

CERTAIN VICTORY FOR JOHN JARDINE

Candidate is Endorsed By Both Liberal and Labor Elements--Neglect of Conservative Candidate.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The nomination of John Jardine as the Liberal candidate for Esquimalt is conceded to mean the defeat of the late member C. E. Pooley, and the winning of the seat by the Liberals. Mr. Jardine, it will be remembered, contested the riding at the last election and came very close to carrying the constituency. The limited time at his disposal on that occasion alone prevented the winning of the seat by him. It was conceded even by the Conservatives that the naming of Mr. Pooley as the party candidate this time would result in the carrying of the constituency by the Liberals, Mr. Jardine, the popular standard bearer of that party, being then understood to be the coming choice.

The Liberal candidate is a very vigorous campaigner. He is well acquainted throughout the riding and his popularity with all classes. So liberal in his views is Mr. Jardine that the labor men of Esquimalt long ago tendered to him their support without opposition if he would consent to stand. Thus Mr. Jardine came out victorious work performed by Mr. McIntosh during the past three years in the organization of one of the largest and most aggressive Liberal associations in the province. By his work of organization he had placed the Liberal party in Esquimalt in the position which it held as the dominating factor in the coming election.

FIVE NEW SENATORS ARE APPOINTED

(Special to The Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Hon. G. W. Ross and Robert Bell, ex-M. P. for West Durham, have been called to the senate from Ontario, and Hon. John Cosgrove and Daniel Gillmor, the defeated candidate in Charlotte, from New Brunswick. A. B. Comeau, a member of the Nova Scotia government without portfolio, has also been called to the senate. This leaves one vacancy for Nova Scotia.

Hon. G. W. Ross is one of the best known public men in Canada. For years under Liberal rule in Ontario he was a member of the government, first in the capacity of minister of education, and later as premier. He is regarded as one of the most finished orators in the Dominion.

Hon. John P. Cosgrove has been an interesting figure in Canadian politics. He was a member of the New Brunswick legislature from 1861 to 1884. In 1887 he was elected to the House of Commons, and has been returned at each election for Victoria, N. B., since that time. He was a member of Sir John A. Macdonald's government, and succeeding Conservative administrations. He has given the Liberal government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier his hearty support since its accession to power.

Daniel Gillmor has a half interest in the office firm of Chase & Sanborn, of Montreal, but makes his home in Charlotte, N. B. He comes of a good Liberal fighting stock, his father, A. H. Gillmor, having been in politics from the time of Confederation until the death of a few years ago. A. H. Gillmor represented the county of Charlotte, N. B., in the House of Commons from Confederation up to the election of 1878, when by a strange coincidence he was defeated just as his party came into power. For his long services to the party he was created a senator by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Daniel Gillmor, his son, who has just been appointed to the senate, was defeated at the last election for Charlotte. He is a cousin of E. G. Russell, of this city, and is expected to pay Victoria a visit within a few months.

Robert Bell, of Bowmanville, is known all over Canada as a breeder and importer of thoroughbred horses. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1892, and again at the by-election in 1892.

A. H. Comeau is a native of Nova Scotia. He has been a member of the provincial house as member for Digby since 1890.

Grand Forks Mayorally. Protest Against Nomination of J. D. McDonald—The Candidate's Reply.

Grand Forks, Jan. 15.—Great excitement prevails here to-night over the fact that this afternoon ex-Street Commissioner M. B. Cannon filed an official protest against the nomination of J. D. McDonald, one of the mayoralty candidates. The grounds of the protest were that Mr. McDonald did not possess the requisite property qualification. Mr. McDonald met the protest by making the necessary declaration of qualification, and will consequently oppose Jeffrey Hamer on Thursday.

Mr. McDonald's opponents stated to-night that should he be elected at the polls he would be prevented from taking his seat by an injunction of the courts, while Mr. McDonald protests that he is thoroughly qualified and will fight the qualification question through to the bitter end.

Coasting Fatality. Seattle, Jan. 14.—Charles McSorley, of Ballard, 45 years old, is dead as the result of an accident which befell him Saturday afternoon while coasting near Olympia. The boy was sliding down a hill at a high speed when he lost control of his sled. He veered off his proper course, hurling the occupant with such force against a protruding beam that it penetrated his chest. The accident occurred at Lacey, four miles from Olympia, where young McSorley was attending a school at a Catholic school, a Catholic institution. As quickly as possible he was removed to a hospital at Olympia, where he died at 11 o'clock Saturday night. It was the boy's second year at the institution. He received the highest honors for scholarship in his class of 135 last year.

The boy was the son of Charles McSorley, of Ballard, who has a residence living at First avenue and E. street.

From San Juan—H. E. Newton, T. M. Baird, Sr., F. V. Hobbs and J. J. Baird.

Upon receipt of the report of the credential committee the chairman asked for a motion that the convention proceed to the selection of a candidate, which was duly carried.

H. V. Hobbs, of Port Renfrew, placed before the meeting the name of John Jardine, of Esquimalt, and spoke of his consistent career as a Liberal in Esquimalt, and the faithful work he had performed in the interests of the party. Mr. Jardine, having been the Liberal candidate during the last provincial campaign, he considered he should be given the unanimous support of the convention. H. C. Heigenson, of Metchem, seconded the motion, and in a few well chosen words asked that the delegates present should support the candidature of Mr. Jardine.

Nominates Mr. McIntosh. The name of J. Chas. McIntosh, of Esquimalt, was placed before the convention by V. L. V. Howard as the standard bearer of the Liberal interests. He reviewed the hard and con-

ditions of the district, with the assurance of victory, having entered the heartily into the campaign. The convention, which resulted in the final nomination of Mr. Jardine, was held at Colwood, as previously mentioned on Monday night, and despite the severe weather all but two of the thirty-one delegates selected in the different centers were present. The delegates were as follows:

From Esquimalt—J. Chas. McIntosh, V. L. V. Howard, Wm. Thompson, Henry Yee, Capt. Harris, T. D. Seider, H. W. Faulstich, Jas. Flannery, Sidney Thomas, Robert Nunn, Jos. Buscombe and C. N. Tubman.

From Metchem—H. C. Heigenson, Wm. Witty, W. Harte and Jas. Wallace.

From Colwood—A. N. Wale, C. A. Thompson, J. G. Frazer and Frank Campbell.

From Sooke—Edwin Milne, Sr., J. A. I. French, Edwin Clarke, Adam Godtel, (Sr.)

EXIT SCHOOL BOARD.

Last Meeting of the Civic Year was Held Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon the last meeting of the 1906 board of school trustees was held in the secretary's office. The question of heating the schools came up and the present situation was discussed. At the invitation of the board A. Sheret was present and gave his views on the matter.

Pell & Gregory wrote, on behalf of J. Pierson, in reference to their client's claim in regard to the recent cabinet enquiry. In reviewing the case it was found that the applicant had no claim to fees as witness and he will be notified to this effect.

G. W. Smith was appointed janitor of the central school, and J. Deribus was appointed to a vacant position on the staff of the Boys' Central.

The retiring members of the board made a few remarks before the meeting closed thanking their fellow trustees for the assistance given to them and expressing mutual esteem.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Mrs. A. B. McNeill Died Very Unexpectedly Wednesday Morning.

