

Provincial Legislature

Coal Mines Bill Again Discussed at Third Reading - Debate Pending

Question of Reducing Election Deposit Is Still Under Review

Workmen's Compensation Act in Committee - Budget Debate Goes on

Thursday, March 30. THE House opened with the customary ceremony at 2 o'clock, after which the following was the order of business:

Reports. The private bills committee, through Mr. Ross, the chairman, recommended a number of bills to the House, including bills to incorporate the Sumas Development Co., the Royal Trust Co., the General Electric and the British Columbia Securities Co.

A Privileged Question. The leader of the opposition wanted to know if the government had yet decided upon any legislation affecting railway construction.

Eight-hour Law. Mr. Hawthorthwaite constructed a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, designed to make effective the eight-hour law of last session.

Mr. Hall offered an amendment providing that "bank for the purposes of this act shall mean the surface entrance to a mine, and not the shaft, when it shall mean the shaft."

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(Mr. Patterson) thought members should be advised of this and guide themselves accordingly.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that in making such a statement, Mr. Patterson was deliberately saying what he knew to be untrue.

Mr. Brown argued that injured workmen might recover more than the indemnity provided by the present amendment at common law or under the Employers' Liability Act.

Mr. Davidson and Mr. Williams supported the motion. The latter argued that the proposed enlargement in the rate of indemnity was consistent with risks obtaining in the country.

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Mr. Hawthorthwaite observed that he was perhaps deserving of Mr. Patterson's rebuke. The present legislation was a compromise between the trades unions, who had found men among the Liberal party willing to introduce the bill.

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Japs Demand Cash And Land

Baron Hayashi States These Are Sine Qua Non of Peace Terms

Russia's Suggested Outline of Proposals Not to Be Thought of Now

The Mikado's Special Financial Commissioner on the Situation

LONDON, March 30. - (Special) - Peace talk is prevalent everywhere, but that negotiations have commenced is still positively denied in all official circles.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, is reported to have said that he had information in regard to the announcement contained in the St. Petersburg dispatches of the Associated Press.

The Attorney-General replied briefly, begging the question as to whether the province would be more ornamented with the member for Yale as finance minister.

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EMPEROR IS OBSTINATE. Still Determined to Carry on the Losing Game of War.

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March 22 to 26, 1905. During this week a series of low barometer areas have been crossing this province from the Pacific to the Territories...

Court Tires Of Tedious Detail

Particulars of Recent Decision Re Probate by Judge Coffey of 'Frisco.'

Chief Justice Urges Expedition In Re-hearing Appeal in the Will Case.

(From Friday's Daily.) On continuing his argument at the morning session of the Full court yesterday...

Pioneer Mariner Passes Away

Capt. Henry G. Lewis Shipping Master Died Last Night at a Ripe Age.

Was an Early Navigator of the Waters of British Columbia Coast.

Captain Henry George Lewis, shipping master of the port of Victoria, and the last of the pioneer shipping masters of the Hudson's Bay...

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Pilots Reply To Board Of Trade

Their Side of the Question Set Forth in an Interesting Report.

Assertion Is Made That Charges Are Higher on Puget Sound Than at Victoria.

The local pilots have prepared the following statement in response to the request of the pilotage committee of the Esquimalt Liberal Association...

Dear Sir—In compliance with a request made by a committee from your body, appointed to inquire into the pilotage affairs of the Victoria and Esquimalt districts...

1. The Board of Trade committee in its report of the 15th inst. states that the S. S. Saxonia called here for lumber, received 183,000 feet and paid port charges...

2. It appears also that stevedoring charges are 25 per cent. per thousand feet of lumber higher than Puget Sound rates. In consequence of this the Esquimalt people have increased their freight rates...

With respect to this item, the stevedoring charges were higher than usual in this instance, because the Saxonia came to this port already loaded with lumber...

With regard to the Kosmos people increasing their freight rates from this port to Mexico, this is a matter which does not do with port charges, and no complaint was made by the Kosmos people on that score...

