away and six thousand people have been rendered homeless by floods, which have overflowed the rivers in the southern part of the Presidency of Bengal. Relief camps for the sufferers have been started.

SEVENTEEN DEAD.

Bodies of Victims of Explosion in Mine at Roanoke Brought to Surface.

Roanoke, Va., Sept. 16.—Late last night the bodies of the 17 miners, killed by the explosion of the Algoma mine, were brought to the surface. Several of the rescuers were overcome by dead gas and brought out unconscious. Coming so closely upon the end of the strike in this field, the disaster may cause a suspension of mining, as the men have not yet lost that spirit of discontent of which the strike was the result.

FAST STEAMING.

Kron Prinz Wilhelm Breaks All Records Between Cherbourg and Sandy Hook.

New York, Sept. 16.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which arrived in port this morning from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, beat all previous westward records. She left Cherbourg at 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10th, and arrived at the Sandy Hook lighthouse at 4:07 this morning, making the run of 3,047 miles in five days 11 hours 25 minutes, at an average speed of 23.09 knots an hour. The time is twenty-six minutes better than the time of the Deutschland.

KILLED SEVEN PERSONS.

Gendarme Rams Amuck in a Theatre—Murderer Shot by Police.

New York, Sept. 15.—The audience at one of the theatres at Matagat has been killed in an uproar by germs, who drew a revolver and fired indiscriminately, says a Madrid dispatch to the New York American.

REPORT DENIED.

London, Sept. 16.—A telegram received from Birmingham to-day announces that Geo. Keene & Co., author of an absolute denial of the report published by the Daily Mail of this city to-day that a British steel rail combine had been formed to control prices and regulate the output, and that it included Geo. Keene & Co., and a number of other important concerns.

DEATH WAS NOT DUE TO ACCIDENT

MAN CONFESSES THAT HE MURDERED BOY

Marketing of Grain Continues to Increase—Little Trouble Anticipated in Moving Wheat.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—The marketing of grain continues to increase. On Saturday at C.P.R. points, 209,000 bushels of wheat were marketed. High bluffs in the lead as to the quantity, having 12,800 bushels. The number of cars loaded was 152. If the present fine weather continues the grain will be threshed so gradually that there may be little trouble in the movement, and the men engaged in stacking and stocking will be available for threshing. D. S. Carfield, V.S., of Crystal City, was in the city to-day. He says threshing has been going on at a great rate during the past week. Mr. Carfield says that in his neighborhood the sample of grain is turning out well. The coarser grains are all so good and feed will be plentiful this year.

A Confession.
St. Thomas, Ont., Sept. 15.—Wm. Chas. King, 25 years old, has confessed to having shot and killed Jas. Freeman, 15 years old, who was supposed to have been killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands. King says he killed Freeman because of jealousy. He says he crept up stairs and took aim at Freeman's eye and shot him, and then told Mr. and Mrs. Freeman that Willie had shot himself. King is under arrest.

Fire at Hamilton.
Hamilton, Sept. 15.—Fire last night did damage to the extent of \$5,000 to a building occupied by J. E. Brown's wholesale wool and hide establishment, Lucas Steele and Bristol, wholesale grocers, and Wm. Somerville & Co.

FRANCE MUST BE READY.

Duty of Ministers to Prepare For Enemies of Republic Whoever They Be.

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After pointing out the importance of Bizerta as a bulwark of France, M. Pelletan proceeded:

"We have been cured of the dreams of the great man, who wished us to dominate the world. But part of the Mediterranean is French and will remain French. With this powerful rampart, so well situated for defence and also for attack, and with Corsica and Tunisia, we can hold the open door between the two halves of the Mediterranean in spite of Malta and Gibraltar. Certainly I do not desire a conflict of peoples against England any more than against Italy, but as we do not know what others are doing, it is part of our duty to prepare for the holy war, for the French fatherland, against its enemies whoever they may be. I am convinced, thanks to the fellow-workers with whom I am surrounded, that we can face every eventuality. Security hardly exists and none for the civilized world. At the end of the 19th century, after the defeat of the French by the barbarism of old Germany, we saw an offensive return of the law of brute force. The whole world seemed to be dominated by the maxim 'the might before right.' We must then devote all our efforts to keeping intact that focus of justice, the light of French genius."

M. Pelletan concluded with remarking that he would not say more at present. He had not yet become accustomed to being a minister, and feared he might be carried away into expressing his opinion of matters which exclusively concerned the foreign minister.

FIRES BEYOND CONTROL.

Vast Strip of Territory in Colorado Has Been Swept by the Flames.

Denver, Col., Sept. 16.—But little progress toward checking the forest fires in different sections of the state is being made. At the head of Chicago creek the fire is again beyond control. A vast strip of territory has been burned over, and it is feared that the towns along the creek will experience a shortage of water, due to the fact that the fire has destroyed the protection to the snow sheds. The fire has burned for several weeks, and has destroyed much valuable timber. Several summer resorts are in danger.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

Victorian Government Defeated on Policy of Retrenchment of Civil Servants' Salaries.

Melbourne, Victoria, Sept. 16.—Following the dissolution of the Victorian parliament to-day, in consequence of an adverse vote recently on the government's schemes for retrenchment, the premier, W. H. Irvine, issued a manifesto to the electors appealing to them to prevent their own servants from paralyzing the administration. He said that in order to avoid a serious deficit the government had decided on a graduated reduction of the salaries of public servants, and that thereupon the state employees became rebellious, a strike of the state railroads was openly organized, and in consequence of the pressure brought to bear on them by malcontents, the assembly-men voted against the government.

MASSACRED BY BOXERS.

Dispatch From Peking Reports the Wholesale Murders of Converts in China.

London, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to a news agency from Peking says: "Catholics here understand that from three hundred to one thousand converts have been killed by Boxers in the province of Sze Chuen."

HATLESS WOMEN.

Will Not Be Allowed in Catholic Church at Tonkers.

New York, Sept. 15.—Rev. Charles E. Carley, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church of Tonkers, said to be one of the wealthiest between New York and Albany, in a sermon has denounced women who go hatless to church. He declared the practice to be a violation of the apostle St. Paul to the effect that women must come to worship covered.

The rector declared that hatless women will in the future be refused admission in his church.

BARR WILL SAIL DEFENDER.

Again Selected to Sail Yacht in the American Cup Races.

New York, Sept. 16.—Captain Barr, the well-known American cup skipper, who sailed Columbia against the Lipton challenger Shamrock H., will again serve the New York Yacht Club next year in the international match, as he did last year, says the Herald. Barr has been engaged by the re-elected officers to take charge of the new cup defender.

Lipton's Challenge.
London, Sept. 16.—The challenge of Sir Thos. Lipton, for another series of races for the America cup will be forwarded within a few days, so as to reach the New York Yacht Club before October 1st.

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COAL BUNKERS BURNED.

Stockton, Cal., Sept. 16.—The coal bunkers and briquette factory of the Tesla Coal Co. has been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$200,000.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE CONFERENCE

REV. DR. CARMAN AGAIN CHOSEN AS PRESIDENT

Mounted Rifles on Their Way Home—Pure Bred Cattle for British Columbia.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 16.—Interest at the Methodist general conference to-day centred chiefly in the election of officers. The contest for the editorship of the Christian Guardian was a warm one. The leading candidates on the first ballot were Rev. J. G. Bond, Halifax; Rev. A. C. Crews, Rev. A. C. Cottrill, the present editors, Rev. R. P. Bowles, Rev. Dr. Ross, Rev. Dr. Rose, Rev. Dr. MacLean. The candidates narrowed down to Crews, Curtis and Bond, the latter being elected on the fourth ballot. Rev. Dr. Bond, who is the editor of the Wesleyan and a baptist of Newfoundland's Premier, received 121 votes on the final ballot, against 112 cast for Rev. Mr. Crews. Rev. Dr. Carman was re-elected president on the first ballot, receiving 144 votes out of 238 cast. The other conference officers elected are: Book room steward, Western section, Rev. Dr. Briggs; assistant secretary of missions, Rev. Dr. James Henderson; lay treasurer of missions, Rev. A. E. Ames; superintendent of missions for the Northwest, Rev. Dr. Woodworth; general secretary of education, Rev. Dr. Fette; general secretary of Sunday school work and Epworth leagues, Rev. A. C. Crews; clerical treasurer of superannuation fund, Rev. Dr. W. S. Griffin; lay treasurer, E. Gurney.

Visiting West.
Hon. Geo. E. Foster, former minister of finance, arrived in Winnipeg from the East to-day. In conversation he said his trip to the West was purely of a business character, and that for the present he was not interested in political matters. He is going as far as the coast and expects to spend about six weeks in the West altogether.

BACK FROM ENGLAND.

Archer Baker, representative of the Canadian Pacific in England, and Mr. W. R. Baker, assistant to the second vice-president of the company, arrived from the East to-day.

Sale of Land.

The Saskatchewan Valley Land Co. have sold 100,000 acres of land in Saskatchewan district to a syndicate of United States capitalists, for a sum approaching \$500,000.

Fire.

Valleyfield, Que., Sept. 16.—Fire this morning destroyed the carriage factory of Lassier & Parochers. The loss is \$20,000; well insured.

Municipal Home Rule.

Montreal, Sept. 16.—At this morning's session of the Union of Municipalities' convention, a resolution was adopted favoring absolute home rule for municipalities as regards granting of charters to incorporated bodies now in the hands of the Dominion government.

Medical Association.

The Canadian Medical Association opened its sessions here this morning with a large attendance. In the morning the surgery and medical sections met and listened to a number of interesting papers. In the afternoon a general business meeting was held, and a number of new members were elected, and other business was transacted. An address on surgery was read by Dr. F. Sheehy, of this city, in the absence of Dr. John Stewart, of Halifax, who compiled the paper; a lantern demonstration, followed by Dr. Wm. Corlett, of Cleveland. Afterwards the delegates were entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs. James Ross. This evening the president delivered his annual address, and this was followed by a reception. In the afternoon the delegates were entertained to a drive around the mountains.

Dental Convention.

The Dominion Dental Association began its convention here to-day. At the morning session, papers were read by Dr. S. W. McInnes, Brandon; Dr. F. A. Godson, St. John; Dr. F. Woodbury, Halifax; Dr. J. S. Baznall, Charlotte-town, P. E. I.; Dr. Stevenson, Montreal; Dr. W. Cowan, Regina; Dr. Nash, Victoria, B. C.; and Dr. Wilmut, Toronto, Ont. The nationalization of the standard of dental education was discussed, and the idea being to discover a head with graduation in one province would entitle a man to practice in any other.