Mrs. McNeill, wife of A. B. McNeill, Stanley avenue, who has been ill for nearly two years, died suddenly Wednesday. Her death comes as a great shock to her husband, family and friends, as though greatly weakened by the illness, no danger was anticipated.

Mrs. McNeill was born in Paisley, Ont., and came to Victoria upon her marriage nearly 18 years ago. She survived by her husband and three children.

The funeral will take place Friday.

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REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Great Increase in Building During Past Year--Recommendations of the Fire Chief.

The report of the building inspector, which was received by the city council Monday night, was as follows:

Report of Building Inspector, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., January 16, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: Gentlemen--I have the honor to submit the following as my annual report of the building operations within the city for the year 1906, which, I am pleased to say, shows a gratifying increase over previous years, the total value being \$529,200.

Table with 2 columns: Description of buildings and their cost. Includes items like '20 one story frame dwellings', '13 one and a half story dwellings', etc.

For the various Wards the figures are as follows, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Ward name and total value. Includes 'South Ward', 'Central Ward', and 'North Ward'.

I have the honor to remain, Your obedient servant, WM. W. NORTHCOOTE, Building Inspector.

The report of the chief of the fire department, submitted last evening, was as follows:

December 31st, 1906. His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen--I beg herewith to submit for your consideration my sixth annual report. I feel justified in stating that the present year, from a fire-fighting standpoint, has been the most successful in the history of the department.

The fire alarm responded to during the year was one hundred and thirty-nine, with a resultant loss of \$5,350.50. The events of the past year, however, have shown that the great amount of building now being or about to be carried on will necessitate increased fire protection.

That a larger main be laid to the fair grounds and Old Man's Home, so as to provide some fire protection for those premises.

That more horses be purchased. That a motor auxiliary wagon, capable of carrying hose, men, chemical extinguishers, etc., be purchased and placed at the quarters, and a motor engine also be purchased.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Your obedient servant, THOMAS WATSON, Chief of Fire Department.

LATEST CANADIAN PATENTS.

The following up-to-date list of Canadian patents is reported by Egerton R. Case, solicitor of patents and expert in patent causes, Temple building, Toronto: Isaac Peabody et al., St. Mary's, N. B., conveyors; Jno. Jos. Holmes, et al., Chatham, Ont., refrigerating machines; Jas. F. Latimer, et al., Toronto, Ont., apparatus for separation and refining of graphite from granitic material, and molybdenite and other minerals from their gangue when stanniferous associated; Geo. A. Bennett, Winnipeg, Man., cushions for bicycles; Paul E. Bolton, Scarborough, Ont., cutter blades; Thos. M. Moran, Longue Pointe, Que., methods of and apparatus for burning cement; Thos. Wilson, Ottawa, Ont., adjustable roofs; Wm. J. Watson, Ladysmith, B. C., smelting furnaces; Hiram W. Hixon, Victoria Mines, Ont., blast furnaces; Goldsmith English, et al., Windsor, Ont., the construction of electrical apparatus; Jno. F. Richardson, et al., Montreal, Que., electrical appliances for medical purposes; Peter Stoddard, et al., Copper Cliff, Ont., tapping jacks for blast furnaces, settling wells or for hearths; Fred G. Alexander, et al., Toronto, Ont., folding paper boxes; E. J. Gilmore, et al., Montreal, Que., apparatus for building submerged concrete works from above the surface of the water; Albert Belair, Ahuntsic, Que., burial caskets; Wm. C. Gurney, et al., Toronto, Ont., gas ranges and stoves; Robt. N. Gandy, Guelph, Ont., cooking stoves and ranges.

CIVIC NOMINATIONS.

Mayor Planta Returned By Acclamation at Nanaimo--W. Willard Unopposed at Cumberland.

Nanaimo, Jan. 14--The civic nominations to-day resulted as follows: Mayor, A. E. Planta, re-elected by acclamation. Building Inspector, J. Young. Nominations for aldermen: North Ward, William Kirkham, Thos. Hodgson, Alex. Forrester, D. G. Dalley, G. D. Forster, Middle Ward, J. Young, W. H. Morton, J. S. Knarston, W. Dick, E. C. Barnes, South Ward, C. Wilson, W. T. Kemp, J. Newton, H. McRae, Trustees, J. Young, E. Quennell, J. Maher, A. Forrester, A. E. Planta, Cumberland.

Cumberland, Jan. 14--The nominations were: North Ward, T. White; Middle Ward, T. E. Bate; South Ward, C. H. Tarbell, N. Macleod. So little interest was taken in the municipal elections this year that the board is short two members--one for Middle and one for North Ward.

W. Willard was elected mayor by acclamation.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

RECEIVED REPORTS OF SEVERAL COMMITTEES

Endorse Teaching of Singing in the Schools--A Reply From Mrs. Paterson,

The first regular meeting of the Local Council of Women for Victoria and Vancouver Island took place at the city hall on Monday last. In addition to the officers of the society, there were present ten delegates from affiliated societies and the press secretary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Tourist Association reported affiliation with the society.

The council strongly urged that all affiliated societies appoint a delegate who will conscientiously attend the regular meetings of the council, and report to the council on the progress of their work, and all matters of interest concerning the same.

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THEIR LABORS ARE ENDED COUNCIL AND MAYOR PART IN PEACE

At Last Session of City Fathers Some Routine Business Was Transacted.

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HALDIMAND COUNTY COUNCILLOR SPEAKS

DIFFERENCES IN THE COURT

MR. JUSTICE MARTIN RETIRED FROM BENCH

The importance of a statement by a gentleman in whom the people who best know him repeatedly express their confidence by electing him to a position of honor and trust, cannot be over-looked in so vital a question as the one now under consideration. Life and health are unquestionably the most valuable subjects to every human being. How to retain these concerns all. Here is what Bryce Allan, Esq., for many years a prominent figure in Halldimand County and a member of the County Council, says:

"Believe me, I am fully as gratified to tell you of my recovery with Bryce as you are to hear of it. Last fall I became weak, run down and nervous through overwork and worry. Was unfit for work, had no appetite, and lost as if I had lost all interest in life. I contracted a series of colds from changing winter weather, and gradually my lungs became affected. I tried remedies after remedy, and a number of doctors prescribed for me, but got no relief. I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. After two months' treatment I regained my health and strength. I am as sound as a bell today, and give Bryce all the credit."

"BRYCE ALLAN, Jarvis, Ont." Thousands of others have borne similar testimony to the power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It cures all ailments of the blood, such as rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, dizziness, indigestion, and all wasting diseases. It strengthens the stomach, aids digestion, and builds up the entire system. It is a never-failing remedy.

Psychine, pronounced Si-keen, is for sale at all drug stores at 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle, or at Dr. T. A. Sherrill, Limited, 175 King Street West, Toronto.

TWO SCHOONERS WRECKED. St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 14--The fishing schooner Richard Wainwright, of Gloucester, Mass., from Bay of Islands, was wrecked on Friday at Flat Bay, St. Johns. One man was drowned. The schooner is a total wreck.

Another schooner, the Romeo, of Burgoyne, Nfld., with a load of herring, was wrecked yesterday at Grand River. The crew escaped, but the schooner is lost.

PROFIT SHARING SCHEME ADOPTED. British Columbia Permanent Loan Company Takes Advanced Step in Treatment of Employees.

