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### G. H. BARNARD SITTING FOR "SEAT THAT WAS STOLEN"

#### Toronto Globe Draws Interesting Deductions From Forged Telegram in Colonist--Says Mr. Borden Profited by Falsehood

(Special to the Times.)  
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4.—The Toronto Globe says: "It is now confessed that the electors of British Columbia were deceived by the publication on the eve of election of what professed to be a fac-simile telegram from R. L. Borden. In effect the forged document was composed by the Colonist, which was apparently determined that more ginger should be put in the message, which without the additional dispatch would have had little or no influence. Having profited by the falsehood, Mr. Borden appears to have desired it to be hushed up in a "gentlemanly" manner. He, and his organ, seem to think it was Sir Wilfrid's duty to have been

equally solicitous that this disgraceful piece of sharp practice, by which British Columbia seats were undoubtedly flched from the Liberal party, should remain in perpetual oblivion. It is a moral certainty that but for the furore created by the false telegram Hon. W. Templeman would have been elected. The Conservative press insisted that Mr. Hyman should resign. He did so, though his majority was in the hundreds. How about Mr. G. H. Barnard sitting for a seat that was stolen?"

A Tory Suggestion.  
(Special to the Times.)  
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 1.—The Hamilton Spectator, alluding to the forged telegram in the Victoria Colonist, says that paper should advocate Hon. Mr. Templeman's election in Comox-Atlin by acclamation.

### MINISTER IS WELL RECEIVED

#### HON. W. TEMPLEMAN HEARTILY ENDORSED Outlines Work Carried Out by Government in This Province.

(Special to the Times.)  
Nanaimo, Feb. 4.—Hon. W. Templeman, government candidate for Comox-Atlin, and William Sloan, the former member, have returned here after addressing a number of meetings at various points in the Island portion of the district. Large gatherings were held at Parksville, Alberni, Cumberland, Courtenay and Wellington, and the speakers were accorded a most gratifying reception in every instance.

Mr. Sloan explained his reasons for retiring. It was, he said, the only way in which British Columbia could retain representation in the Dominion cabinet, and in taking the step he had in mind the best interests of the constituency of Comox-Atlin and British Columbia. Before sending in his resignation, he had consulted all the Liberal organizations of his district, and they had warmly endorsed his attitude. He emphasized the hearty assistance Hon. Mr. Templeman was always ready to give him in behalf of his district, and he was sure all those who represented British Columbia at Ottawa in the last parliament could say the same. This indicated that as the cabinet minister for the province, Hon. William Templeman had a properly broad conception of his duty, and the fact that he was not a resident of the district would not affect the zeal with which he would advance the interests of Comox-Atlin if he became its member.

In his various speeches Mr. Templeman corroborated Mr. Sloan's statement of the situation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he said, desired him to retain the portfolio of mines and inland revenue, and in order to make this possible the former member had generously retired. The fact that he was not a resident of the district could not affect his attitude as its member if he became such, because it would be his duty to do his utmost for the constituency represented. The majority of the cabinet at Ottawa to-day represented districts in which they were not residents, while on the other side there were numerous precedents, prominent among which were the cases of Sir John A. Macdonald, the great Conservative statesman, who when defeated in Kingston found a seat in Victoria, and R. L. Borden, the present Conservative leader, who when defeated in Halifax was returned for Charlton.

The minister dealt with his record as a member of the cabinet with portfolio, referring particularly to the improved navigation on the Vancouver Island coast and the work of the department of mines, of which he was the head. He was particularly gratified to learn only the other day that the report of Mr. McConnell, one of the department of mines geologists, with regard to Texada Island had resulted in increased mining activity in that locality, and he was desirous of being given an opportunity to assist the mining industry of Vancouver Island, as well as in other parts of the province, to an equal extent. He alluded to the long period during which British Columbia strove for cabinet representation during the regimes of both the Liberal and Conservative parties, and he emphasized the advantages which accrued to the province from such representation.

The frank statements of the minister and Mr. Sloan created a favorable impression among Liberals and Conservatives alike, and there is a strong feeling prevalent that the advice of the Vancouver News-Advertiser should

be acted upon and Hon. Mr. Templeman returned without opposition. For a portion of their tour Messrs. Templeman and Sloan were accompanied by H. C. Brewster, M. P. for Alberni, who spoke highly of the record of the minister and strongly urged his return as member for Comox-Atlin.