Preparing For Election.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 16.—Although the provincial government has not yet signified when the general local elections will be held, the opposition are already gaining all over the province for the contest. To-night the opposition for the city of St. John held a convention and chose the following candidates: Wm.

ROBBERS SURROUNDED.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 16.—Men who robbed the Bank of New Brunswick at East Florenceville on Sunday night were rounded up by sheriff's officers at Littleton, Me., on Monday night, but escaped into a clump of woods, where they are now surrounded, and it is expected will be captured.

SHOOTING CASE.

Fort Erie, Ont., Sept. 16.—Jack Herman, manager of the International Athletic Club, was committed for trial by Magistrate Logan to-day for shooting John Mathers, a Buffalo cab driver, at the club house last night. Herman will be given a jury trial at the next sitting of the court of sessions, which occurs in December. Welland. Herman gave bail at Welland to-night, and returned to Buffalo. Herman says the shooting was accidental. Mathers' wound is not serious.

LABOR CONGRESS.

Berlin, Ont., Sept. 16.—The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, now meeting here, credential committee refused delegates from the Montreal Bar's Protective Association on the ground that it is purely an association of employers, and detrimental to the employees of the trade. The clause to labor after January 1st, 1903, from the congress, representatives from the Knights of Labor, was adopted, the congress being opposed to a dual organization.

RESIGNATION.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 16.—J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, has resigned on account of ill-health. He will spend a year in travel abroad. He is succeeded by Mr. Laird, assistant manager of the New York branch.

CATTLE SHIPPED.

L. W. Paisley, secretary of the British Columbia Live Stock Association, shipped seven carloads pure bred Ontario stock to British Columbia for breeding purposes yesterday.

Coming Home.

A number of British Columbia men reached here to-day en route home from service with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa.

New Cavalry Drill.

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—Lord Dundonald has decided to inaugurate at once modern tactics and new methods of instruction in the Canadian militia, based upon the lessons of the war in South Africa. A militia order just issued decrees the abolition of the sword as a cavalry arm in the field, and directs that cavalry drill be confined to the simplest methods, directed wholly to rapid rendezvous formations, the construction of defence works in accordance with the modern methods of fighting, the force to belong to is the new cavalry, whether they be called husars, dragoons or any other name."

THE ALLEGED PICKPOCKETS.

After Hearing Case To-Morrow the Men and Women Will Be Brought to Victoria.

Vancouver, Sept. 16.—Lewis and Williams were this morning acquitted on the charge of having stolen a purse from the person of Penser on the Nanaimo steamer Ionan. Proof of their possession of stolen property was easily obtained, but the technical point of the counsel for the defence that absolute stealing had not been proved was sustained, and the application of counsel for the crown to amend the information was refused. To-morrow the second case will be tried against them, and then the two men and two women will be taken to Victoria to stand trial there for the alleged theft of goods from Spencer's and other places. Detective Mulhena, who has returned from Portland, believes that two trunks of effects of the prisoners held there all came from goods stolen in Victoria, and the police of the capital will probably make another attempt to obtain possession of the Portland property.

The police here are looking for an American crook named London, who passed several hundred dollars' worth of forged cheques here on Saturday night, signing the name of Fred Anderson, Great Northern Cannery.

SITUATION AT THE CAPE.

Peace Reigns and Martial Law Will Be Repealed in a Few Days.

Capetown, Sept. 15.—In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press to-day the attorney-general, S. L. Graham, said: "The general indemnity act will become law in a day or two, when martial law will be repealed throughout the colony. Simultaneously the government will proclaim the Peace Preservation Act, enabling it to control the possession, importation and registration of all arms and ammunition. Profound peace reigns throughout the colony."

FISHING BOATS LOST.

Nine French Vessels Foundered in North Sea—Fifty Men Drowned.

London, Sept. 15.—A telegram from Calais, France, to-day announced that nine vessels of the French cod fleet foundered in North sea during the recent gales, and that 50 fishermen were drowned.

LABOR LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCE

NINETEENTH WEEK OF THE COAL STRIKE

Miners' and Operators Are Determined Not to Give In—Men Work Under Heavy Guard.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 16.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here to-day and at once went to President Mitchell's headquarters, where he met National Treasurer Wilson and the district presidents of the United Mine Workers, J. Gompers and the executive officers of the Miner's Union held a lengthy conference. Before he went to the meeting Mr. Gompers was asked what his mission here was. He replied that he came to confer with Mr. Mitchell and the other officers of the union regarding the strike. It was said that after conference a statement would be issued.

Neither Side Weakening.

Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 15.—To-day begins the nineteenth week of the coal strike. The reiteration of the coal presidents during the week that no concessions would be made, and the resolutions passed by nearly all of the local unions of the United Mine Workers, pledging themselves to continue to strike until concessions are granted, show that neither side is weakening.

Colliers at Work.

Tamaqua, Sept. 15.—The Greenwood colliery, at the western end of Panther Creek, resumed operations to-day. It is impossible to learn exactly how many men are at work, because the place is very heavily guarded and the operators, the Bedford Bros., will give no definite information. They say, however, that they expect to wash about 300 tons of coal a day.

To-day the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company claims gains in the Panther Creek mines. It is expected that the output from the No. 4 and No. 12 collieries will be increased from 1,200 to 1,800 tons a day.

The leaders of the mine workers ridicule the claims of the company. They say that there are no more men at work to-day than there were last week.

No troops were sent out from Mania park this morning, but a company was kept under arms to respond to the call.

QUEEN WILHELMINA

To-Day Opened Parliament—Some of the Bills Which Will Be Introduced.

The Hague, Sept. 16.—Queen Wilhelmina opened the Staats general (parliament) in person to-day. She appeared to have completely recovered from her illness. Her Majesty was accompanied by her husband, Prince Henry, and the Queen mother.

The Queen's reference to the foreign affairs in the speech from the throne was confined to the statement that the relations of the Netherlands with the foreign powers continued very friendly. The rest of the speech was devoted to domestic matters. Her Majesty said that although the Dutch trade had been affected by the crisis which had arisen elsewhere, the condition of commerce and industry of the Netherlands remained satisfactory and that of agriculture was unfavorable. Labor conditions were improving, but there was much room for betterment.

Among the bills announced were measures increasing educational facilities, restricting compulsory vaccination, pensioning teachers, regulating lotteries, abolishing the state lottery and amending the sugar law.

FIGHT WITH YAQUI.

Six Indians Killed by Farmers Whose Cattle They Were Stealing.

Hermosillo, Mex., Sept. 15.—The military authorities here have received word of a desperate battle between a band of thirty Yaqui Indians and a party of Mexican farmers near Tomatal.

The Indians were on a foraging expedition and were attempting to drive off a lot of cattle when a number of farmers of the locality banded together and attacked them.

Six Indians were killed and four captured. Two of the farmers were wounded.

DELAGOA BAY.

Report That Transfer to British is Imminent.

London, Sept. 16.—A firm of South African merchants in Liverpool is said to have received a cable dispatch from Capetown, dated September 13

lies north of this town, operated by Mr. ...

REFUSE TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS

MEETING OF WEST VIRGINIA OPERATORS

They Will Not Recognize the Miners' Union - Wish Soldiers Kept in Coal Fields.

Charlestown, W. V., Sept. 17.-The mines on New River are increasing their output daily and are working about half the regular force.

At a consultation between the operators, the sheriff of Cayote county and the officers of the militia, it has been decided to ask the governor not to withdraw the troops for the present.

A committee of New River coal operators, having charge of matters pertaining to the strike, after a meeting at Thurmond have adopted resolutions declaring that the operators will not recognize the United Mine Workers of America or treat with them or any of their members with reference to the wage scale or other conditions of employment, and that they will make no concessions or in any way change the conditions of employment from what they were when the strike was called.

PURPOSE.

Appeals to the Powers on Humanian Jews.

Sept. 17.-With the donning of the long surplice, Balkan states, and sent peril of the United States of a Secretary Hay has in course of appeal to Europe to force the obligations of the Jews.

Decides to Withdraw From the Race for United States Congress.

SPEAKER HENDERSON

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 16.-Speaker Henderson, finding that his views in respect to the treatment of trusts by reducing the tariff in whole or part, are not in accord with the views of many of his party in Iowa, has this day declined to accept the nomination for congress and has withdrawn from the race.

ROMANIAN JEWS.

London Globe Hopes Hay's Message Will Put a Stop to Their Expatriation.

LEFT DEAD ON FIELD.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Sept. 18.-Gen. Nord, at the head of 3,000 men, attacked Lima yesterday morning.

IMPERIAL POLITICS.

Rumors of an Early General Election in United Kingdom.

HORRIBLE DEATH.

Man Fell Into the Gas Oven of a Blast Furnace.

ELOPED WITH MERRILL.

Woman Who Found Body of Tracy's Companion Goes Away With Brother.

THE WINDWARD SIGHTED.

Steamer Carrying the Peary Arctic Expedition Reached Sydney, N. S., To-Day.

FRISCO SHAKEN.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.-A slight earthquake shock was felt at 2.15 this morning. No damage was done.

ADID FOR FIRE SUFFERERS.

Money and Supplies Being Rushed to the Afflicted Districts-Flames Spreading in Colorado.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 18.-Six thousand dollars are being raised in this city, Oregon City and Vancouver, Wash., for the forest fire sufferers.

OPERATOR HOPEFUL OF SETTLEMENT

SAYS OWNERS WILL LIVE IN TO MINERS

Number Are Waiting to Follow the Example of Large Company in Pennsylvania.

Chicago, Sept. 18.-Word was received in Chicago last night from Henry Weaver, of the Weaver Coal Company, who is in Buffalo, that the anthracite coal strike will soon come to an end.

The End in Sight.

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Since going north the steamer has made one and a half trips on the Stikine and seven on the Skeena without a single accident. Captain Johnson commanded the vessel throughout the year, and naturally feels proud of her record.

When the steamer left Esquimaux three days ago the Hazelton was on the ways, where repairs were to be made to her as soon as some lumber and material arrived from Victoria. As soon as the repairs had been completed she was to make two more trips to the forks of the river.

On her last down trip from Hazelton the Mount Royal had as passengers A. Singlehurst and party, who brought south with them three tons of ore from their property at Kislaya canyon.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

The Profits During Past Half Year- Rate Remains Unchanged.