Horace Knott, local manager of the B. C. Loan & Savings Company, announced to the Times on Tuesday that his company had taken an advanced step in the matter of treatment of its employees along the same line as that which the British Columbia Electric Railway Company had been following for some years. This consists in the admission of the staff into a sharing of the profits of the company after a proper amount has been set aside for the return to the shareholders of the concern.

As a result, each employee of the company from the highest to the lowest grade will receive a sum equal to 5 per cent. of his or her yearly salary, the plan coming into effect so that the payments will be made this month on last year's account.

Mr. Knott stated that Manager Director T. T. Langlois had had the matter in mind for some time, and the company having had a most prosperous year and reached a stage of development where the venture could be made, the directors had heartily approved of his recommendation. Its adoption would, he believed, do much to settle the labor troubles which from time to time are heard of in all parts of the Dominion.

About four of the local employees of the company will benefit under the present management.

ENLARGING PLANT. Staneland Paint Works Will Increase Facilities.

The purchase of the Dominion Paint Company's premises by W. E. Staneland a short time ago, promises to add another flourishing industry to the busy commerce of the city.

Mr. Staneland, who has been with Mr. McQuade & Co. for seven years, and who has been identified with paint business and similar firms all his life, will at once extend and enlarge the business carried on by W. T. Andrews.

While retaining the latter's agency for Burrell & Co., of London, Mr. Staneland will go into the manufacture of high grade pure prepared paints, which he will put on the market as the Staneland Paints. He is adding seventy-five feet to his warehouse, and is installing an iron and tin making plant. This itself will insure the manufacture in Victoria of a line now brought from the East.

With a wide connection on the Island and a favorable reputation among business men, Mr. Staneland embarks in business under very favorable auspices.

The I. O. O. F. banquet, held under the joint auspices of the local lodges, which took place in the Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas street, Monday evening, proved a most successful function.

Over one hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Frank Taylor, D. D. G. M., occupied the chair, and Bro. J. Dresser presided at the piano.

The program included brief speeches by several of the guests. After supper had been served and dancing commenced, several members of the Fifth Regiment band were present and discoursed music.

DEATH OF HON. W. T. O. HAMLEY

CHURCH AND STATE

OPIMUM-TAKER'S STORY

Paris, Jan. 14--It is certain the French bishops when they meet January 15th will register the decision of Pope Pius, as conveyed in the encyclical issued on Friday. The clergy and church cannot emerge victorious from the struggle and that the place of the church will be harder. It is stated that the first attempt of the Vatican to arouse Catholics will be to seek redress at the police. This will be met by a measure authorizing the government to guard all priests as subjects of a foreign power.

M. Juarez, the Socialist leader, discussing the encyclical, said: "The Pope desires to save the dogma and the hierarchy. It is his duty to prepare his rule. Attila was the scourge of God. Pope Pius is the scourge of the church."

The Kaiser Friendly. Berlin, Jan. 13--The silver anniversary celebration of Germany's greatest cardinal, George Kopp, Archbishop of Breslau, has thrown a strong light upon the desire of Kaiser and Pope to continue their friendship, irrespective of parliamentary opposition in Germany. The presence of Dr. Stadt, Prussian minister of education, at Breslau, demonstrates that the Vatican is working for a settlement of the political dispute.

Cardinal Kopp has always fought against the democratic and oppositional tendencies of the Catholic parliamentary party, because they menaced his power. He is now ready to run consequent to the term he has yet to serve of his former sentence.

SAANICH NOMINATIONS. Candidates for Municipal Offices Were Named Monday.

The nominations for reeve, councillors and school trustees for the municipality of Saanich took place Monday at Grandford avenue, Saanich. The candidates were: Reeve, J. M. Durand; Councillor, J. M. Durand; School Trustees, J. M. Durand, J. M. Durand, J. M. Durand.

FOR REEVE. Thos. Anderson Brydon, Joseph Nicholson, Jr.

FOR COUNCILLORS. Ward 1. F. N. Borden, Benjamin Blair Moore, Richard West.

Ward 2. Henry Josiah Dunn, C. Pointer.

Ward 3. William Chas. Grant, Samuel Pollock.

Ward 4. Alfred E. Gale, Henry Jucke.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES. R. B. Fowler, Wm. Moore, G. A. Vantrigter.

MORE THAN HE CLAIMED. New Orleans, Jan. 15--The dispute which has existed several years between Nicaragua and Honduras as to the boundary line on the north has been settled. The question was left to the King of Spain as referee, and he gave Honduras all that was claimed by Honduras and more.

Advertisement for Dr. Cassell's Kidney Pills, featuring a circular logo with the text 'DR. CASSELL'S KIDNEY PILLS' and 'FOR ALL KINDS OF URINARY AFFECTIONS'.

Advertisement for Canadian Wheat Flakes, featuring a logo with the text 'Canadian Wheat Flakes' and 'BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO., LTD. NATIONAL MILLS.'

TRUMPHANT LIBERALISM.

We do not know that it is the intention of either Ralph Smith, M.P., or William Sloan, M.P., to come west for the purpose of taking an active part in the present provincial political campaign. If they have so decided we do not see the ground on which the supporters of the McBride government can logically object to their intention. Premier McBride and the members of his government did all that lay in their power to accomplish the defeat of all the representatives of British Columbia in the Dominion House of Commons and incidentally to prevent the construction through British Columbia of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Great Northern railways. They took the stump on behalf of Conservative candidates; and it is not likely Messrs. Smith and Sloan or the people who elected them by such large majorities have forgotten that fact. If it was legitimate and regular for Mr. McBride and his followers to oppose the election of Liberals, it surely cannot be denied that it would be just as legitimate and regular for Liberals to retaliate. That is looking at the matter from a merely human standpoint. Considering the question from a moral point of view, reviewing the actions of the McBride government for the three and half years it has been in power, considering the manner in which it has abused the trust imposed in it and sacrificed the material assets of the province for the enrichment of a few adventurers and great corporations with whom it has been in constant association to the lasting disgrace of the province, we believe it is the duty of every person possessing any influence whatever to cast their vote on the side of the party which is pledged to give British Columbia a clean, progressive government and honest administration. We believe both Mr. Sloan and Mr. Smith, if they were here, could do good work in the cause which is the cause of the people of British Columbia to-day. But their presence here is certainly not essential to a Liberal triumph. The Liberal party, for the first time in the history of provincial politics during a general campaign, is united and harmonious. It has a capable leader surrounded by a company of the ablest men ever gathered around a Liberal chief. The fact has been demonstrated that the province is naturally Liberal in its leanings. The result on February 2nd, according to reliable advices from every section, will prove beyond peradventure that Liberalism, not Socialism and Toryism in alliance, represents the dominant political sentiment of the provincial electorate.

McBride government, which was dismal enough before the election and the standing of Judge Henderson and Commissioner McInnes decided to resign honorable and lucrative positions for the purpose of taking an active part in the fight.