### BRITISH ENTERTAIN ARMADA AT GIBRALTAR

#### U. S. Blueja Suffering From Violent Form of Homesickness.

Gibraltar, Feb. 4.—Rear-Admiral Sir James E. C. Goodrich, admiral superintendent at Gibraltar, and Lady Goodrich gave a dinner yesterday of eighteen covers at the Admiralty House in honor of Rear-Admiral Charles S. Sperry. Among the other guests were Sir Frederick Milner and Admiral Fisher.

The fraternizing among the officers of the warships of four countries crowded in the basin is now in full swing. Except for the Ohio, Missouri and Kentucky, which are coaling by the aid of searchlights, every ship in the harbor is entertaining brother officers aboard.

The American fleet will sail from here on Saturday morning, following the 5th parallel route, and will form a junction with the third squadron about longitude 55 west. Rear-Admiral Sperry will board and inspect all the ships on their way home. Since the arrival of the warships at Gibraltar nostalgia, in its most violent form, has taken complete possession of the officers and men. The one desire now seems to get home at the earliest possible moment.

### MERELY COMFORTED ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE

#### Curious Spectators Are Ex- cluded From Hearing of Scot- tish Divorce Case.

Edinburgh, Feb. 4.—Tired of having his court turned into a theatre filled with curious men and women who have seemed to regard the Stirling cross divorce case as a lurid drama produced for their benefit, Judge Guthrie this morning closed the doors on all except those directly identified with the suits.

John Alexander Stirling is suing his wife, who was Clara Elizabeth Taylor, an American show girl before her marriage, for divorce, alleging misconduct with Lord Northland, while Mrs. Stirling is praying for divorce on the alleged misbehavior of her husband with Mrs. Atherton. Lord Northland was on the stand all the morning. His evidence consisted largely of fat denials to the statements made by Mrs. Atherton and Mrs. Atherton.

Mrs. Atherton, he asserted, carried on a conspiracy to keep Mr. Stirling and his wife apart. She even pressed him to join Mrs. Stirling in America in furtherance of her objects, but he refused to go. He attributed much of his attention to Mrs. Stirling to his efforts to cheer her up, particularly as she had purchased a revolver, and on half a dozen occasions had threatened to kill herself.

### \$40,000,000 CONTRACT.

#### English Shipbuilders to Construct New Spanish Navy.

Madrid, Feb. 4.—The cabinet has decided to accept the tender of Vickers, Sons and Maxim, the English shipbuilders, for the construction of the new Spanish squadron, on condition that the firm consents to certain modifications. The amount of the contract is \$40,000,000.



THE EGG AND THE APPLE.—What makes our brother Cowichan butter so healthy, so happy and so rich? JOHN EVANS, EX-M.P.P., (in reply)—It is the result of co-operation.

### CARRIE NATION IN LONDON POLICE COURT

London, Feb. 4.—Carrie Nation became acquainted with the London police courts this afternoon, when she was fined \$7.50 for obstructing her umbrella through a window of a car on the Underground railway, upon which a cigarette advertisement was pasted.

matter was but mentioned in the special press dispatch. The full text of the resolution has been officially cabled to the foreign office, however, where it was received with expressions of astonishment. Leading men of the capital who have been interviewed on the subject, while they are evidently deeply wounded by the attitude taken in Nevada, refrain from making any comments further than to say, "Nevada is not America."

### CANADA'S FIRST JUVENILE COURT

(Special to the Times.)  
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 4.—The first juvenile court in Canada was established here yesterday, Magistrate Daly presiding. The detention home secured four offenders.

### DEATH KNELL OF JAPANESE SCARE

#### CALIFORNIA THROWS OUT NOXIOUS BILLS

#### Dramatic Scene at Sacramento During Debate Lasting Seven Hours.

(Special to the Times.)  
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 4.—The death knell of the latest Japanese scare was sounded this afternoon when Grove Johnson's anti-Japanese bills, providing that no Japanese should be members of corporations in California and segregating the Japanese to separate districts, met utter rout, following the defeat of Drew's land bill yesterday.

The letters interchanged on the anti-Japanese matter between President Roosevelt and Governor Gillette, of California, have been published in full by the Japanese government newspapers, and appear to afford great satisfaction. Official expression, as well as the editorials taken by the press, is one of great gratitude to the national government in America. The news of the New York and San Francisco business men, declaring against the proposed anti-Japanese measures introduced in the California legislature, is received with great pleasure here.