London, Sept. 18.-At the semi-annual general court of the Bank of England to-day the chairman announced that the net profits for the half ending August 31st, were \$3,651,065, making the amount of the reserve fund against contingent liabilities at that date \$18,689,740. The usual six months dividend of five per cent was declared. The rate of discount was unchanged at three per cent.

THE NEW ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP SERVICE

London Paper Says Forward State of Negotiations Is Responsible for Minister's Stay in Metropolis.

London, Sept. 18.-According to the Westminster Gazette, the postponement of the departure from England of the Canadian minister of finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding, is due to the forwardness of the negotiations looking to the establishment of a Canadian-British steamship line, which he and his colleagues can subsolve to the extent of \$750,000 yearly, without further appeal to the Dominion parliament.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BANQUET.

Final Meeting of the Committee Was Held Last Night-Everything Satisfactory.

The board of trade banquet committee held its final meeting last evening, there being present President McQuade, Vice-President Todd, and Messrs. Pitts, Oliver, McQuade, Hayward and Burns. Mr. H. M. Graham asked to be excused on account of other pressing business. The reports of the sub-committees showed all matters well advanced, and there is every reason to believe that the entertainment will be one of the most successful of the kind ever given in this city.

Only those who are acquainted with the amount of detail connected with the successful consummation of such affairs can appreciate the work which has fallen on the committee, but in this case the hearty manner in which members of the board have co-operated has proved highly satisfactory, and at last evening's meeting the members of the committee were profuse in their thanks for this assistance. With two exceptions all the subscribers are members of the board. The only business to be done last night was the appointment of a table committee, which will have its first meeting in the reception room in order that every one attending the banquet will be able to see at a glance his position at the table. This work will save the board the bother of tickets, and the removal of the local Chinese officials who had failed to represent the riots and preserve life and property.

WILL BE HERE TWO DAYS.

Sir Edmund Barton and Party Will Arrive on the Yosemite To-morrow Morning.

Sir Edmund Barton and party will be the guests of this city for nearly two days. They will arrive on the Yosemite to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock or thereabouts, and will not leave until Saturday night, when the Aomgnt will call here on her way to Australia.

The Yosemite will be dispatched to the Terminal City to-night, and will leave there with the distinguished visitors after the banquet. A deputation from this city will go over on the steamer to meet Australia's first premier. Special efforts will be put forth to make the party's stay pleasant. According to word received from Sir Edmund's secretary, he is anxious to see the parliament buildings, which have secured a great deal of celebrity through the presence of prominent visitors, and it is partly for this purpose that the greater proportion of two days will be spent here. The Aomgnt was to sail from Vancouver to-morrow, according to schedule, but will wait for the mail on the Eastern express, and hence will not leave until Saturday night.

GOING TO INDIA.

Crown Prince of Germany Will Accompany the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

Simla, India, Sept. 18.-Much interest has been aroused in India by the announcement that the Crown Prince of Germany, Frederick William, is likely to accompany the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are to represent King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra at the coronation durbar.

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Result of Elections at Methodist General Conference-Harvesters Are Still in Demand.

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.-Rev. J. McLeod, M. A., the western missionary, was this morning elected by the Methodist general conference as editor of the Wesleyan, Halifax, succeeding Rev. G. J. Bond, who has been chosen editor of the Christian Guardian, Toronto.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending September 18th, 1902, were: Clearings \$3,185,540, balances \$804,207. For the corresponding week in 1901 the clearing were \$2,217,417 and balances \$350,017, and for the same period in 1900 the clearings were \$1,628,458 and balances \$261,920.

HARVESTING THE GRAIN.

Magnificent harvest weather continues throughout Manitoba and the Territories. The want of help is being severely felt, and big wages are offered at many points. Wheat deliveries are increasing and are being met by the railroads.

SUPERINTENDENT INDUCTED.

Rev. Archibald Ewing Formally Installed in New Capacity Last Night.

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Report That Combine Will Be Formed at Dawson-Sherp Rise in Prices Anticipated.

Seattle, Sept. 18.-A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says: "Dawson meat men are organizing a combine to control the stock in the Klondike. Their plans are all matured. At a meeting to-morrow representatives will get together and arrange for the absolute control of all the meat in the market. The combine will have to take care not only all the stock on the Klondike, but all that have been contracted, the value of which will amount to more than \$1,000,000. Restaurants, hotels and large mining companies are buying in large stocks of meat in anticipation of a sharp rise in prices."

NO LIVES LOST.

London Missionary Society's Schooner Southern Cross Has Been Wrecked.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.-The schooner Southern Cross, belonging to the London Missionary Society, was wrecked on September 1st on the French island of Tahiti, near the harbor of Papeete. There were a number of passengers on board, but all were rescued.

FOURNIER TELLS OF FOUR MURDERS

DAWSON MURDERER HAS MADE A CONFESSION

Related a Series of Crimes in Which He Was Implicated - Labelle Also Accused.

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BLOWING IN OF CROFTON SMELTER

IT MAY TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY NEXT

The Preparations Are Being Hurried as Rapidly as Possible-An Important Event.

It is quite possible that the Crofton smelter will be blown in on Saturday. Preparations are being hurried with that object in view, but if everything is not in readiness by that time the interesting event will be held early next week. The Crofton furnace has been installed, and it is understood most of the work is ready for the blowing in.

Arrangements are under way for an excursion to the smelter town on the day the big establishment is blown in. A further announcement in this regard will be made when the date is definitely determined. Quite a number of smelters will take part in the proceeding. Among these are J. N. Greenwoods, K. C. and Bagley and Lindquist, of Pittsburg. Many Victorians will also attend, as the blowing in of a smelter of such proximity to this city as the Crofton concern, is rare. H. C. Belliger, assistant manager and chief metallurgist, is now constantly on the scene supervising the finishing touches, and will likely preside at the function which will set the plant in operation.

There are several thousand tons of ore at Crofton awaiting treatment, so the big furnaces will have enough to keep them going for some time. The ore is from Mt. Sicker, Quatsino Sound, Princess Royal Island and Kennedy Lake. It has undergone the preliminary processes, time next week will be receiving active treatment. Among the party of Pittsburghers who will go up to the smelter is Judge Reed, law partner of Attorney General Knox, of the United States. Of the others A. M. Munroe, of Montreal, is a member of the breaking firm of Munroe & Munroe, which conducts the American side, 30 miles above Circle City, they shot Gilbert Dufour, robbed him of \$700, weighted the body with stones and threw it into the river. The last murder was never known or suspected till the confession was made. He says: "We went to White Horse in June because gambling was shut down, and we could make no money as boosters. We planned to kill for money. We stayed a few days at the hotel, and freshmen got off the train. Labelle engaged them in conversation and induced them to go in a boat we had bought. On an island, ten miles below Stewart, we camped and Labelle said, 'We'll fix this thing in the morning,' and I agreed.

"Constantly, the cook, got up first and the notice awoke Labelle. When the cook went out, Labelle threw a stick and awoke me. He went out and we heard a shot. He came back and said, 'I shot at a rabbit but missed.' Then Beaudoin went out back with the tent and the camp fire. Labelle followed and we heard another shot. Bouthilllette raised the side of the tent and looked out. Then Labelle shot him three times with a rifle."

"This statement is not believed, but the police are convinced that Fournier shot Bouthilllette from behind the tent while raising the side flap. Bouthilllette was shot with a revolver and Fournier confesses he had a revolver.

Then Fournier says: "We got two \$100 bills, a \$5 bill and a gold watch from Constantin's body; \$35 from Beaudoin's and \$25 and a silver watch from Bouthilllette's. I took the silver watch and Labelle the gold one and all the money. We threw the bodies in the river."

"After July 4th we went to Eagle City, and there met Dufour, a Dominion creek claim owner. Labelle requested him to go in our boat to Circle City. He was headed for San Francisco and Montreal. He gave me his shotgun. We camped one night above Circle and in the morning he took the shooting and I shot him. He shot once. Then Labelle said, 'You try, Pete.'"

"Dufour said, 'Certainly,' and handed me the gun. Just then he sent a bullet through his head from behind. As Dufour fell we noticed a pocketbook in his back pocket. In it were fourteen \$50 bills and one \$5, \$705 in all, and I got to supply their social and intellectual requirements."

"Labelle tied ropes and I got stones, weighted the bodies and rolled it in the river. We went to Circle and came back to Dawson on the Susie. Then Labelle disappeared."

The confession was made in the presence of Detective Welsh, Captain Routledge and Wroughton, Sergeant Smith and Alex MacFarlane, who is Fournier's counsel, and a stenographer. It was voluntary. Fournier says he is guilty and deserves to hang. Welsh arrived two days ago with Labelle. He will likely confess.

LEADER AND PRETENDER.

Senor Adelanto in an Open Letter, Denounces Don Carlos.

Madrid, Sept. 17.-Senor Adelanto, the Carlist leader, who was recently discovered by Don Carlos, has turned on the pretender to the Spanish throne, and in an open letter declares what he did with the view of organizing a Carlist uprising was organized by Don Carlos, whose being in a disgraceful position

VAGARIES OF CONSERVATIVES.

The New Westminster Columbian thinks the Times is between the devil and the deep sea with regard to the tariff, with the Minister of the Interior asserting that there shall be no increase in the duties and the Minister of Public Works advocating increased protection for Canadian industries. We can assure our contemporary that the Times is quite easy in its mind about the alleged differences of opinion of the Ministers. The Fielding tariff has been in existence for a number of years. The country has prospered under it as it never did before. The tariff resulted from consultations and deliberations of Ministers. No doubt there were differences of opinion about it. Were there ever a baker's dozen of gentlemen gathered together who were all of one mind upon any subject brought before them? The tariff is before the Conservative party, and it is the province of the wise men of that party to attack it and show wherein they could improve it. Have they done so? Their criticism has all been couched in general terms. There has been no attempt to point out a weakness in its provisions, except that it has been lowered for the purpose of admitting the products of the manufacturing of Great Britain, alleged to be operated by "pauper labor." The gentlemen who came West alleged that they were in favor of a "mutual preference." They would abolish the present preference and create one under which the products of Great Britain would enter the Canadian market without coming into competition with Canadian manufactured articles. It is not easy to see how this could be done; but they are mighty men and resourceful, our Tory friends, and it is hard to tell what they might do. It is obvious, however, that if Great Britain is to have a real preference, goods must come into this country under it. If the Conservative wise men can arrange a preferential scheme which will enable British merchants and manufacturers to sell their products in this country without competing with some of the established industries in this country, they should outline their plan without delay. For we believe it will take the people all the time between now and the next general election to gather a full comprehension of it. If it be proposed to put forward a plan such as that outlined by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which advocated a general increase of the tariff to the point of absolute exclusion, leaving the ratio between the preferential and the ordinary tariff undisturbed, we are disposed to think all honest, fair-dealing men in Great Britain and Canada would have good reason to say that a preference merely existed on paper and was a gigantic humbug. Either let us give a real preference, under which the British will be able to do business in the country, or wipe the scheme from the books of state altogether. The manufacturers of the East may think a protection of from 20 to 25 per cent, is not "adequate," but we fancy the consumers of the West think it ought to be sufficient.