TOO CANDID.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says the capital has suffered in the past because of the fact that it elected members opposed to the government. This is a rather naive confession for the personal organ of one of the members of the McBride administration to make. It is surely a severe comment upon the calibre of the men composing the government that any constituency should be treated with injustice simply because its political opinions are not in harmony with the views of persons whom accident has temporarily placed in power. But our Vancouver commentator is not far astray when it admits that Victorians will no longer be content to set themselves up in antagonism to the government. That is the reason they are going to elect four Liberals again on the 2nd of February. The political views of these four members will be completely in harmony with the views of the government, with Mr. J. A. Macdonald at its head. A government so small in calibre as to confess that it visits its ill-will upon constituencies which refuse to support it is altogether too petty for a great province like British Columbia. A government which, in association with bands of adventurers and corporate marauders, distributes the assets of the province with prodigal hands and receives personal favours in return therefor that will not bear investigation, and boasts that only constituencies which elect its candidates shall receive justice in the general administration of affairs, is surely not the kind of government that should be permitted to endure. But what the Vancouver News-Advertiser says with regard to the treatment of Victoria is absolutely true. As the campaign of education progresses we shall take advantage of opportunities to bring out the strongest possible evidence from the speeches and acts of the Premier to support our Vancouver contemporary's assertion. These facts in themselves, apart altogether from the general record of the government, its disregard for the ordinary decencies of life in the relations of certain of its ministers with persons upon whom marked favours have been disposed at the expense of the public, should be sufficient for the sentence of condemnation that will be pronounced by the electors of Victoria in particular on the 2nd of February.

MR. MINNES'S POSITION.

We cannot understand why the supporters of the McBride government rage so fiercely against Mr. W. W. B. McInnes. According to their own statements the ex-Commissioner is a political gamester, a carpet-bagger, or some such undesirable character; they say his presence has weakened the cause of the opposition, and yet they rail at him, overhaul his record, and ask what business he has to throw up his very desirable billet and "but in" against the McBride government's overpowering strong candidates. Now if Mr. McInnes is strengthening the cause of the government by the mere fact of his being in the fight, surely the best thing from a ministerial point of view would be to leave him alone to accomplish his own undoing and that of the opposition. But the truth is the advent of British Columbia's popular and eloquent young public man has carpentered dismay into the ranks of the government forces. They realized before the fight began that they were going to have a difficult task in keeping their heads above water weighed down as they were by a record, acquired in three short years, that would sink any government that was ever formed in any free country. The popularity of Mr. McInnes, his force as a public speaker, the fame he has gained as a minister in the British Columbia, the strength he has brought to the opposition cause—all tend to add to the de-

CANDIDATES NOMINATED

Table with columns: Constituency, Liberal, Conservative, Independent. Lists names of candidates for various constituencies including Alberni, Athol, Colquhoun, Comox, Cranberry, Chilliwack, Delta, Dewdney, Esquimalt, Fernand, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Island, Kamloops, Lillooet, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Nelson, Okanagan, Revelstoke, Richmond, Rossland, Saanich, Similkameen, Skeena, Sooke, Vancouver, Victoria, and Yale.

moralization that is apparent in the McBride forces and to the strengthening of the cause of the opposition. Conservatives profess to be unable to understand why a gentleman occupying a position to which a handsome salary is attached should voluntarily resign all for the purpose of taking part in a doubtful political contest. We admit no precedent for such a proceeding can be found in the records of the Conservative party in any part of Canada. There is only one case that comes within our recollection as capable of being compared with that of Mr. McInnes. It was called to mind by a speech of Mr. Bennett, the Liberal candidate in Comox. Sir Charles Tupper, when High Commissioner in London and drawing a salary of twenty-five thousand dollars a year, did upon two occasions cross the ocean for the purpose of assisting the Conservative governments at Ottawa. But Sir Charles did not even go through the formality of resigning. He retained the position, and on one occasion resumed his post immediately after the result of the election was made known. On the other he made a virtue of necessity and resigned.

However, we do not know that there is any necessity for hunting up precedents to justify the action of a man in voluntarily resigning a position in the gift of a government to take possession almost immediately of another position in the gift of the people. Mr. McInnes says he prefers being a minister in the government of British Columbia to holding the governorship of the Yukon. After placing his finger on the pulse of public opinion he had no difficulty in arriving at a shrewd estimate of the situation. He will head a triumphant Liberal ticket in the city of Vancouver on the 2nd of February, and shortly after become a member of the first Liberal government British Columbia has ever had.

NECESSITY FOR A CHANGE.

It is granted now that the leaders of the Liberal party, and all the members of the Liberal party, have a right to endeavor to put the McBride government out of power and to take up their position when the House meets, on the right hand of Mr. Speaker. It is something to have such an assurance. It indicates that the supporters of Mr. McBride have a premonition, notwithstanding their labored efforts to look cheerful, of what is going to happen on the 2nd of February. On the opening of the campaign there was a disposition—a disposition which has been known to be possessed by Tories since the days of the present government—is going very shortly to regard with disdain the presumption of Liberals in daring to aspire to office. The ambitious fellows were told that, not having the "instinct of government," it was highly improper for them to suppose the people would ever trust them with the task of administering affairs. They said that the present Liberal government of Canada—and behold what has taken place since it came into power. The whole country has taken on new life, population has rapidly increased and the wealth of the nation has grown in a much greater ratio than the population.

TWO REEVES.

We were just going to congratulate Reeve Oliver of Oak Bay municipality on his election by acclamation for a second term, when the thought occurred to us that it was Oak Bay municipality that should be congratulated upon having secured Reeve Oliver to serve it for a second term. The new municipality upon the outskirts of Victoria is practically unanimous in the opinion that it has been exceedingly fortunate in securing such an efficient and painstaking official. It is not the least of his merits that he has placed himself in a position from which it could make a great improvement in administration, and we do not believe there is much doubt about what the majority of the people of British Columbia think about that either.

The one conspicuous act in the career of Premier McBride, apart from the part he played in the theft of the Fenwick estate, was the consummation of an alliance with the Socialists, was the conduct of the case of British Columbia before the conference of premiers at Ottawa. Consider the farce he made of that matter, because he could think of nothing else but the possibility of an opportunity of raising an election cry that he hoped would obscure all the misdeeds of his government. He has placed himself in a position from which it is impossible to proceed further with negotiations except through an appeal to the Imperial authorities—and that is such an impossible proposition that he has not now the impudence to suggest such a thing. If British Columbia's claim to better terms is to succeed—and there is no doubt it will succeed inasmuch as its validity has been admitted by the Dominion government—it can only be successful in other hands. That in itself is good and sufficient reason why McBride should go and Macdonald to succeed him.

Very substantial and convincing reasons can be shown why Finance Minister Tatlow should be forced to make way for a really capable Finance Minister. The manner in which the Minister placed himself and the province in the hands of the money-lenders has merely to be briefly considered to establish the necessity for a change. The Finance Minister borrowed a million dollars, paying five per cent. interest on the loan, when the necessities of the province could have been met with half the amount. Now he has more than half a million dollars lying idle in the bank upon which he is paying five per cent. interest and receiving three per cent. back. A splendid arrangement from the point of view of the bankers, but not quite so favorable to the people whose taxes have been increased from forty to one hundred per cent. in order to facilitate Mr. Tatlow's financial policy. Surely it will be admitted that there is not a single candidate of the Liberal party in the field to-day who could not do better than that.