### TRAFFIC DECLINE ON GREAT LAKES

#### ALL-ROUND FALL OFF OF OVER 20 PER CENT

#### Smaller Shipments of Iron Ore —Decrease in Vessel Tonnage.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Domestic shipments from the various Great Lakes ports were 25 per cent less in 1908 than during the season of 1907. During 1908 the shipments amounted to 60,518,024 tons, as compared with 83,506,891 tons and 75,608,648 tons during the 1907 and 1906 seasons respectively.

### VANCOUVER WILL BE GREAT PORT

#### TERMINALS OF U. S. ROADS TO COST MILLIONS

#### Howard Elliott in Terminal City —To Confer With City Council.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Feb. 4.—Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, arrived to-day and will to-night hold a conference with the city council. Here are some of the things he has promised Vancouver:

The decrease is due mainly to the smaller shipments of iron ore, although the shipments of all other principal items, except hard coal also show reduced totals. The grain shipments show a decrease of 22.8 per cent and those of lumber a decrease of 32 per cent.

### AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ON IMPERIAL DEFENCE

London, Feb. 4.—Gen. Heard, of Australia, speaking at the Colonial Club, said a better understanding and better results would follow the inauguration of an Imperial general staff. The efforts of Great Britain, in connection with the territorial force, would be watched with the greatest sympathy in Australia, where the citizens had accepted the responsibility of the country's defence.

### NOTABLE STEEL DISCOVERY IN ENGLAND

#### Cutting Power is Increased From Three to Seven Times.

Sheffield, Eng., Feb. 4.—The Sheffield Independent announces an important new steel discovery. The firm of Jones & Colver, of Sheffield, is now placing on the market a steel with from three to seven times the cutting power of existing high speed steel. This steel can be hardened in water, oil, or blast.

### HUGE ICE JAM.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 4.—One of the greatest ice jams probably ever seen has occurred in the chasm below the American and Horseshoe falls, resulting in the carrying away of the great ice bridge of 1908. King's Dock refreshment shacks went along with the bridge, their occupants having narrow escapes. For a time it was feared the upper steel arch bridge also would be carried away, but the steel girders withstood the shocks.

### REV. R. P. MAUKAY MODERATOR.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4.—The Toronto Presbytery nominated Rev. R. P. Maukay, secretary of the foreign missions board, as moderator of the next general assembly.

### NEW ELECTRIC PLANT FOR CHEMAINUS MILLS

#### E. J. Palmer Has Let Contract to the Hinton Company.

E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, has made arrangements for the installing of a new electric system at the mills. The contract has been let to Hinton & Co. of this city, and work will shortly begin on the plant. The system will replace that already in use in the mills and will be modern throughout. Looking to the needs of the future, Mr. Palmer will equip the plant so that if necessary the whole town of Chemainus may be lighted from the mills plant. Of course, the first object in view is the facilitating of work in and about the lumber mills and yards. It will be possible when the new plant is in place to carry on work about the mills loading cars or vessels in the harbor just the same at night as in the day time.

The generating power for the new electric plant will be the present boilers of the mill where refuse matter is consumed. Provision will be made whereby in case of it being required, hoists for handling timber, etc., may be installed to be worked by electricity. There will be a 115-kilowatt generator carrying 2,000 volts. Thirty-five arc lamps will be installed about the yards so that they will be well lighted up all night long. The house will be wired throughout so as to be put in use at any time.

The switch boards will be from the output of the Nooks Marble Company's quarry on Vancouver Island, which are used now exclusively by Hinton's, being equal to any from Vermont factories. The Chemainus company has in Mr. Palmer a most enterprising official, who has by his business ability built up one of the greatest industries on the island.

### COWICHAN FAVORS CO-OPERATIVE WORK

#### It is Proposed to Join Forces in Handling Eggs and Fruit.

Among the many charming valleys on Vancouver Island well adapted to the purposes of agriculture, none are excelled by the Cowichan district, with Duncan as its centre. With a rich soil and many natural advantages the residents of that area are building up a rich district.

Residents of Cowichan are alive to the need of working together in advancing their own interests and accordingly a board of trade is now being formed. Incorporation has been sought and the return of the necessary papers from Ottawa is all that prevents the steps being taken to elect officers and begin work.