If the Conservative newspapers in the West would be frank in their utterances and express their honest opinions, we think they would come here to complete their political education are likely to sink deeper in the deep sea of opposition in their efforts to placate the devil of "adequate protection." They found the farmers of the prairies unanimous in their hostility to any increase of the tariff. In their pilgrimages through British Columbia they must have encountered a great wave of public opinion rising against even the present duties on mining machinery. The industry is languishing, and the stagnation attributed to be due to burdensome preferential and federal taxation. There may be differences of opinion as to the causes which are operating to depress the chief industry of British Columbia; but there is no doubt as to the fact that the blame is ascribed to the men who have voted the government came into power to the duties on agricultural implements have been reduced about 25 per cent., while mining machinery not manufactured in Canada has been placed on the free list.

In view of the above facts, we are not surprised at the Conservative leaders becoming somewhat wobbly in their utterances about the tariff. Neither Mr. Sifton nor Mr. Tarte created the present tariff. Neither Mr. Sifton nor Mr. Tarte can amend it for better or for worse. The tariff is a fact of the government as a whole. If Mr. Borden and the men he designs to take into his government when he attains power think they can produce something more symmetrical and less likely to hamper industry, they should get together and turn it out without delay. As it is, judging by their utterances, they are vastly farther apart in their opinions than Messrs. Tarte and Sifton. And the more they talk the more confusion they create in the minds of their hearers. At the Victoria theatre it was vehemently declared the British preference should be abolished entirely; that it was a humbug and a sham. It was also said that it had been instrumental in closing up a cotton factory in Montreal. Such statements serve to prove the necessity for an understanding among the members of the party to prevent them from making themselves ridiculous. How could a preference that was not a preference and of no value to the British

manufacturer by its competition close up a Canadian factory. Our Tory friends have been paying a great deal of attention to Mr. Tarte lately. Some of them have gone so far as to intimate that he is a Conservative at heart after all; they have even forgotten that the last Dominion campaign was principally waged against him and his alleged pro-French proclivities, while others have boldly stretched forth the hand of brotherhood and invited him to join them, forgetting in their eagerness for the acquisition of the strong man, "the master of the administration," that it was he who, disgraced with the rottenness at the heart of the "once great party," laid bare the iniquities which resulted in its undoing. We invite those men of many minds to ponder over the following words of the man they admire, delivered at a meeting lately held in Toronto: "A public man must deal with these great questions in no narrow party spirit; he must look to the interests of the nation before of first considering the petty interests of party. The best thing to do was to try to harmonize their views upon trade questions and work together."

DOCTORING THE NEWS.

A correspondent of the Times wants to know why it is that the newspapers of Canada do not join together and secure their news, especially that relating to Great Britain and her possessions, from an independent source. What stands in the way of them taking the necessary action? In the early days of the Dominion, when there were only a few daily papers, and these published in less than half a dozen cities, the question was merely one of expense. They simply could not afford to maintain a news-gathering agency, and to obtain a report of the events of the day were compelled to purchase the dispatches of the Associated Press, which, as regards European news, were made up in the office of the New York Times from the special cables of the great American dailies, and distributed among the papers in all parts of this continent. In those days the art of spicing the news according to the assumed taste of the reader had not been acquired. The facts were given, the student of public affairs being left to read into them whatever meaning accorded with his fancy or his particular prejudice. Coloring came into vogue at a comparatively recent date. We presume that on account of the great increase in the business of the Associated Press, a different system of handling its news has now been adopted. Whatever view we may take as to the value of the news it supplies to Canadian papers, there is no questioning the fact that it is thoroughly up-to-date in its methods, and that its ramifications on this continent are widely extended. But while the Associated Press is an admirable institution from the point of view of the class it is specially designed to serve, it has long ceased to meet the requirements of Canadian newspapers and readers. Apart altogether from the objectionable tone which editors are kept busy trying to eliminate and which no amount of vigilance can eradicate without entirely destroying the news, much that is received is of no value whatever. Canadians recognize the importance of the United States, and are ready to concede that it is the greatest and most remarkable thing in the world from any point of view, but they feel under no particular obligation to continually vaunt it and puff it up. The newspapers and the magazines which, thanks to the short-sighted policy of the Imperial postal authorities, have a large circulation in Canada and an influence upon Canadian rising public opinion which is the reverse of healthy, can do enough of that.

When the Pacific cable is completed, we see no reason why the news of the Empire as a whole should not be gathered from unpolished sources. Canada is rapidly growing in wealth, and her newspapers should soon be independent of their great American contemporaries for the supply of news which is of the most importance to Canadian readers. An Imperial news agency would do a great deal towards creating a better and more intelligent understanding of the position of the different sections of the Empire among the people of the whole of it. Therefore we welcome the announcement of Sir Edmund Barton that the establishment of an Imperial news service will be one of the first projects to engage the attention of the several communities interested, and hope the press of Canada will lend itself to the scheme with enthusiasm.

HUNTERS AND BUSH FIRES.

It is not rather a curious circumstance that the forest fires which have devastated Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, in the cases of the two states causing the loss of millions of dollars' worth of property and more than a score of lives, should all have commenced simultaneously? The coincidence in the outbreak was so marked that in imagination one could almost perceive the signal for the application of the torch being given and the fire starting forward in its path of destruction and death. Naturally there has been considerable speculation as to the cause of the conflagrations. The woods, the brush and the grass were dry and in a high degree inflammable, but so they had been for more than a month. Some say sparks from locomotives are responsible. But the engines have been puffing forth their coals all summer, and the destruction through their agency has been insignificant compared with that resulting from the late

general outbreak. Many of the fires originated far from railways, and it would be obviously unfair to blame the roads for any large part of the destruction. Some of the more censorious are inclined to find an explanation for the phenomena in the opening of the shooting season. The woods have been full of sportsmen, many of them immature years and judgment, and thoughtless about the possible consequences from fires left smouldering in the midst of material reduced to the inflammability of matchwood by months of dry weather and a scorching hot sun.

We are not disposed to lay the blame for the recent devastation upon any class. We prefer to follow the procedure of the nonplussed jury and ascribe the calamity to a "visitation of Providence." It was merely a coincidence that the shooting season and the bush fire season arrived this year about the same time. At the same time, it is our duty to point out that in the interests of the people whose property, the accumulation of a life of toil, is yearly endangered, some attempt should be made to enforce the provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

Though the subject is not exactly a kindred one, we may point out that the game act is in some respects virtually a "dead letter." The open season for pheasants is not supposed to come in until October 1st. Yet in certain districts more pheasants than grouse have been killed since September 1st, it is claimed. It is not to be expected that the general public, which cares for none of these things, should be taxed for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the game law. A tax should be put upon guns, and the resultant revenue applied in engaging efficient men who could devote all their time to seeing that the provisions of these acts of very great importance are observed to a certain degree at least. The effect of such a provision would have a tendency to restrict the operations of the class which brings the very name of hunters into disrepute.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says the nations which heavily subsidize the building and operations of ships are gradually driving the British off the seas. It is not long since the Sound paper, in advocating a policy of heavy subsidies to American ships, held that the British mercantile marine was built up and maintained in its present position by another nation's subsidies. The Post-Intelligencer is wrong in its facts and incorrect in its assumptions. Great Britain is holding her own upon the sea in spite of the competition of government pampered rivals. She builds ships to earn money, and will be found doing business upon the seas when the other nations come to their senses and decide that the only way to permanent success lies in following her example.

The possible fates of the Donkubors sits heavy upon the mind of the editor of the Colonist. Those peculiar people have put in a winter or two in the Northwest and have survived the ordeal. It is said they are so merciful to their beasts that they yoke their own flesh and blood in harness to do the work of their farms. Quakers though they are in their religious belief, they will get over that weakness. A generation will arise with as little inclination to perform labor which can be done by animals or machines as the majority of Canadians of our origin.

Seattle has fallen behind in the race for the baseball championship of the Northwestern states, and the people of the city have raised a big purse to spur the players on to greater exertions. The United States is a peculiar country, inhabited by a peculiar people. Soon no man "in the public eye" will do his duty unless a prize be "hung up" for his benefit.

A whisky trust has been organized in Ireland. That is about the limit. The oppressor has now done his worst. There will surely be an uprising if the movement extends across the water to Scotland.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Ronoke, Va., Sept. 15.—A special from Norfolk, W. Va., the Ronoke Times says:

"A disastrous gas and powder explosion occurred in the Big Co. mine of the Algonco Coal & Coke Co., here this morning. Jas. Lester, an engineer; John Rockle, a Hungarian miner, and 15 colored miners are known to be in the mine now, and there is no chance of their being recovered alive, as they are beyond the point where the explosion occurred, and the gas and smoke is so thick that the rescuing parties are being driven back. H. F. Frankenberg, the bank boss, and Geo. Gaspie, a Hungarian miner, successfully succeeded in crawling over the fallen coal and slate to the lights of the rescuing party, and have been taken out alive, although they are both badly burned, and were nearly suffocated by the gas and smoke inhaled. "The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas catching on fire from the lamp of a miner, who was going to work. This in turned fired six kegs of blasting powder that had been stored in the mine. The explosion knocked down all the brattice for a mile back towards the mine entrance, thus cutting off the air from the men imprisoned behind it. There had been a small gas explosion in the mine on Sunday last and the mine superintendent, A. J. Stewart, had cautioned the men not to attempt to work again until the air had been tested by a safety lamp, but they disregarded his orders and went in. A party headed by Mine Inspector Cooper attempted a rescue this morning, but was driven back by the want of air. It is now learned that the coal is burning, and there is no hope of extinguishing the flames until a new air passage can be built to the point of the explosion."