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The public has not yet had the opportunity of considering all that has transpired in the Lands and Works department under the McBride government and under the special administration of the minister whose private business was so urgent that he felt impelled to resign and precipitate a general election that the Premier had arranged to have a check to work issuing instructions to members to meet on March 7 for the dispatch of business. But some of the facts bearing upon the Kalen Island deal, the Klimal scandal in connection with the allotment to favorites of reserved lands, the bestowal of a bonus of eight hundred thousand acres of land, upon a railway company for constructing a road that has not been built, and other scandals too numerous to mention particularly—some of the facts bearing upon these notorious transactions have been made public; and if they do not furnish substantial reasons for the conviction that any government chosen from any party could display a greater regard for the interests of the public than the administration of the Premier, we are constrained to condemn it and to drive the more prominent of its members from public life, the opposition has a policy which when put in effect will stimulate the business of the province. It is such a satisfactory policy that Premier McBride paid it the compliment of studying it and adopting it practically as it came from the pen of its author. The record of the government is sufficient to condemn it and to drive the more prominent of its members from public life, the opposition has a policy which when put in effect will stimulate the business of the province. It is such a satisfactory policy that Premier McBride paid it the compliment of studying it and adopting it practically as it came from the pen of its author.

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THE KINGSTON DISASTER. Ottawa, Jan. 17.—In the House today W. F. Cockburn asked if the government intended to take any action in regard to the Kingston, Jamaica, disaster, and the Premier replied that the matter was engaging the attention of the government.

Nicholson, who is opposing Mr. Brydon, thinks he could give the district better service than his more experienced neighbor; but, if we might be permitted to express an opinion, this aspiring young man is mistaken. And the electors of Saanich may find out that they also have made a mistake if they dispense with the services of one who has labored so faithfully during what was probably the most critical period of the municipality's existence.

ELECTION REFLECTIONS.

Should Richard McBride unfortunately be returned for both Dewdney and Victoria would he elect to represent the Capital City, the main land constituency, or would he, as of old, represent nobody but Richard McBride and his friends?

Remembering the stand that the honorable member for Dewdney took on the fish trap question he certainly deserves recognition in Victoria, isn't it rather a wonder that he should be opposed even by Liberals?

The Conservatives are looking decidedly blue now that Green is to be with them no longer. On the evening of the second they will turn to white, protected from the chilling frosts by a very snowy covering.

Grant, the silent member for Comox in the last legislature, has lost the chance of a lifetime. He will never again be given an opportunity to raise his voice in the sacred precincts. Bennett, who will take his place, will be something more than a presence in the House. When the interests of his constituents or of the province demand he will not be found asleep in the corner seat.

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, we intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special timber licenses to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Eastern British Columbia, as follows:

FARMERS' SONS WANTED. With knowledge of farm stock and fair education to work in an office, \$80 a month with advancement, steady employment, must be honest and reliable.

WEEKLY WEATHER. Victoria Meteorology. January 20th. The week has been remarkable for its mildness. The wind has been from the west, and the temperature has been in the neighborhood of 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The barometer has been steady, and the sky has been mostly clear. The water has been in the neighborhood of 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The ice has been in the neighborhood of 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The snow has been in the neighborhood of 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The wind has been from the west, and the temperature has been in the neighborhood of 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Victoria Meteorological Office. January 8th to 15th, 1907. The week has been remarkable for the pronounced cold wave which has prevailed throughout this western portion of the continent from the Pacific ocean to the Great Lakes and the valley of the Mississippi.

The barometric pressure has for the most part been abnormally high, but on Saturday, the 12th, a low pressure area developed in the North Pacific states, and the trough colder air masses, and the higher pressure in this province caused fresh to strong northeasterly winds on the Straits and a heavy gale on the outside waters from the entrance to the Fucus Straits southward to the Columbia river, an hourly velocity of 32 miles being reported from Tootoosh. Temperatures fell rapidly, and the lowest points of the present winter were reached at many places west of the Rockies, while eastward in the middle west provinces the weather continued intensely cold, with temperatures ranging from zero to 46 below. The electrical anemometer at Victoria recorded some 1500 miles of wind, chiefly northerly and easterly, during Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and this, combined with the low temperatures, caused serious damage to water pipes and property everywhere.

The Fraser river has continued frozen over and navigation has been completely stopped. Blasting has been good during the whole week in many places both above Vancouver Island and the Mainland, and is forming in the straits of Victoria, and Burrard Inlet, Vancouver.

On Friday light snow fell in this southern district, and on Tuesday a heavy fall of 15 inches occurred at Port Simpson, and several inches fell on the higher lands of Vancouver Island and a light fall at Victoria. The weather has been fair during the greater part of the week, the highest temperature was 23.1 on 11th; the lowest, 14.8 on 15th; precipitation, 0.16 inch, including 1.40 inches of snow.

At Vancouver—Highest, 30 on 11th; lowest, 2 on 15th; 2 inches of snow. At New Westminster—Highest, 24 on 11th; lowest, 2 on 15th; no precipitation. At Kamloops—Highest, 22 on 11th; lowest, 24 below zero on 15th; no precipitation.

At Barkerville—Highest, 24 on 10th and 11th; lowest, 25 below zero on 13th and 14th; no precipitation. At Ft. St. James—Highest, 24 on 10th; lowest, 14 on 13th; snow, 15.40 inches. At Atlin—Highest, 34 on 8th; lowest, 20 below zero on 15th; no precipitation.

At Dawson (two days missing)—Highest, 5 on 12th; lowest, 24 below zero on 11th; snow, 3.10 inches.

Local News.

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The total bank clearings for the week ending January 15th, reported by the Victoria clearing house were \$381,668.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society will be held on Monday evening next. Officers for the coming term will be elected.

Owing to the cold snap work was suspended at the B. C. Marine Company's yards on both Monday and Tuesday. Work was resumed Wednesday.

When H. M. S. Shearwater comes out of the dry dock, equipment will be replaced by the new machinery which will be thoroughly overhauled and have a new propeller fitted.

Last night the steamer Queen City sailed for Clayoquot and way ports on the West Coast of the Island. She carried supplies for the whaling station at Sechart.

The regular weekly social of the Fernwood Young Men's Association will be held in the club rooms to-morrow evening. The entertainment will commence at 8 p. m., and will be a whist tournament.

In the Sir William Wallace Hall to-night Court Norman Light, A. C. F., will hold an invitation dance. Dancing will commence at 8 a. m., immediately after the conclusion of the regular business meeting.

Professor Claudio has resigned as first violin at the New Grand theatre in order to devote his entire time to the teaching of music and other studio work. His place has been taken by Kurt Berger, late leader of the Empress theatre orchestra.

Michael McCue, an unkempt and ragged vagrant, was found by the city police at an early hour this morning asleep in the street. He was charged with having no visible means of support in the police court to-day, pleaded not guilty, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Mrs. Mirmie Paterson, of Cape Beale lighthouse fame, will this week receive a cheque for \$485. This constitutes a purse made up by the various shipping men of Seattle in appreciation of the heroic work of the West Coast "Grace Darling," in assisting the shipwrecked crew of the barque Coloma.

The city water office is at present a busy place. Much trouble is being caused by burst pipes and other results of the cold snap, and Mr. Raymond and his assistants have their hands full of work. Between thirty and forty men have been placed at work on some of the burst pipes, and a big effort is being made to prevent any serious disorder.

In referring to the proceedings in the Supreme court Tuesday, it was stated that in the discussion among the judges preparatory to giving judgment, Mr. Justice Martin asked for a reserve of judgment in order that he might consult his brother judges. His lordship requested the reserving of judgment in order that he might consult the authorities cited by counsel.