With regard to the above, the truth is that the only extra charges arising from foreign ports during 1904, the rest of the local stevedores, etc., of these 400 tons, is said Mr. Carlin think, "said last evening, much needed, local government advantage."

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THE HEAVENS IN APRIL Late War Ends On Sound Route

By Prof. Eric Doolittle, Astronomer of Pennsylvania.

The beautiful evening stars, Jupiter and Venus, which for three months have shone out brightly in the West, will disappear from our sight during the early evening until next autumn. Venus, before it finally withdraws from the western sky, will grow so extremely bright that it will be easily visible in full daylight to one who knows just where to look for it. It increases in size as it approaches the earth, and its drawing continually nearer to the earth; when it is nearest to us it is almost in a straight line between the earth and sun. It then sets very soon after sunset, and through a small telescope is seen to be a very narrow, brilliant little crescent like the moon when three or four days old. This appearance is best seen after April 20.

Meanwhile, as some compensation for the loss of these two beautiful worlds, a new object is beginning to climb up in the sky toward the east. This is the ruddy planet, Mars, which for months has been rising a little earlier each night. On April 15 the faint crescent like the moon will be visible in the sky before midnight, but by the end of the month it will rise before five, and will be situated for observation by 10. This planet and the earth are both rushing so rapidly toward each other that the distance apart is diminished from 75,000,000 to only 51,000,000 miles during the four weeks' period. As we draw near to the planet it grows very much brighter, so that by the end of the month it will be by far the most conspicuous object in the southeastern heavens. Yet it will be seen far more brilliant in May, and this will be the best month of the year for observing it.

The Spring Constellations.
Except for Mars, the bright red star in the southeast, the southern sky is now far less brilliant than it has been during the winter. The slow onward march of the constellations has carried the winter winter groups, Taurus, Orion and Perseus, low down in the west; while in place of these the fainter constellations of Bootes, Serpens and Hercules, rise appearing in the east. The exchange is hardly a fair one, and yet these faint summer groups have a beauty of their own, and contain as many interesting objects for observation with a small telescope as the winter groups. To study them with any satisfaction, however, the observer must select a moonless night, and he must not be too near the bright lights of a town or city. The most important of the new constellations is Bootes, the Hunter, a group so large that it stretches all the way from the handle of the Great Dipper almost to the celestial equator. This constellation has a distinct resemblance to a man with upraised arm, who is driving the Great Bear before him. To the west of Bootes is the handle of the Great Dipper, which will be found a group of small stars called the Hunting Dogs, which hold in leash. In ancient times all of these stars formed one great constellation called the Hunter with two Dogs. This group is referred to by the poets as the Booteans.

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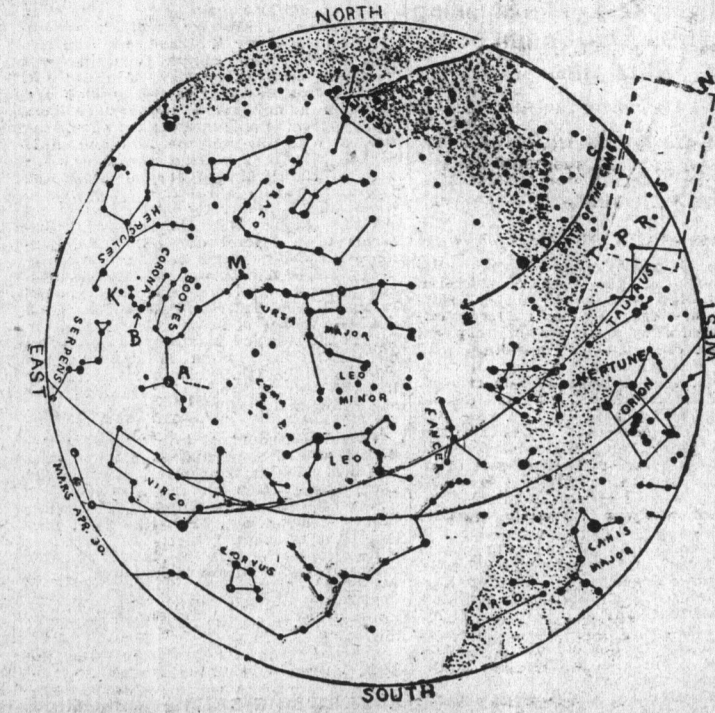