THE REAPPEARANCE OF SEA-SERPENT IN COLUMNS OF THIS MORNING'S COLONIST

Somewhat Either in Japan or Victoria Has Been Seeing Visions—Entertaining But Incredible.

The sea-serpent has again made its appearance, this time in the columns of the morning paper. To the Times belongs the credit of resurrecting the last one, which, it was said "stretched from mast to mast." The Colonist immediately impugned the veracity of the Times's informant, and in the strongest terms asserted that this exceptional monster didn't exist, that it was a fishy creation of a sailor's mental machine.

To-day, however, the morning paper published a sea-serpent story that dwarfs the wildest phantasms of Louis de Rougemont into cheap every day occurrences. Its informant is not an imaginative sailor, but an Oriental exchange, and judging by the faithfulness with which the story was reproduced it quite apparently went down hokus-bokus. The terrible marine monster is alleged to have been caught in nets by Japanese fishermen of the Kochi prefecture. The account in this morning's paper innocently states that in the carcass of one of the sea-serpents was found the remains of a human being, much evidence that some unknown person had fallen a victim of the bottom-seekers of the sea.

The story continues: "The sea-serpent belched with rage as it vainly struggled in the meshes of the nets. Its big eyes, with the whites glaring, were enough to frighten the bravest of men, and with the strangeness of the sight—for the serpent—according to the story told by its slayers—continued to bite at the net with its fangs, roar continuously, and with a side movement of its great head, it struck at the net with a horn on its forehead, which was afterwards found to be two feet, two inches in length." Eventually the creature was dispatched with rifle bullets. Shortly afterwards another serpent of the same family if there was one, came dashing toward the boats like a torpedo boat destroyer, with head raised, and arched body a la cobra de capello, fire in its eye and nostrils. This monster was also slain after a terrific bombardment. But the story does not end here. Measurement found the length of the male to be 48 feet, and the female 30 feet, each had 44 rings, the longest about seven inches. They also had ears two feet long and a horn pair the forehead two feet two inches in length.

That is about all, but it is enough. The first serpent is stated to have belched. This is not surprising, when it is considered that it had the remains of a human being in its stomach. It was plainly a case of the "miserable neck." If it said anything, its remarks were not reported in the Oriental papers or Victoria Colonist, but this is doubtless because they were either unfit for publication or handling owing to the fact that the object caused by its appearance. Who ever heard of a female sea-serpent with nothing to say, especially under the aforesaid conditions?

One thing more. The story does not describe the monster's color, their weight or nationality. It doesn't state whether they were Russian, Japanese, Chinese or Chinese, or a combination of the four; whether they had a bass, baritone, tenor or contra tenor voice, or the female a soprano, mezzo soprano or contralto. Such omissions are fatal to the whole narration, and may possibly convey the impression of an unscrupulous fisherman under the influence of "sake" had stuffed the Japanese papers, which in turn stuffed the Victoria Colonist.

SAILING OF COLONIA.

Ship Will Be Under Way For Bamfield Creek This Afternoon.

The cable steamer Colonia was expected to get away for Bamfield Creek this afternoon after taking on board sufficient coal and other supplies to last her while laying the cable between that point and a point about 175 miles this side of Fanning island, where she leaves the completion of the work to the Anglia.

J. Wilson, the superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraph line, and E. J. Conway, of the same service, are passengers. They go no farther than the coast, however, and will there oversee the work of laying the land connection. The Colonist reports that the work of laying the cable for Honolulu will receive the attention of the company, which is to lay the San Francisco-Manila cable, with whom she will proceed to the Philippines. This cable is not to be laid until some time next year, it having not yet been manufactured, but the ocean bed in which it is to lie has already been surveyed.

When the Australian line has been perfected messages will be sent over it every half hour throughout the day for a month before it is finally turned over to the Imperial government by the Pacific Maintenance & Construction Company.

The Colonia will commence the laying of the cable from Bamfield Creek tomorrow.

H. A. Thuxton and Mrs. Thuxton, of Minneapolis, are registered at the Driad.

PE-RU-NA WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND, IS THE So Says Mrs. Rose, of New York City, And Tens of Thousands of Other Women.



Mrs. Jennie Rose, 362 W. Twenty-Second Street, New York City, writes: *The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O. Gentlemen: "Peruna is a blessing to suffering women. I suffered with female trouble since I began menstruation, and every month I suffered two and three days of untold agony, and had to arrange my work and duties so as to be in bed every month for two days at least. "My brother was cured of Bright's Disease from the use of Peruna and so I determined to try it for my trouble. "Imagine my great joy when I found that it relieved me quite a bit the first month and I was entirely without pain during that period after having used Peruna only four months. "This is about two years ago and all during that time I have suffered no pain. I can now come and go as I like and consider Peruna woman's best friend and wish that every suffering woman might know that she can find relief through the use of this medicine."* Truly yours, MRS. JENNIE ROSE.

THE GRAND BANQUET.

Committee Meeting With Great Success—Important Speech Expected From Distinguished Guest.

The banquet to be tendered by the citizens of Victoria to Sir Edmund Barton, Premier of Australia, on Friday night, promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in the city. The committee have met with a most satisfactory response from the public, and have received assurances of their intention to be present from over 75 citizens. The list will be closed tomorrow at noon. It is expected that there will be in the neighborhood of a hundred in attendance, and the gathering will be thoroughly representative.

The toast list will be brief, the object being to afford Sir Edmund Barton the greater part of the time for his speech, which it is expected will be an important one, in view of the fact that it will be his last public utterance on Canadian soil. There will be music, decorations, and everything that can make the function a success.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.

Large Consignments From Australia and South Africa Will Reach New York Shortly.

New York, Sept. 16.—J. and W. Seligman & Co. announce that they will receive \$1,250,000 gold from Australia. The gold is due at San Francisco on October 6th.

Fully £1,000,000 of the gold obtained by the National City Bank from South African sources will leave London tomorrow for this port on the steamship Majestic. The balance will follow shortly.

Officials of the bank decline to make any explanation of the mechanism by which this gold was diverted from its original destination, except to say that the transaction is a profitable one, and without "special" features. Intimations from an authoritative quarter indicate that the South African consignment will amount to more than £2,500,000.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 16.—R. E. Wright, of Allentown, to-day was elected deputy grand sire by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in session here. He was chosen after a spirited contest, defeating W. S. Nye, of Minneapolis; E. S. Conway, of Chicago, and Massa Bullard, of Helena, Mont.

Other features of the day were the opening of the drill contests of the Patriarch Militant, the work of exemplification by various degree teams and the reunion of the past grand representatives of the Grand Order.

St. John, Nfld., Sept. 16.—The steamship Virginia Lake reached here from Labrador to-day. She reports the loss of ten fishing schooners, with the cargoes of fish and their outfits, during the last fortnight. The crews of the lost schooners were saved and brought here by the Virginia Lake.

SPORTING.

Interesting Statement by W. Yelena Williams, Superintendent of the Granby Properties.

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ROSSLAND CAMP.

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Closing Session at Nelson to E. B. Kirby's Plea Next Meeting

The closing session of the provincial conference of the Mining Institute at Nelson, after a discussion of the paper on "The Influence of the Province on Mining," or rather of that deal with the all-of taxes borne by the miner. There was a good deal of discussion on the subject. The first matter of the prospective meeting an institute of mining would gladly co-operate in the matter, and that there had been no meeting was that no done to clash with arrangements under way, but that branch of the Canadian Institute would gladly co-operate in the matter of a success.

The appointment of a committee to complete the provincial branch of the following gentlemen were in this capacity, with S. Nelson, Messrs. F. Ross, Kaffer, Greenwood, R. Garde, Sloan, Cronin, Pomeroy, Holborn, Carlin, Victoria, and Brewster. The committee have power to number, and will fix the first regular meeting which will probably be during the next session.

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The closing session of the Canadian Mining Institute at Nelson on Friday afternoon was almost entirely devoted to the discussion of E. B. Kirby's paper on "The Influence of Government on Mining," or rather of that portion of it that dealt with the alleged proportion of taxes borne by the mining industry.

There was good gathering when Chairman Hedley called the meeting to order. The first matter taken up was the prospective meeting of the American Institute of mining engineers at British Columbia next year. It was stated that the minister of mines was trying to arrange for such a meeting to be held in Victoria in September, 1903, and that there had been some corres-

These preliminaries being disposed of, the chairman invited discussion of Mr. Kirby's paper. H. E. Crossdale said that there were statements contained in this paper of a very grave nature. He did not question the accuracy of the figures, but he thought the exact data from which they were derived should be given. The bald statement that the mining industry of the province had to bear 20 per cent of the tax on taxation would assuredly have the effect of restraining capital from coming into the country. It should be shown in detail just what estimate is arrived at, and that 2 per cent tax absolutely bars the treatment of low-grade ores. Upon the estimates of Mr. Kirby the mining industry of the province had to bear over 400,000 of the annual taxation, and this upon a production of \$15,000,000.

E. B. Kirby, in response to Mr. Crossdale, prefaced his remarks by assuring the meeting that he would not have dared to publish over his own signature such appalling figures had he not exercised the utmost care in compiling them and had he not by the other industry group satisfied himself of their entire accuracy. The figures are taken from the provincial government statistics, save in determining the relative amount shifted by the other industries upon the mining industry. These could only be approximately estimated, but in allowing an additional 10 per cent, he did not think any over estimate was made. In the memorial of the Mine Owners' Association, issued last year, all the statistics are handled in detail, and show that 22.710 per cent of the gross products of the mines of the province have been consumed in taxation. "These figures have stood, although the report has been hammered at and criticized by the enemies of the mine owners. The figures have not been impugned, and cannot be, because they are true, and it is easy to prove the truth of them. I would like to see any one go to the mines and see what Mr. Kirby has said in taxation. How is he able to show that because the province pays taxes amounting to \$5,400,000, that therefore the mining industry pays in taxation 20 per cent of the total product?"

E. B. Kirby—As to that, the total production of the province from every source is \$27,000,000. Out of this \$5,400,000 is paid back in taxation. Last year we produced from the country itself \$27,000,000, and of this the government took \$5,400,000, which is what we have to pay for the privilege of being governed. Out of what is left we must pay running expenses and dividends. This taxation is derived from the industries represented in this case by mining, fisheries, lumber, etc. Of these others, what proportion are supported by mining? Of the total sum 55 per cent is paid directly by mining. Then when it comes to the supplies used in mining, the cost of which the government pays by its taxes has enormously increased, it can easily be seen that the proportion is as I say. As to supplies, what is there that we use that is not taxed to its full capacity? In placing the whole at 30 per cent., I am guessing, if you will. Some of you may estimate it as less and some may estimate it as more, but I think you will acknowledge that it is not likely to be far astray.