Mrs. William Rivers, of 23 Stanley street, died on Monday at the Royal Jubilee hospital. She deceased was 89 years of age and a native of Shropshire, Eng. She leaves besides her husband two sons in the city and one daughter at Chemunus to mourn her loss. The funeral is arranged to take place on Friday at 10.15 from the parlors of W. J. Hanna and later at St. Barnabas' church.

While crossing Government street near the corner of Yates street Tuesday, Mr. Henry met with a painful, but not serious, accident. Unable to make fast progress on the slippery street he was caught between two express wagons and his left foot was badly crushed. Although he has not sustained any serious injury, he will be incapacitated for some time.

The third annual convention of the British Columbia Association of School Trustees will be held at Victoria on February 13th and 14th. Two sessions will be held each day, and a long programme of important business will be dealt with. The officers of the association are: President, George Jay, Victoria; vice-president, Dr. E. C. Arthur, Nelson; secretary-treasurer, J. J. Dougan, Vancouver.

On behalf of the United States government, Consul Smith has just forwarded \$115 to be divided amongst those men who assisted in recovering the body of Capt. L. W. Ross, of the barkentine Skagit, which was wrecked near Cl-o-ose on the 26th of October last year. Several attempts were made before the body was finally recovered by Lineman Logan, assisted by some Indians. Those who helped in the search and who have now been rewarded by the United States government, are as follows: Maurice Anthony, John trade, Police Charley, David Logan, George Robertson and Charles Dockstader.

Owing to the epidemic of grippe the concert of the Ladies Musical Club, which was to take place on Saturday, is postponed indefinitely.

The meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society, which was announced for Monday, has been postponed indefinitely. Notice will be given members as to the date of meeting.

Gus Morris, a Saanich Indian, was fined \$5 for being drunk by Magistrate Hill to-day. The case was heard in the committee room, the police court not being available.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

Meetings in the Old Grand Attended With Much Good Result.

J. L. McComb, the Irish evangelist, delivered a stirring address to a large audience of men and women in the Old Grand theatre last night. Several responded to the invitation to a personal decision for Christ. Mrs. D. C. Reid sang with splendid effect "How Sweet the Name of Jesus." Mr. McComb will address the meeting to-night at 8; song service at 7.30.

The noonday prayer meetings held by the Y. M. C. A. every day are proving popular and helpful; Rev. Mr. Carson addresses the meeting to-morrow. The workers of the Y. M. C. A. visit the principal street corners nightly and hold open air invitation services from an automobile. A gospel temperance parade led by the Salvation Army band will be held Saturday night, and later in the Old Grand, brief gospel temperance addresses by Revs. Bishop Perrin, Tapscott, Thompson, Captain Travis and J. L. McComb. No collection will be taken at the week evening meetings.

THE NEW AMBASSADOR.

James Bryce Says Mission Offers Great Opportunities.

Newcastle, England, Jan. 15.—In a speech at the annual dinner last night of the Gladstone Club, Mr. James Bryce said he had undertaken the difficult and responsible mission to the United States with some hesitation. He felt reluctant to leave the work in which he was engaged in this country, but he believed in this mission offered greater opportunities, and he was sure that there was no task to which a man should be more ready to devote the remainder of his life than that of trying to cement the ties of friendship, already so strong and binding, between Great Britain and the United States.

Does Hon. Richard Gain a New Ally?

(Continued from page 1.) Livingstone Retires.

In Richmond peace has been made with Stuart Livingstone, the Conservative who was running as an independent against Hon. P. Carson, M. P. Livingstone has retired from the fight.

Nearly a Bolt at Nelson Convention.

Another dispatch from Nelson gives details of the Conservative convention which selected James Schofield, the C. P. R. agent at Trail, and turned down Harry Wright. This says:

It was after five o'clock Sunday morning before the Ym. Con. Conservative convention closed its labors after probably what was the stormiest party convention ever held in this province. The fight was between Harry Wright, the member, and James Schofield, the C. P. R. agent at Trail. The votes of the delegates were about evenly divided, while the Harry Wright delegates were prepared to unite on some other man, acceptable to the party, they point-blank declined to endorse the nominee of the C. P. R.

He will not stand for C. P. R. dictation, and rather than accept as our candidate a man who will simply obey the instructions of the big corporation, if elected, we will vote and work for J. Fred. Hume, Liberal nominee.

Another reason why Mr. Paterson had been brought out was because of the instructions that gentlemanly interests. It was known that the Songhees reserve matter was to be settled this year and the C. P. R. wanted a champion in the person of Frank Higgins the crowd were overjoyed. Despite herculean efforts on the part of the chairmen called on the next day, Higgins one could hear nothing but could plainly observe his lips moving.

Finally, when silence was restored, short addresses were delivered by the following candidates for aldermanic honors: Henry Norman, John Taylor, D. Sprague, Alderman Fuller, W. A. Gleason, Ed. Bragg, and H. E. Levy. The applicants were allowed ten minutes each.

The meeting adjourned amidst upsurge after a standing vote of thanks for the services of Alfred Huggert, who had acted as chairman.

Mr. Paterson Speaks.

T. W. Paterson was the next speaker. He characterized the attack which the Mayor had made upon him as most unjust, and quite in a line with the fashion in which the campaign had been conducted by His Worship and his supporters. The audience had a right to expect that the city's chief magistrate would deliver an account of his stewardship. Instead of that Mr. Morley had merely declared those gentlemen anathema who had brought out a candidate to oppose him and had attacked the opposing candidate. He would not take the trouble to reply to the Mayor's charges. They were untrue. As an instance he pointed out the fact that he had assumed for a lifetime fought that corporation (the C. P. R.) which the Mayor said he (Mr. Paterson) would favor if returned to office.

Mr. Paterson dealt at some length with the water question, severely censuring the council of 1906 for not having taken more energetic action in this regard. He dealt with the fact that the council of revision, pointing out that the Mayor had been remiss in not having investigated the amendments to the Waterworks Act, and that in the session of the court of revision. Regarding moral reform, His Worship had spoken as if he (the speaker) were not a moral man (series of "Not's") and as if the present Mayor were the only man who could properly look after the moral good of the city. His Worship had tried to introduce a measure enacting that all licenses should be renewed every year. Such a measure, the speaker claimed, would have given rise to a system of graft similar to that existing in the American cities. He had been brought out by no clique or crowd, he stated, and he minister the affairs of the city with equity and justice. His Worship had

On account of death in the family of one of the prominent Winnipeggers now in town, and in consequence of illness in other families. It has been decided to postpone the "round up" dinner arranged for Saturday evening. This will probably take place in the course of ten days or a fortnight. Many of the Northwesters now in the city will spend the week end at Seattle and other Sound cities.

STEEL CORPORATION.

Will Build a Big Plant Near Windsor, Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—A New York Special says:

"It may now be announced definitely that the United States Steel Corporation will build a big steel Canadian plant upon the property being bought below Windsor on the Canadian side of the Detroit river. It has become known here that plans have actually been drawn for a new 'steel city' and that all that has been holding back the United States Steel Corporation in the development of its plans has been the delay in coming to an understanding with the Dominion government with regard to bonuses on steel rails made from American ore and from Canadian ore, and as to the continuation upon the Detroit river. 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EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE AT KINGSTON

Capital of Jamaica Partially Destroyed—Many Persons Were Killed—Several Hundred Injured.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Jan. 15.—The cable station at Holland Bay, Jamaica, reports that a very severe earthquake occurred there at 3.30 on Monday afternoon.