The results which have been achieved by the co-operative work during about \$80,000 in cash into the district yearly, has set an example to the farmers of Cowichan of how profits can be made out of co-operative work. Profiting by the lesson, they are preparing to join forces in the handling of fruit and eggs when they believe the results would be equally beneficial to the individual farmers.

### DANCED WITH ROYALTY.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—There has passed away in the city a venerable lady, Mrs. George Taylor, who had the honor of dancing with King Edward VII. when, as Prince of Wales, he visited Canada in 1860. Her maiden name was Mary Boswell, daughter of the late Judge G. M. Boswell of Courtenay, B. C. At the time she was danced with the Prince marked the opening of the Cobourg town hall. It was an important event in Mrs. Taylor's life, for it was her first ball, and the one at which she took her position as a young girl in the social world. The royal visitor was at the time accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle and General Bruce. The late Mrs. Taylor was the wife of Mr. Taylor, I. S. O., clerk of the English Journals of the House of Commons.

### TO TAX CHURCH PROPERTY.

(Special to the Times.)  
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 4.—It has been decided to tax church property, the land and not the building, to the value of one and a half millions. The first year's taxes will be fifteen thousand dollars.

### SHERLOCK HOLMES GETS A FEW TIPS

#### BORDEN'S LONG DELAY OVER FORGED TELEGRAM

#### Dr. Watson Bridles Up at Sug- gestion He is a Blithering Idiot.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
The radiator was silent last night, but precisely at 23.59, C. P. R. time, the hair on the back of the office cat stood on end, electric sparks scintillated like meteors from every hair-point, and her tail vibrated from side to side in erratic and uncanny lines, a mystery to all but the psychological editor, who deftly adjusted his transcriber to the tip of the cat's tail and translated as follows:

"I object, decidedly object, to being called a blithering ass. You are not always omnipotent, Holmes; remember that Maida Vale case and what a mess you made of it. I submit, the Conservative party in British Columbia have not, as yet, cleared themselves from evidence of complicity in the Colonist forged telegram. You may think you are the whole thing in this matter, Holmes, but kindly give your humble friend, Dr. Watson, M.R.C.S., some credit for common sense—the common sense of the man in the street, i.e., the man who votes—Oh, yes! you may turn in your kegs, but I ask you for all seriousness, what about H. B. Thompson, M.P.P., also member of the Conservative executive—is he not still a director of the Colonist? If the Conservative party were entirely guiltless, and the Colonist entirely guilty, would he not immediately purge himself from any further connection with the guilty newspaper by resigning from the board of directors?"

"Then, what about that long delay of Borden's? He actually waited until the rapier of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was thrust into his conscience before he denounced the forgery. It looks like turning King's evidence, don'tcher know. Put that in your pipe, Sherlock, and don't call me a blithering ass again. Instead of listening to popping corks, open your ears and take notice of what the man in the street is saying."

"At this point the office cat went to sleep and the transcriber fell off her tail."

### AWAITING PASSING OF KING MENELIK

#### Ethiopian Armies Gather at Addis Ababa Round Dying Monarch.

Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, Feb. 4.—King Menelik, who has been ill for a long time past, is sinking fast and it is believed that his death is not far off. All the Ethiopian chiefs and their armies, including the Negus attorney, have gathered here in anticipation of the proclamation of Menelik's successor.

Unrest in Abyssinia.  
Jibuti, French Somaliland, Feb. 4.—A condition of unrest prevails in Abyssinia. According to the latest reports received here there has been an engagement near Ankobar between the followers of Ranwalla, a brother of the Emperor, and a detachment under Rasimichael, the father of Lig Yatu, the designated heir to the throne. Rasimichael is minister of war, having been appointed by Emperor Menelik. The population of the Shoa country is insisting that Tafari, a descendant of the Shoa dynasty, be proclaimed heir to the throne.

### MYSTERY OF FOUNDERING OF UNKNOWN STEAMER

#### Overdue Munin May Be Vessel Which Went Down Off North Carolina.

Darien, Ga., Feb. 4.—The Norwegian steamship Munin, Capt. Larsen, bound from New York to Darlen to load lumber, has not arrived, and is now four days overdue. The steamship left New York on January 26th. Grave fears are entertained here for her safety.