S. S. Fowler—What Mr. Crossdale would like to know is how that \$5,400,000 of taxation is derived. In answer to that I suppose the returns from the ports of entry should show a proportion, so much from duties on machinery, etc., and the provincial returns should show much is paid on mining royalties, etc. All these are paid in cash. While Mr. Kirby mentioned his authorities, I presume Mr. Crossdale wishes to hear an explicit response as to how much had been paid in duties on machinery, etc.

H. E. Crossdale—I thought that Mr. Kirby had probably gone into the figures thoroughly to apportion the amount paid

by mining. It is rather a bold statement to say that mining is loaded up with such an immense tax without the figures to support it. I must protest that such a statement that the mines are paying a tax of 30 per cent, on their gross output should not be made without the clearest proof that such was the case. It is a very harmful statement.

Mr. Kirby—There is nothing more that I can explain except that there is no question about the figures on which the conclusions are based. They are as accurate as possible, and there would be no difficulty in looking up the references quoted.

H. A. Bell—While fully appreciating the value of Mr. Kirby's remarks, I think it is giving somewhat an erroneous conception of the present depression to blame it entirely on the 2 per cent tax. All we admit that over-capitalization, poor management and inflation have had a good deal to do with present conditions, and from these the province is gradually recovering.

E. B. Kirby—The 2 per cent tax bears upon the low-grade ore especially. There is an enormous tonnage blocked out which that tax makes unavailable. Rossland is a particular case in point. A. McEvey—I would like to know how Mr. Kirby apportions the taxes collected in the Kootenay district. Is he taking into account the poll tax, the liquor and trade licenses? Are all these charges to mining? Does it cost more to take out ore in a camp that has a saloon than a camp without one? Liquor licenses alone contribute very largely to the revenue of the country, without mentioning the customs duties on liquors, etc.

E. B. Kirby—Without going into details it is only necessary to say that the financial statements of the provincial government and the reports of the Dominion government show all possible taxes. Take Rossland or the Boundary district for example. Where does the money that pays the taxes come from? The mines all close, how much money would continue coming in for taxes.

A. McEvey—I don't think that a fair distribution. When a storekeeper in Nelson pays his trade license or duties on goods imported, it is hardly fair to charge it to mining.

H. E. Crossdale—If Mr. Kirby's logic is correct, if the mines produce more, then the taxes must go up. If the mines produced \$20,000,000, then taxation would go up a million dollars. The only way to consider the situation is to get a direct statement of the taxation of mines.

W. Thompson—I must say that I am surprised to see Mr. Crossdale stand up and make the assertion that the only thing to be taken into consideration is the direct taxation. I agree fully with Mr. Kirby that the mines are taxed from 20 to 30 per cent. We can only draw comparisons with an adjoining country. In British Columbia the mining section is situated in the Rocky Mountain belt, and the only other mining country with which we come into competition is the continuation of the United States to the south of us. We hear golden stories about the wealth of ore the mountains in British Columbia contain, and many of these stories are being brought during the summer months and can be taken out and treated at a profit, they might just as well never be there as far as the country is concerned.

E. B. Kirby, in response to Mr. Crossdale, prefaced his remarks by assuring the meeting that he would not have dared to publish over his own signature such appalling figures had he not exercised the utmost care in compiling them and had he not by the other industry group satisfied himself of their entire accuracy. The figures are taken from the provincial government statistics, save in determining the relative amount shifted by the other industries upon the mining industry. These could only be approximately estimated, but in allowing an additional 10 per cent, he did not think any over estimate was made. In the memorial of the Mine Owners' Association, issued last year, all the statistics are handled in detail, and show that 22.710 per cent of the gross products of the mines of the province have been consumed in taxation. "These figures have stood, although the report has been hammered at and criticized by the enemies of the mine owners. The figures have not been impugned, and cannot be, because they are true, and it is easy to prove the truth of them. I would like to see any one go to the mines and see what Mr. Kirby has said in taxation. How is he able to show that because the province pays taxes amounting to \$5,400,000, that therefore the mining industry pays in taxation 20 per cent of the total product?"

E. B. Kirby—As to that, the total production of the province from every source is \$27,000,000. Out of this \$5,400,000 is paid back in taxation. Last year we produced from the country itself \$27,000,000, and of this the government took \$5,400,000, which is what we have to pay for the privilege of being governed. Out of what is left we must pay running expenses and dividends. This taxation is derived from the industries represented in this case by mining, fisheries, lumber, etc. Of these others, what proportion are supported by mining? Of the total sum 55 per cent is paid directly by mining. Then when it comes to the supplies used in mining, the cost of which the government pays by its taxes has enormously increased, it can easily be seen that the proportion is as I say. As to supplies, what is there that we use that is not taxed to its full capacity? In placing the whole at 30 per cent., I am guessing, if you will. Some of you may estimate it as less and some may estimate it as more, but I think you will acknowledge that it is not likely to be far astray.

S. S. Fowler—What Mr. Crossdale would like to know is how that \$5,400,000 of taxation is derived. In answer to that I suppose the returns from the ports of entry should show a proportion, so much from duties on machinery, etc., and the provincial returns should show much is paid on mining royalties, etc. All these are paid in cash. While Mr. Kirby mentioned his authorities, I presume Mr. Crossdale wishes to hear an explicit response as to how much had been paid in duties on machinery, etc.

H. E. Crossdale—I thought that Mr. Kirby had probably gone into the figures thoroughly to apportion the amount paid

by mining. It is rather a bold statement to say that mining is loaded up with such an immense tax without the figures to support it. I must protest that such a statement that the mines are paying a tax of 30 per cent, on their gross output should not be made without the clearest proof that such was the case. It is a very harmful statement.

EMPRSS OF INDIA FROM ASIATIC PORTS

Inaugurates the Winter Schedule of the C. P. R. Line—Ship Brings Big Consignments of Silks.

With her big contingent of Royal Artillerymen on board and her saloon passengers and her crowd of Orientals swarming the decks on the forward part of the ship, the R. M. S. Empress of India presented an interesting sight on arrival from the Far East at the ocean docks this morning. The passage was devoid of any special incident, and from Yokohama to port was smooth, fog being only encountered on reaching the coast. On the initial stages of the voyage, however, conditions were not so pleasant. The weather was distressingly warm, the firemen and stokers having to work in atmospheres where the thermometer registered 140 and 150 degrees of heat. In consequence they had to be relieved on their watches more frequently than customary.

The hot wave preceded a typhoon, which included the India in its outer sweep. The officers of the ship heard of little damage done by the typhoon, more than that of the accident to the Rishon Maru, which had been driven ashore in the high wind. She was in Weesung when the Empress called there.

At Hongkong, before starting her present voyage, the India was given an overhauling in the Kowloon dock, the first which she has received since February last. Running on a three-week schedule, the vessels of the line have not had the opportunity for keeping in trim that they will from now on. They are to be operated on a monthly schedule throughout the winter months, and the India on her present trip inaugurates this service. She brings 2,200 tons of cargo and 2,056 packages of silk. Her saloon list is not so large as she has been bringing during the summer months, and in the company there were few notable. Among the passengers were Mr. Macy, of the big tea firm of Macy & Company, New York, and Gen. Gaston Liebert, who has been in service in Japan, and who is now returning to France. The complete list is as follows:

M. R. Alexander, Mrs. J. Ankrin, C. H. C. Bickerton, V. M. Bodmer, Wm. Reynolds, Brown, H. E. Campbell, Miss K. De Witt Cartwright, Miss L. S. Chamberlain, C. Coolidge, C. E. Fryer, J. Gibbs, R. J. Hall, L. P. Harris, R. Hidalgo, Col. A. Howlett, Mrs. Hutton, H. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jost, F. S. Kelly, Lieut. C. King, U. S. A., Consul-General Gaston Liebert, Mrs. J. B. Placer, Sen. W. Lloyd, W. A. Lomax, Bunkio Matsuki, G. Matsuura, Miss Helen W. Munroe, W. H. Newall, Mrs. W. H. Newall, J. B. Pierce, Mrs. J. B. Pierce, Sen. W. Lloyd, W. A. Lomax, Miss C. B. Prentice, Mr. Redmayne, Miss Redmayne, Miss M. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Master Reyes, Capt. Royland, R. E. A. Ross, Mrs. P. Royland, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sexton, Major A. D. Schultz-Moderer, D. G. Schnell, D. E. Simon, E. von Strouh, Capt. R. E. Thiney, C. M. Turner, F. W. Turner, Miss K. W. Turner, C. W. Turner and Miss G. L. Wheeler. The steerage passengers on board numbered 248, of whom over 60 disembarked here.

PRACTICAL MEN. Experts Who Will Judge Fall Shows Know Their Business.

Great credit is due the department of agriculture at Ottawa for dispatching to this province a number of practical exhibitors this fall such practical and expert farmers as those who have recently arrived. Each has a specialty on which he will lecture to the benefit of the province, and the programme of discourses complete being as follows:

D. C. Anderson, Rugby, Ont.—Soil cultivation; root growing; management of manure; cattle raising; poultry raising; the bacon hog. Evening subjects: Farm life; financial investment. G. W. Clemons, St. George, Ont.—Selection and breeding of dairy cattle; farm dairy cattle; lessons from Pan-American model dairy; swine raising. G. R. Cottrell, Milton, Ont.—Poultry for profit on the ordinary farm; the different breeds of poultry; the advantages of raising; the preparation of poultry for home and foreign markets; how to build a poultry house and keep the poultry healthy. Evening subject—Poultry production for boys and girls.

John Jackson, Abingdon, Ont.—How to establish and manage a flock of sheep for profit, including the production of lambs at an early age; the advantages of keeping sheep; how to establish and maintain a flock for the production of lambs for sale; how to select and feed lambs for breeding purposes; how to feed and manage sheep; how to raise and graze sheep on pasture; how to improve farm conditions; how to interest the young people in the farm.

Major Jas. Sheppard, Queenston, Ont.—The packing and sale of apples; planting and care of orchards; propagating fruits; grafting, budding, etc.; forty years' experience in growing and marketing fruit and market; ensilage and the round loaf; the export bacon trade; good roads; what to look for in the soil; birds in relation to the fruit grower.