The cable office was badly damaged, and all the land lines to Kingston were interrupted. Communication by the land lines was restored this afternoon to within five miles of Kingston, that city reports a terrible earthquake on Monday afternoon. The city was destroyed, and there was much loss of life. The shocks continue, everybody is camping out and much distress prevails.

Fire started at Kingston immediately after the earthquake. The Jamaica-Cuba and Jamaica-Bermuda cables are interrupted.

Fighting the Fire.
St. Thomas, D. W. I., Jan. 15.—According to further, though still meagre, details of the Kingston earthquake received here, it would appear that the first report that the city had been destroyed was exaggerated.

The fire which followed the shock was still burning on Tuesday morning, although it had been confined to certain limits. The work of fighting the flames was still being pursued with energy, and in this respect the situation seemed to be improving. It was thought the fire would be under control to-night.

The statement is made that the total loss of life has not yet been ascertained, but the first count gives the number of dead at less than a hundred, and the number of injured at several hundred. The hospitals are filled with injured persons, and everything possible is being done for their comfort.

The principal buildings, and probably the Myrtle Bank, and other important buildings, have been destroyed, and other buildings in Kingston sustained considerable damage.

The flames were apparently confined to the docks and the warehouse district. If this is so, only a small portion of the city has been burned.

No mention is made of a continuance of earthquake shocks.

Later Particulars.
London, Jan. 15.—The colonial office to-night received confirmation of the disaster which has overtaken Kingston, Jamaica, in a dispatch from H. M. P. sent from Holland Bay, at the east end of the island.

The telegram says that Kingston has been ruined by an earthquake, which occurred without warning on Monday afternoon at about three. A great number of buildings and dwellings have been destroyed, either by the earthquake or by the subsequent fire.

The military hospital was burned, and 40 soldiers are reported to have been killed, together with several prominent citizens and many other inhabitants of the city.

Sir James Ferguson is reported to have been instantly killed, but no other Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing.

The city is quiet, but disciplined workers are needed. The government of the colony, assisted by Sir Alfred Jones, is directing the relief work.

The steamer Port Kingston will leave Thursday with most of the members of the party who went out with Sir Alfred Jones to attend the agricultural conference.

Up to this hour the foregoing is the most complete and reliable news. The absence of details accounted for by the breakdown in the cable communication, but the announcement that the Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing will greatly reassure the public concerning the fate of the unusual number of tourists and others who are spending the winter on the island.

The party on board the Port Kingston arrived at Kingston only on Friday last. The Port Kingston, in addition to the members of the agricultural conference party, had other guests and passengers on board, which gave her a total passenger list of more than a hundred persons.

The news of the disaster arrived too late to-night to become generally known to the public, but it is certain to cause widespread consternation, and will bring to the mind of the British public the terrors of an earthquake in a way that even the San Francisco catastrophe failed to do. Owing to the active efforts in recent years of Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Jones, the commercial development of Jamaica has made the island much better known, and it has been greatly in favor as a winter resort.

Sir James Ferguson left here for Jamaica the middle of December. He was expected to return at the end of January. It is not definitely known what took him out to the West Indies, but he was possibly interested in one of the conferences.

Inquiry was made at a late hour to-night at the residences of Sir Alfred Jones and Henniker Heaton, but nothing had been heard from either.

Right Hon. Sir James Ferguson was a member of considerable prominence, and served in the Crimean campaign with the Grenadier Guards and was present at the battles of the Alma and Inkerman, where he was wounded, and the siege of Sebastopol. He was several times a member of the House of Commons. He was under secretary of state for the India and Home Departments in Lord Derby's third and in Mr. Disraeli's first administration. He was made governor of South Australia in 1888, and of New Zealand in 1873 and governor of Bombay in 1855. He was under secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1885 and from 1881 to 1882 he served as post-master-general.

In addition to a great number of

Englishmen in business at Kingston, there is at present a party of distinguished persons on a visit there to attend an agricultural conference. There is composed of about twenty prominent statesmen and agriculturists. It formed an expedition to the West Indies in the interest of cotton growing in the British colonies, on the invitation of Sir Alfred Jones, the president of the British Cotton-Growing Association. In addition to Sir Alfred there were in the party Viscount Mountmorres, Arnold-Forster, M. P., Pearson of the British colonial office, Sir Thomas Hughes of Liverpool, Hall Cairns, the author of "The Cotton-Growing Association"; Jesse Collings, M. P., and Henry Heaton, M. P. Other passengers aboard the Port Kingston were the Earl and Countess of Dudley, Percival Davis, American correspondent, and Capt. Rhodes.

Rushing Relief.
London, Jan. 16.—The scanty reports which thus far have reached London from Jamaica renders it impossible to estimate the real extent of the calamity at Kingston. Dispatches received from the various steamboat and cable companies here indicate that while the early reports of the destruction of Kingston and great loss of life were exaggerated, the disaster was still of a grave character.

The shocks were felt from fifty to sixty miles away, and one dispatch from the cable station at Holland Bay, says that not a single house was standing there and Kingston is safe.

No estimate of the loss of life from official sources has come to the attention of the colonial office. Among the negro troops, who were in the centre of the visitation, no less than 40 were killed. There were very few white victims.

Later Details.
London, Jan. 15.—The steamship and cable companies have received delayed messages dated Monday via Holland.

A dispatch to the Mail Steam Packet Company says that the steamer "Kingston" wrecked and that the wharves and warehouses burned, but main wharf sheds, coal and cargo are safe. The office here has received a constant stream of reports from the company and Captain Young, commander of the Arno, were killed.

The local newspaper has reported that James Ferguson, who represented the company, is missing, and also says that Governor Swaenham had asked the local newspaper to send a company to sell provisions and stores for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake and fire, and also called to the attention of the company that the company should send provisions to Kingston by the Arato and other steamers west as far as possible.

The colonial office has instructed the authorities in Jamaica to take all the necessary steps to relieve the distress among the earthquake sufferers.

The cruiser Britannia, in Bermuda and the cruiser Indefatigable at present at Trinidad have been ordered to proceed to Jamaica and assist in relief work.

Hundreds Reported Killed.
Boston, Mass., Jan. 16.—The United Fruit Co. in this city received a cablegram from Jamaica to-day stating that the steamer Port Kingston was wrecked and killed in Kingston. The cablegram was dated Holland Bay, January 15th.

Cables received read "Mercantile section of Kingston, Jamaica, completely destroyed by earthquake and fire. Several hundred killed."

The steamer Dewey will sail from Boston for Jamaica to-day with a cargo of provisions.

AGE OF THE EARTH.
"The discovery of radium has gone a long way towards solving an important controversy between mathematicians and geologists," said Sir Robert Ball recently. "Lord Kelvin had calculated that not more than twenty million years ago the earth's surface was so hot that water could not rest on it. He based his calculations on what was then known, and concerning the internal heat of the earth and concerning the amount of heat in the cooled rocks of the earth's crust."

"The Hon. Mr. Strutt," continued Sir Robert, "has shown that in the rocks in the crust of the earth there is a considerable quantity of radium, which is for ever pouring out heat at a great rate."