New York, Feb. 4.—Funch, Edge & Company, New York agents of the Norwegian steamship Munin, said to-day that they have had no word from the Munin since she left here. The Munin was in ballast and carried no passengers, but had a crew of 25 men. When asked if there was a probability that the Munin was the steamer which went down off Diamond shoal, lights off Saturday morning, at a point nine miles inside Wm. Siegel, one of the crew of the Diamond shoal lights, who on Saturday last saw the sinking during a heavy gale of the unknown steamer, about which there has been so much speculation, arrived here to-day aboard the steamer Dora Emore, which stopped at the lights on its way in from Santiago. Siegel said he saw the steamer go down early on Saturday morning at a point nine miles inside the lights. He described her as a small two-masted black funneled steamer.



SHERLOCK HOLMES AGAIN ON THE WIRE

HE ANALYZES THE EVIDENCE TO DATE

Mr. Borden Has Distinctly Repudiated Anti-Asiatic Policy.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Precisely at 21:45, sidereal time, the radiator erupted with a geyser-like hiss, deluging the psychological editor with liquid pellets of heated water.

"Great Scott! Watson, why do you persist in interrupting me during a most delicate and difficult calculation? Surely my monograph on 'The Popping of corks' is vastly more important than a most vulgar forgery—the latter is of interest merely to you earthworms; whereas, the former, is intensely interesting to the world of spirits.

"Yes, yes! I have it now, but how can you ask such a silly question? How could anybody at the meeting have forged the addition to the telegram? Did not Mr. Barnard, from his seat in the House of Commons, emphatically declare: 'He received the telegram on the platform at the meeting from an emissary of the Colonist, a member of the reportorial staff, and that the telegram had been made when he received it?'

"At this point the needle on the receiver ceased to be violently agitated; instead, it vibrated gently and rhythmically, speaking in a low, steady tone.

"My dear Watson, the aereogram you waved to me, when I made that sudden migration to Surrey last night, gave rise to a delicious train of thought; so much so, that, on my return trip, I got into touch with Ottawa and can now give you a few flashes on the subject of 'Mr. Barnard's state of mind.'

"You ask, will he resign or not? This question involves a very evenly balanced calculation and resolves itself into the determining factor: is there more of the man or the lawyer about Mr. Barnard? If the man predominates he will argue 'let the other fellow prove it.'

"What do you say?—What effect will it have on his future as a politician? Simply this, if he retains a seat it will be a stigma on his political career, for however innocent he may personally be, there is a very black stain on the validity of his honorable election; if you read up the biography of any politician you will surely find his actions during the earlier portions of his political career are determining factors in the judgment of his fellow men.

"By the way, Watson, one advantage of the spiritual seer in which I am now living is the facility with which I can communicate with the sub-conscious essence of the departed. Last night, I vibrated an ethergram addressed to Will Shakespeare, Poet's Corner, Westminster.—No, no, no! You blithering ass, not New Westminster.—You people in the old country are filling up with so much Canadian geography that you are forgetting your own—I mean Old Westminster, just across the way from the Acquamium.—What is that you say? The Acquamium is now a Methodist Sanctuary, Great Caesar's Ghost! What will the girls do now, poor things?—Excellent, very very excellent.—All turned Suffragettes, have they? To get back to Will Shakespeare, this is what I flashed, it is dedicated to G. H. Barnard, Esq., Ottawa:

"To be, or not to be; that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler to stick to this and suffer the slings and arrows of outraged grits; Or crucify the Colonist?"

"What about Borden? You may well ask that. He is a raging sea; just put yourself in his place. For the past two years he has been actively boycotted by the subject of Asiatic Exclusion, trimming his political sails to catch the vote of the out-and-out exclusionist, without detaching the sound, common sense Imperialist. Right up to the moment of the election he managed to hoodwink the electors of British Columbia with piffle and platitudes about a white Canada, without committing himself to a shred of definite policy. Then, the blundering Colonist prick the bubble with the aid of a telegraphic needle—and something else—and commits him, not, as they fondly imagined to Asiatic Exclusion, but to a condemnation of that policy. Had Mr. Borden been in favor of Asiatic Exclusion, there was no necessity to deny the Colonist telegram; but having denied and de-

nounced it, by inference and common sense deduction he is opposed to the policy of Asiatic Exclusion, and on that question, diametrically opposed to Mr. Barnard and the rest of his Conservative followers from the British Columbia constituencies—in this direction the blundering of the Colonist has turned the searchlight of truth on to Mr. Borden's Asiatic policy—the Asiatic Exclusionists of this province now know exactly where Mr. Borden stands, and it is not on their platform.