John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont.—Horse breeding for profit; care and management of horses; how to select and feed beef cattle; care and management of sheep; raising feed for live stock. Evening subjects: How to improve farm conditions; how to interest the young people in the farm.

Twenty Lives Lost. Many Missing, and It Is Feared Death Roll May Be Increased.

THE COMMITTEES PRESENT REPORTS

VOTERS' LEAGUE DISPOSE OF WATER QUESTION

Matter of Foreshore Rights at San Juan Brought Up Before Last Night's Meeting.

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It was objected by T. Sobry and others that Hon. W. C. Wells having given his word they should regard it as the intention of the government to carry out the survey.

C. H. Lugin, asked whether the survey was to be from Cowichan lake to Alberni or to Barkley Sound. This was important, he thought. At Barkley Sound deep water was reached. At Alberni such was not the case.

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The bride, who looked charming in a dainty gown of white organza and tulle, with chiffon trimming, wore the bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet of carnations and roses, the gift of the groom. Her bridesmaid, Miss Georgina Carvin, was attired in white muslin over pink, and a pink chiffon hat. Miss Effie Col-lister, the bride's niece, made a pretty little maid of honor. She wore white muslin trimmed with blue and a picture hat, and carried a basket of sweet peas and carnations. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Will Dodd.

After the ceremony the bridal party left the church amid a shower of rice, and drove to the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. J. R. Collier, on the Arm. The spacious grounds were illuminated with rows of Chinese lanterns, while the interior of the home was decorated prettily with ivy, cypress-themfins, sweet peas, carnations, roses, etc. The bride and groom received the congratulations of friends in an alcove of the parlor, under a floral wedding bell.

A delightful luncheon was served, at the conclusion of which Rev. Mr. MacRae offered as a toast the health of the newly wedded couple in a felicitous little speech, which was acknowledged by the groom.

The bride and groom will take up their residence at 106 John street, where, after a fortnight, they will be at home to their friends.

The presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Dodd were remarkably handsome. The groom's gift to the bride was a star of pearls, and to the bridesmaid, pearl crescents. The bride's wedding ring was made of gold from her husband's claim in Klondike.

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Smoke and ashes from the great forest fires which have been raging in Oregon were responsible for a delay of over seven hours in the arrival at San Francisco of the steamer Umatilla from Victoria and Puget Sound ports.

When the Aorangi leaves here for Australia on Saturday every available cabin will be occupied. In addition special accommodation will be provided for the big crowd which will be taking passage on her.

WILL MAINTAIN A PATROL.

Sealers, operating on the Russian coast next year, or in other words off the coasts of Copper or Behring islands, will require to be specially watched on the waters in which they cruise.

This news will have no direct application to the sealers who are from Victoria for the catches of the past year obtained on the Russian coast are alone sufficient proof of the fact that their crews had not raided the islands, but the intelligence will be of great interest to Japanese sealers.

SILCO DISMAYED.

The German three-masted barque Silco, which is en route to the Roads from Capetown, via the Orient, is not likely to reach here for many weeks yet.

SAILS FOR SIBERIA.

Steamer Manauense, formerly of this port, expects to leave Seattle for the eastern coast of Siberia to-day. She carries food and trading supplies for the trading posts of the Northeastern Siberian Company, with which the Northwest-ern Commercial Company is interested in the development of concessions secured for that section of the Russian empire from the Czar of Russia.

YUKON NAVIGATION.

Risks taken by the White Pass & Yukon Railway in making the safe delivery of northern freight are becoming greater in view of the approach of the winter season. The company has given notice that future consignments for certain Yukon points will be forwarded only at the owner's risk.

THE COAL MARKET.

The following is the report of the San Francisco coal market for the week ending September 12th, issued by J. W. Harrison, the coal and metal broker:

Coal arrivals from British Columbia with the 7,300 tons; two from Washington, 4,059 tons; one from Cardiff, 1,200 tons; one from Swansea 3,148 tons; one from Newcastle, N. S. W., 5,900 tons; total, 21,812 tons. The quantity arriving this week is fully sufficient for all immediate demands.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL.

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AUSTRALIAN VISITOR TALKS ABOUT COAL

Subject a Congenial One Because He is Largely Interested in Big Mine.

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Marines Guard Trains.

Force of Men From United States Cruiser on Duty at Panama.

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Yukon Navigation.

Risks taken by the White Pass & Yukon Railway in making the safe delivery of northern freight are becoming greater in view of the approach of the winter season.

Coal Market.

The following is the report of the San Francisco coal market for the week ending September 12th, issued by J. W. Harrison, the coal and metal broker.

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THE BUSINESS WAS SOON EXHAUSTED

ONLY ROUTINE BEFORE COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

Passing of Accounts, Opening of Tenders and Communications All That Received Attention.

Not even the Craigflower road dispute or the Point Ellice bridge were mentioned at the regular meeting of the city council last night.

Hon. Senator Macdonald wrote in respect to the Sunday closing law, asking what interpretation was placed on chapter 53 of the Municipal Clauses Act, if it was not that business was to close on Sunday.

Ald. Yates thought that the Senator appeared to think he had a good point. The alderman moved that the city solicitor be instructed to reply, giving a full legal opinion in the matter.

The suggestion that it be referred to the city solicitor for reply was approved.

F. B. Pemberton called attention to a bad drain on Charles street, which the writer asked to be removed before the heavy rains came.

John R. Giscome requested that whatever disability rested against his property, purchased at a tax sale, be removed.

The city solicitor explained that the difficulty in Mr. Giscome's case was not one which rested in the city officer, but one which arose in the land registry office, in consequence of a change of the act.

His Worship said that a proper conveyance had been given Mr. Giscome for his property, but when the latter came to get it registered he found it necessary to advertise the sale, and the cost of this would devolve on Mr. Giscome.

His Worship thought that if Mr. Giscome was offered a refund of the money the matter would be soon settled.

Ald. Barnard remarked if the city started in giving covenants for tax sale lands they would soon find that they had lots of trouble.

Ald. Williams moved, seconded by Ald. Kinsman, that the matter be left in the hands of the Mayor and city solicitor to settle.

The motion carried, the city solicitor being instructed to reply to Mr. Giscome, stating that the council could not see its way clear to any responsibility more than giving the conveyance.

Tenders were next opened for the supply of lamp posts for the new causeway. The Victoria Machinery Depot offered to supply 15 cast iron posts for \$400; the Marine Iron Works tendered \$276, and the Albion Iron Works \$406.

Ald. Stenart Robertson wrote in behalf of a number of complainants of the bad drain on Catherine street, Victoria West, and requesting that some steps be taken to have it remedied.

Ald. Williams moved that the communication be received and referred to the city engineer and sanitary officer for report.

The motion carried, His Worship adding that the report of the sanitary officer stating that there were no infectious diseases in the city should be that the complaints received of bad drains were sometimes misrepresented.

E. M. Cardew complained of the number of cows allowed to run in the vicinity of the Jubilee hospital, and incidentally lodged a complaint against the city pound-keeper, whom the letter stated, could never be found when wanted.

"That is not the complaint I usually hear about that officer," His Worship remarked. "It is generally the reverse. The pound-keeper has a very difficult position to fill."

The letter was received and filed, and a report was then read from the city solicitor, who did not think the claim of Fell & Gregory, on behalf of Capt. McIntosh, for damages, consequent on the work in progress in James Bay, well founded.

The city had incurred no liability in the case, but he recommended that if Capt. McIntosh felt he had a claim to send it in after the work had been finished. He recommended that Fell & Gregory be notified accordingly, and the recommendation was approved.

City Engineer Topp reported as follows: "I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Communication from Frank W. Grant, asking permission to plant chestnut trees and to remove oak tree on Chestnut avenue. After examination of the locality in question, I would recommend the request be granted, providing the oak tree be cut down to the present level of the street.

Communication from Chas. S. Baxter, complaining of nuisance caused by an open drain on the corner of Leighton road. On looking over the above locality I find the present drain has been opened across private property to avoid rock on Belcher avenue, the same being in very bad condition. I would recommend that permission be obtained to box in the section complained of, or that the rock on the street be removed, which, of course, would make a permanent improvement. Estimated cost, \$200. Estimated cost for box on private property, \$15.

Communication from F. Kermode, requesting a new drain on Dallas avenue. I may say this matter was referred to the city engineer on August 25th, 1902. Estimated cost, \$225.

Communication from P. Kermode, requesting sidewalk on the north side of Ontario street, between Montreal and St. Lawrence streets. I may say that this matter was also reported on May 2nd, 1902. Estimated cost, \$32.

Communication from Messrs. Pemberton & Son, re Johnson street rock work, referred to me for report as follows: See As to cost of completing work. The amount necessary to make a possible road bed, as to the amount already expended.

1st. I may say my estimate for completing the work the full width of the roadway in said work, between F.W. 2nd and 3rd, of opinion a possible roadway about 20 feet wide could be opened up for the sum of \$200. The following statement shows the amount already expended to September 10th, 1902: \$1,050 52 1900 643 85 1902 to date 1,001 17 Total \$2,695 34

The report was referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee. The residents of the Bolestin road sent in another petition, requesting water, and agreeing to take the same.

Ald. Kinsman wanted to see the water supplied, and the motion to refer the petition to the water committee was carried. Ald. Yates saying that he expected to have an application in from the government to supply the school on the road.

Ald. Cameron thought that there was a general misapprehension regarding the matter. The water commissioner had no authority to do more than simply report on the matter.

Mrs. S. T. Hastings, of Elizabeth street, wrote on behalf of herself and a number of other residents on Elizabeth street of a bad drain.

Ald. Cameron said while nothing more could be done with the communication than refer it to the city engineer for report, he believed there should be some officer whose duty it would be to look after such matters.

The letter was referred to the city engineer, with instructions to report back to the council at the next meeting.

The electric light committee reported as follows: That an electric light be installed at each of the following places: Corner of Rockland and Oak Bay avenue, cost not to exceed \$90; corner of Kingston and Montreal streets, cost not to exceed \$40. Removal of lamp on Belcher street and placement on Linden avenue, estimated cost \$20.

The total cost proposed to be expended, as above, is \$205, which is an amount which in the appropriation for electric light purposes.