"This being the case, the date at which the earth first became cool enough for life must have been far more remote than twenty million years ago. It must have been sufficiently remote to give the geologists the time necessary for the development of the present flora and fauna."

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FREIGHT RATES CASE.

Hearing of Complaints in Spokane May Be Completed on Wednesday.

(Associated Press.)
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 15.—Such rapid progress is being made in taking testimony in the suit of the city of Spokane to compel the railways to lower their freight rates from eastern points, that it is believed the hearing before the commerce commission will be concluded to-morrow as far as this city is concerned. Commissioner C. A. Frost, who presides, is promptly cutting out useless repetitions. The city may conclude its evidence this afternoon, much of the testimony to-day being in reference to rates and distances to which Spokane jobbers can ship goods. To-morrow the railways will have their say. Present indications are that they will base their defence mainly on the theory of water competition compelling lower rates at coast points.

The city also has a strong case for the age profit of operation for a term of years is not exorbitant, and point to the prosperity and growth of Spokane as evidence that the city is suffering from existing freight rates.

Commissioner Lane is expected to hold hearings on the Spokane rate case at the rate of the city to-day. He will go to enable shippers of those cities to present evidence to show that water competition requires lower rates to the coast. He is also expected to conduct hearings on the coal shortage in the Northwest.

The most interesting point brought out in the first day's hearing was the evidence that James J. Hill when securing concessions for the Great Northern in 1882 decided the rate to Spokane were high. It is asserted that he thought the system which would carry goods to the coast over the mountains was not a fair one, and that he had declared he was not afraid of water carriers, and said: "The people have an idea about the cheapness of water carriage. Why you might build a canal right along the side of the Great Northern clear from one end to the other, and we would still do the business. Why such a line as this would cost three to five of a crew at a three-mile gal."

A. W. Dolan, manager of the Spokane Drug Co., a wholesale firm, was the leading witness for the city this morning. He testified that in 1892 General Agent St. John, of the Great Northern, gave out a memorandum of a new freight schedule prepared by that road, making reductions of 15 to 30 per cent, on freight rates from the coast to Spokane. In fact, he said, this into effect at once another was issued in February, 1903, leaving out all the big reductions.

L. E. Ferrin, superintendent of the Spokane dry goods company, wholesale, testified that reductions of freight rates on dry goods were followed by reductions in the price to consumers.

CAZAR'S LATEST MOVE.
Is Now Sole Controller of Imperial Defence.

The most important imperial decision since the dissolution of the Douma has now been taken after serious conferences at Tsarskoe, Selmski and Petersburg. It separates entirely from the question of imperial defence the grand dual advisers and the military authorities, including General Kurovskii, becomes now the personal president of the committee for imperial defence, and both the ministers of war and marine cease to have separate existence.

The immediate significance of this great change, rather than its effect on Russia's general policy, that threatens to have sensational sequel. The main factor in the judgment of application of the policy of M. Stolypin, minister of the interior, is the extension of summary courts-martial throughout the empire. The judgment of the courts, like their composition, are exclusively military. Their sentences are presented, neither to the minister of the interior nor to the minister of justice for endorsement, much less to the czar. They are confirmed solely by the military commanders of the district. The trials are held in the absence of the entire military system of removal of the Douma's authority. The czar definitely forbids the committee from raising the question of political court-martial, on which the mass of the people feel with tenfold deeper passion than they did on any other point. The Douma so persistently demanded.

It is thus evident that the direct effect of the removing of the army and navy from the jurisdiction of the Douma, the czar's decision illustrates the continued reliance on the armed forces of the crown and not on the political reformers. Concurrent with this decision there will be approved further measures promising the removal of local restrictions on the peasants, but it is the exclusion of the Douma from all access to the question of the army that deserves the acute forebodings of the active political world.

FEARED HYDROPHOBIA.
Whole Family Is Undergoing Pasteur Treatment in Pittsburgh Hospital.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—Living in constant fear that the next hour may bring the death of his wife, a man remembering the struggles of husband and father, who died last week as result of a mad dog's bite, a whole family is undergoing the Pasteur treatment at Mercy hospital in this city. The six persons who are taking the treatment are Mrs. Alice Baker, her two young sons, her daughter, Miss O'wings, and husband, and D. S. Gordon, all of Hanlon, where Mr. Baker died some days ago from hydrophobia. Steve Baker and his wife were present some days ago that caused his father's death, but the doctors ordered all who helped care for the dying man to come to Pittsburgh and take treatment.

In the valley of Rebas, in the Pyrenees, are found a race of dwarfs called Nanos. They all have red hair, broad faces, and flat noses.

CREW OF BRITISH SHIP DROWNED

TWENTY-FIVE MEN LOST THEIR LIVES

Refused to Jump to a Tug Which Steamed Alongside After the Vessel Stranded.

Hamburg, Jan. 14.—The captain of the tug Vulkan tells a graphic story of the attempt to save the crew of the British ship Pengern, from Chill for Palmers, which was wrecked on the Schornhorn yesterday.

When the captain noticed that the Pengern was steering directly toward the Schornhorn, he turned the Vulkan about to warn Capt. Williams of the Pengern of his danger, but before the tug reached the doomed vessel she had struck a lifeboat, which was whipped up by the gale and a strong tide, threw her on her beam ends.

The Vulkan steamed alongside the stranded vessel's side, but the crew, despite repeated requests, refused to jump to the tug. The captain attempted to do so was held back by his companions.

The tug eventually passed a hawser to the Pengern, but her crew refused to attempt to cross on it. In trying to pull off the wrecked ship, the hawser broke and the Vulkan started toward the Schornhorn. The crew of the Pengern returned the ship had been engulfed by the waves and the crew, numbering twenty-five officers and men, were drowned.

SAVED FROM DEATH.
Revolutionists Utilized Official Cipher to Hoodwink Governor-General of Odessa.

Six Terrorists have been saved from the gallows by resourceful revolutionists at Odessa, who conceived the bold plan of utilizing the official cipher to hoodwink the governor-general. The revolutionists apparently had secured the signature of the military procurator conveying the Emperor's order to execute the death sentences to the prisoners. The order was actually put in force, but the authorities have now ascertained that it was a forgery by revolutionists, who obtained access to the government's private code and successfully utilized it.

According to the Russian law prisoners must be executed once their sentences have been officially commuted.

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE.
Question May Be Considered by the Calgary Council.

At the meeting of the Calgary council on Monday night, Ald. Mitchell will ask that a committee be appointed to inquire into the cost of installing an independent telephone system into Calgary. The council has already decided to install a municipal telephone system.

Ald. Mitchell brought the matter before the council last year, but though some progress was made, no action was taken. Ald. Mitchell is of the opinion that an up-to-date system could be installed for a moderate amount and that the present system is a disgrace.

There is little doubt but the committee asked for will be appointed and Calgary will have a municipal system at an early date.

MARRIAGE POSTPONED.
Bridgroom Sends Dispatch Saying He Would Not Arrive on Day Set for Wedding.

(Associated Press.)
Springfield, Miss., Jan. 15.—The marriage of Miss Corinne Dixon, of Springfield, to Mr. E. J. Taylor, of the same place, the nuptial, which was to be held here Wednesday, has been postponed indefinitely. Mr. Dixon had reached point south of Lake Albert Edward.

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