STATE MURDER BUREAU IN RUSSIA

GOVERNMENT AGENTS WHO INSTIGATE CRIME

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS IN INTERPELLATION PRESENTED IN THE DOUMA.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The public galleries in the Douma were crowded to-day when the house resumed its sessions, after the holidays, the attraction for the public being the interpellation on the subjects of the government in connection with the cases of Azeff, the head of the fighting Russian Socialists, who was recently declared to be in reality a government spy, and Lapakine, former director of police in the department of the ministry of the Interior, charged with high treason.

M. Pergament, a noted lawyer, presented the interpellation of the Constitutional Democrats. He declared that the "agents provocateurs" are now the greatest horror in Russia and denounced the system of sending out men to instigate crime as destructive to all confidence and security. He accused the government of being in the same position as the revolutionary organizations and equally responsible for the murders of Grand Duke Sergius and Von Plehve.

Other members made similar accusations, the laborite, Bulat, declaring that high Russian personages were murdered out of the state funds, and that it was the ancestors of the Octoberists who killed Paul I. and Peter III. The interpellations were adopted, after which they were referred to a committee.

M. Lapakine has been refused bail, although Prince Oblensky and others have offered large sums as sureties. According to rumors in the Douma, Lapakine refuses to eat, and his prison fare affords, and state, and will be poisoned. He only food sent by his family in secret parcels.

VILLAGE BURIED 250 FEET BENEATH GROUND

Tale of Extraordinary Happening Which Followed Mediterranean Earthquake.

Rome, Feb. 3.—Such distressing reports have been received here concerning the suffering in the mountain villages of Calabria, which have been inadequately reached by the work of the large relief committees, that U. S. Ambassador Griscom has decided to send a small relief party to those regions for the purpose of alleviating the distress as far as possible. The party will include Nelson Gay, of Boston, and Earl Dodge, Mr. Griscom's secretary, and it has been given \$6,000 for distribution, together with an abundance of supplies. Other supplies will be forwarded from Rome, according to the need.

Enrico Scialoja, who has just returned from Calabria, brings reports of some telluric phenomena which seem almost incredible. One of the villages, he says, was carried 250 feet under the ground by the opening of the earth and the subsequent land slides.

Earthquakes Subside. Messina, Feb. 3.—For the first time within 24 hours since the day of the earthquake overwhelmed the city no shocks have been felt.

COMPANIES MUST PAY FULL FIRE INSURANCE

Policy Holders Win Suits Over Losses in 'Frisco Earthquake.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 3.—Judge Van Vleet has assessed judgments, aggregating more than \$500,000, against the insurance companies, which refuse to pay in full the insurance carried by their San Francisco policy holders at the time of the big fire of 1906. In all 104 cases were on the calendar of the United States circuit court and \$8 of the cases were decided adversely to the fire insurance companies. The other suits were allotted more time on the pleas of the attorneys for the defendant companies that they had not had time to prepare for the final presentation of their cases. The cases remaining undecided involve \$350,000.

FIRE DAMAGES CHURCH. Port Colborne, Ont., Feb. 3.—The Presbyterian church was badly damaged by fire on Monday night.

LIBEL CASES FIZZLE OUT. Regina, Sask., Feb. 3.—All the Scott-Laird libel cases have been dropped in view of no prospect of the jury agreeing. Each side is to pay costs.



THE SELFISH GUARDIANS.

MADAM McBRIDE.—Now, don't give them any more, Tat, dear, no matter what that man Munro says. And remember to save a nice large piece for Biddy Bowser's Kid.

CAPE TO CAIRO RAILROAD SYSTEM

WILL BE COMPLETE WITHIN THREE YEARS

Chief Engineer Gildemeester Tells of British Enterprise in South Africa.

New York, Feb. 2.—E. Von Ghezel, chief engineer of the Cape to Cairo railway system, and in charge of the operations which will form the connecting link between North and South Africa, is stopping at the Waldorf Astoria. He is in the United States to make a study of the railway system of this country.

"In the Capetown to Cairo railway," said Mr. Gildemeester, "there is at present a stretch of about 2,500 miles to be completed. It lies between Khartoum, in the British-Egyptian Sudan, to Broken Hill, a point in Rhodesia. It is estimated that this remaining mileage will be completed within three years, and then the longest railroad in the world, covering in the neighborhood of 6,400 miles, will be finished."