With regard to the petitions for a light on Devonshire road, near Ida street, and an Edmonton street, you are advised that the cost of installation, namely, \$135, in the first instance, and \$475 in the second, is so large as to preclude the possibility of granting the request of the petitioners at present.

Your committee recommend that the applications be deferred, until there are funds available for the work.

The report was received and adopted. The Home for Aged and Infirm reported, recommending the purchase of \$185 worth of clothing, which took the same course.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts aggregating \$4,459.56 in one report and \$335.54 in a supplementary report, both of which were passed, and the council adjourned.

THE OCEAN DRIVE.

Committee to Interview Government Relative to Extending Road From Oak to Cadboro Bay.

It will be remembered that some considerable time ago an agitation was set on foot to induce the government to extend the Oak Bay drive along the water front from its present terminus at Oak Bay as far as Cadboro Bay.

Representations were accordingly made to the government and strong influence brought to bear, with the result that the government placed in the estimates an appropriation for this purpose, though for some reason actual work on the roadway has not been begun.

The Tourist Association, which has taken considerable interest in the matter from the first, has been wondering when this most desirable improvement will be undertaken, and at a recent meeting of the executive a committee was appointed to arrange for a conference with the government to-day to ascertain what steps, if any, can be taken during the present season towards opening the road.

It is felt by the association, and it will be urged upon the government, that some portion of the work, at least, be carried out this fall, and the roadway placed in readiness for the grading and final completion of the work next spring.

It is particularly that the road from Oak Bay to Bowker's cross road be undertaken at once.

Another matter that has engaged the attention of the association has been the action taken by certain residents and property owners with regard to the roadway at Cordova bay. As everyone knows who has visited that locality, the original line of roadway passed very close-in fact, quite along the embankment of the beach-or this popular summer resort, affording to passers-by a beautiful view of the bay and straits.

A sufficient space did not intervene between the roadway and the beach upon which the campers have placed their tents and umbrellas, for a good-sized lot for building purposes, certain property owners deemed it in their interests to have a visible object of straightening the road, to make the line of roadway such distance from the beach as to allow for the length of a lot or series of lots to intervene between the roadway and the beach, with the object evidently of dividing the land into lots for selling purposes. This may be all very well for the property owners, but for the public who travel the road, and people who visit this locality in carriages, it is otherwise, as the view would be greatly impaired and facilities for reaching and entering upon the beach considerably interfered with.

This matter will also be brought to the attention of the government by the committee, and it is hoped that in the interests of the public generally their representations will meet at the hands of the government the most favorable consideration, in order that the suburban attractions which have formed so interesting a feature for the large number of tourists to visit this year may be improved and increased.

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ANOTHER DETACHMENT ARRIVES ON EMPRESS

Warriors Who Have Been Through the Boxer Trouble Will Recuperate at This Port.

There arrived by the Empress of India to-day a contingent of one hundred and thirty-two non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Horse Artillery. They are under the command of Capt. R. E. Tiney, the only commissioned officer among them. Arrived here at a very young time expired men, who have seen seven and twelve years' service.

After a rest here they will make the trip across the continent to Montreal, and then to Liverpool, England. They are on their way from China, having been drafted for that service two years ago when the Boxer trouble broke out. Upon the suppression of that rebellion the men were stationed at various points, including Pekin and Shanghai.

In those troubles they formed the one-pound Maxim section, better known as the pom-pom section. Among them are several who also saw service in South Africa. On the outbreak of the Boer war, a part of the Royal Horse Artillery was sent to take part in it. Over fifty were killed, and some of those who survived home, and some of those who were ready to leave for China with the Royal Horse Artillery section, which left England for the purpose of suppressing the trouble there.

The present body of one hundred and thirty-two men is the last of the corps to leave China. Last year a draft of thirty-three men of the Royal Horse Artillery went home to England under Major Wilson. They were here about two weeks and formed one of the guards of honor for the Duke of York when he was here.

The officers of the corps who saw service in China, with the single exception of Capt. R. E. Tiney, who accompanies the present draft, have been attached to various corps in the East. Major Broadbent goes to Adra, India, Capt. Bullen joins the Royal Garrison Artillery, and Capt. Nuttall has been attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery at Singapore.

The contingent includes over thirty non-commissioned officers, among whom are Serjeants, Thompson, Precious, Barget, Hook and Donaldson.

They were met upon the arrival of the Empress at the outer wharf by members of the Royal Garrison Artillery from Week Point, and marched to the quarters fitted up for them at the barracks.

As mentioned in the Times a few days ago, it is as yet uncertain how long they will remain here before leaving for Montreal, and the date of their departure. The original plan of spending only three days here may be altered to allow of the contingent returning by the Aurania, which is not expected to leave until near the end of the month.

The members of this detachment expect to receive their medals for the Chinese service upon their arrival in England. Their comrades, who went home last year, and the medals they also took part in the campaign, have already received their medals for that service. Those among them who have seen service in South Africa are already wearing the medals granted them for that service.

The somewhat regular arrival of drafts from the East on their way home indicates that the present route is finding favor among the military authorities. It is apparently becoming the established route.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR FAIR. Programme of Side Attractions Arranged at Meeting of Sports Committee Yesterday.

A well attended meeting of the sports committee of the British Columbia Agricultural Association was held last evening when a big budget of business was disposed of. The question of providing a number of side attractions was discussed at length, and the result is that there will be plenty of entertainment to keep visitors amused from morning until evening.

One of the most important features of the side attractions will be athletic exercises on this occasion at half price. An excellent program of games and sports will be arranged for the benefit of the children. Athletic exercises, etc., will also be given. A grand display of fireworks will be given for those who visit the fair in the evening.

Wednesday, October 8th. America Day-During the day the visitors from the sound will be entertained by an exhibition of drilling will be given by companies chosen from the different schools. An excellent program of games and sports will be arranged for the benefit of the children. Athletic exercises, etc., will also be given. A grand display of fireworks will be given for those who visit the fair in the evening.

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DEATH OF PIONEER. Robert Homfray, for Years a Resident of City, Passes Away.

The death of Robert Homfray, C. E., who was one of the pioneers of the city, occurred this morning. The deceased was a native of England, and studied under the celebrated engineer Brunell.

In his early days, before leaving England, he was connected with several railways. He went to California with his brother, and spent a time there before taking up his residence in this city.

He took a very deep interest in militia matters, and for years was connected with the local militia organizations. A member of St. John's church, he was for many years one of the choir, and also served as church warden for several years. He was unmarried. One brother resided in San Francisco, and two in England. A cousin is engaged in farming near Kamloops.

Some years ago Mr. Homfray conceived the idea that as he had no friends resident here that he would have his monument erected in the cemetery. In this way he insured the correct carrying out of his designs in the matter. He was 73 years of age.

He was financially interested in various local enterprises.

EGYPTIAN COTTON TRADE. Hamburg, Sept. 15.-With the object of further developing trade in Egyptian cotton the German Levant line, an admirer of the Hamburg-American line, has decided to enter into a friendly arrangement between Alexandria and Hamburg during the cotton season, beginning in October.

STATE SUBSIDY FOR SEALING BUSINESS. Japan Government Has Been Asked to Assist Industry—Thousand People Shot Down.

The department of agriculture and commerce of Japan have been urging the necessity of granting state subsidies to the seal fishing business.

An Oriental paper received by the R. M. S. Empress of India this morning, says in this connection that since a big colony of seals was discovered in the sea off Genoa, Corea, in the spring of last year by the sailing ship Kaio Maru of the Imperial Marine Products Company, the attention of sealers, both foreign and Japanese, has been turned to the Japan sea, from the Pacific which had hitherto been the rendezvous of all the sealers. In the spring of last year over 100 seals were shot by crews of the Kaio Maru. This year as many as 6,004 were captured by the Japanese sealers, while an American establishment sent four schooners which are reported to have captured some 2,500 seals in the new hunting ground. It is predicted therefore that foreigners will dispatch their vessels in large numbers to the Japan sea next year.

Damage by Storm. In referring to the big storm which visited Hongkong early last month the China Mail says: "People had just succeeded in putting the finishing touches to the repairs necessitated by the devastating gales of the previous two weeks when their work was undone once more, and many houses, piers, scaffolding, boardings, etc., which had escaped before, were blown to pieces. Added to all this the loss of the military stores, which were shot by crews of the Kaio Maru. This year as many as 6,004 were captured by the Japanese sealers, while an American establishment sent four schooners which are reported to have captured some 2,500 seals in the new hunting ground. It is predicted therefore that foreigners will dispatch their vessels in large numbers to the Japan sea next year.

CAUSED A SURPRISE. The Sneeze Made by French Marine Minister Giving Annoyance.

Paris, Sept. 16.-The needless illusion to Italy, Germany and Great Britain by M. Pelletan, the marine minister, in a speech at Ajaccio, Corsica, and yesterday in a speech at Bizerte, have caused considerable surprise here, and are generally deprecated. The only explanation offered by Frenchmen is that M. Pelletan has forgotten that he is now a minister, and that he has been a journalist.

The foreign minister, M. Delcasse, is said to have been extremely vexed at M. Pelletan's blunder yesterday at Bizerte, in using insulting language regarding Germany and Great Britain, and the French foreign office is visibly embarrassed to explain it away.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. In the Matter of John Papp, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order made by the Honorable Mr. Justice Walsman dated 8th day of July, 1902, the undersigned was appointed administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of same to me, on or before the 28th day of August, 1902, and all parties indebted thereto are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

WM. MONTREITH, Official Administrator. Victoria, B. C., July 9, 1902.

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Disturbed China. The Japanese consul at Foochow reports that on the 5th of July, that the disturbance resulting from the imposition of increased taxes to meet the calls on account of the indemnity, became so serious as to necessitate the sending of troops, and in the end about a thousand persons were shot down.

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STEEL RAIL COMBINE. Report That Trust Has Been Formed in Britain.

London, Sept. 15.-The Daily Mail this morning declares that for many months of secret negotiations there has been formed an association of the leading British steel rail manufacturers, for the purpose of controlling prices and the production of the output. The firms alleged to have entered the association include the Barrow Haematite Steel Co., Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., Ltd., the Crown & Co., of Dowlais and Crawshaw Bros. of Mether Tyrrell; the Moss Bar Haematite Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Chas. Cammell & Co., Ltd., the Northeastern Steel Co., Ltd., the Ryburn Iron Co., with an aggregate capital roughly estimated at £6,000,000, not counting large debenture issues. The association is said to affect steel rails only.

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