Fig. 1. The Constellations at 9 p. m. April 1.

prove critical if they began soon after rising. If a line is supposed to be drawn between the last two stars of the handle of the Great Dipper and then extended toward the east, it will pass very near this star. In the same way the North Star can readily be located, for it lies almost in the straight line joining the first two stars of the bowl of the Dipper. The constitution and temperature of this star are very like those of our own sun. It is so enormously far away that a ray of light, though it moves more than 186,000 miles in a single second, requires more than three hundred years to make the journey from the star to us; the light with which we now view this body, therefore, must have left the star more than three hundred years ago. Arcturus is approaching us at the rate of four miles in each second. To the east of Bootes there is a deli-

cate little group of faint stars which form one of the most beautiful figures in the northern sky. This is the Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. It consists of about a dozen naked-eye stars arranged in the form of an almost perfect oval. The constellation has been known ever since the fifth century B. C. as the Crown of Ariadne. It will be remembered how Ariadne, the Cretan princess, assisted the Greek hero, Theseus, to slay the Minotaur, giving him a clew of thread by means of which he found his way out of the labyrinth in which the great beast lived. When Ariadne became the wife of Theseus, this golden diadem was the crown which he gave her. It is a pity that the ancient name of Ariadne's Crown, which recalls so pretty a legend, should have been changed in later days. Like the Pleiades, this constellation will mark the seasons. Virgil wrote: "But if thou plow to sow more solid grain, A wheat or barley harvest to obtain, When the Pleiades are shining bright, And Ariadne's shining coronet, Ere thou commit thy seed to ground." Unlike Arcturus, the stars of the Corona Borealis are of the most favorable influence astrologically. At the point K, Fig. 1, is one of the most remarkable new stars which have appeared since the beginning of the century. This object was seen to blaze suddenly as a star of the second magnitude. It remained visible to the naked eye for only eight days, fading rapidly away to the tenth magnitude and then slowly growing brighter again. It has remained visible in the telescope ever since as a yellow ninth-magnitude star. This was the first new star ever studied with the spectroscope. This instrument showed that at the time of its greatest brightness it was surrounded enormously hot sun entirely surrounded

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by a careful watch during May or the latter part of April will usually be rewarded by the appearance of a few of them. They are bright and of a dull yellow color, and move slowly across the sky. **The New Comet.** The bright comet discovered by Borrelly has been moving rapidly toward the earth. On March 1 it was at D, on April 1 it was at D, and on April 1 it will be at E. When first discovered the comet was so bright that it was visible even in a four-inch telescope, but on January 12 it passed around the sun, and since then it has been receding. The comet will look in the west very rapidly from the earth, and consequently growing fainter. It is now only visible in the largest telescopes. The body appears to be moving around the sun in an elliptic path, the period being seven and one-half years. Venus and Jupiter are now too low in the west to be shown in Fig. 1; the small rectangle "N" is therefore enlarged to show the paths of the planets during the month. The Pleiades at P and the stars R and S are the same in both figures. The observer will look in the west for these stars soon after sunset he will have no trouble in finding all of the stars of Fig. 2, since only the brightest are marked. The observer should not fail to look for the planet Mercury, the little body which is now supposed to have the most favorable influence astrologically. At the point K, Fig. 1, is one of the most remarkable new stars which have appeared since the beginning of the century. This object was seen to blaze suddenly as a star of the second magnitude. It remained visible to the naked eye for only eight days, fading rapidly away to the tenth magnitude and then slowly growing brighter again. It has remained visible in the telescope ever since as a yellow ninth-magnitude star. This was the first new star ever studied with the spectroscope. This instrument showed that at the time of its greatest brightness it was surrounded enormously hot sun entirely surrounded

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