"What do I estimate the total cost to be?" "Very close to \$100,000,000," I should say. "But a comparatively small amount when it is considered what a glorious thing it will be for Africa, one of the greatest and richest countries of the world. It will be possible for the traveler to journey from Berlin or Paris to Capetown in ten or eleven days—just think of that."

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Traffic Tied Up.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 3.—The almost unprecedented rain of the last few days has caused the river to fall, with indications of clearing weather. Much damage has been done, however, and traffic is badly crippled. Three hundred feet of the Southern Pacific track on the Oregon line at Tehama was washed out last night, and no trains can be run to-day between Red Bluff and Dunsmuir. All of yesterday's passenger trains are being held at Red Bluff on the south and north. The famous old colored shawl, one of Mr. Logan's fondest possessions. This wrap, fringed and softly striped, was touched no shoulders since Lincoln wore it. Another valuable belonging which Mr. Logan now owns is the simple black frock coat which Lincoln wore the night he was shot. Among the other relics are the last line penned to a photograph just before he entered the carriage which drove him to his death, and a cane carried from a piece of the ribbing of the Merrimac.

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DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE IN CITY

MEETING TO ORGANIZE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Marked Enthusiasm Manifested in Work of New Association.

There will be a meeting of the business men of the city on Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to organize a Development League for this city. This was decided on at a meeting of the original committee of the board of trade, which originated the idea of the Vancouver Island Development League. The committee met yesterday afternoon, there being present Col. Prior, H. G. Wilson, George Courtney, A. W. McCurdy, George Carter and Secretary Elworthy.

This committee, in the absence of any other machinery for calling the initial meeting, decided to take the necessary steps and accordingly invitations are to be sent to business men and others interested. An effort will be made to have a very full meeting on Friday afternoon so that immediate steps may be taken to get the local branch of the Vancouver Island League in shape to do aggressive work in the publicity way.

The question of ways and means was discussed at some little length in an informal way. At Friday's meeting a proposition will be formulated looking to the putting of the league in a good financial position to carry on the work of advertising the resources and opportunities of this city and its environs.

As an example of what other places are doing in the line of publicity Mr. Shumate, now of this city, formerly of Eugene, Ore., has an interesting story to tell. There the publicity work was commenced about two years ago, the town having a population of about 5,000. The sum of \$5,000 was raised and the Commercial Club took up the work of pushing Eugene to the front. In the two years the population was doubled and the property values in the place doubled also.

The result has been that now an efficient secretary is employed at a cost of \$5,000 a year, while over \$10,000 is appropriated for the publicity work. The example of Eugene might well be followed on Vancouver Island. Victoria has lessons to learn in this line, but those who were associated in the organization of the Vancouver Island League are very enthusiastic over the work and Victoria will, it is expected, in a few days' time begin an active campaign.

SHOT IN CROWDED STREET.

Hundreds Witness Attempted Murder in Denver.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 3.—Frederick Walton, of Wallace, Idaho, was today shot twice and probably fatally wounded by John Cradlebaugh, also of Wallace. The shooting took place at Sixteenth and Champa streets in the heart of the retail shopping district and was witnessed by hundreds of people who were lining the streets watching an automobile parade.

A panic ensued when the shooting took place. Cradlebaugh was immediately arrested and rushed to the police headquarters. Family troubles are said to be responsible for the shooting. Cradlebaugh, it is said, followed Walton from Wallace to Denver for the purpose of killing him.

MARQUIS OF ANGLESEY.

British Peer Accompanied by Capt. Paget on Their Way to Victoria.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 3.—The Marquis of Anglesey and Capt. Paget, of London, left here last night for Victoria.

STREET CAR FATALITY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, Aged 71, is Killed in Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sophia Huffman, aged 71, was killed by a Grandview street car. She did not hear the car and walked directly in front of it. The body will be sent to Baldur, Man., her former home.

COUPLE FOUND DEAD IN SEATTLE HOTEL

Man and Woman Thought to Have Been Asphyxiated.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3.—Stretched across a bed in a room in the Hotel Teddy Bear, Fourth avenue and Pike street, that served them as a bedroom, kitchen, dining room and parlor, the bodies of John Hardin and his wife, as their names appear on the hotel register, were found yesterday afternoon. That they died from asphyxiation is the belief of Coroner Snyder, although when their bodies were found by the proprietor of the hotel, gas was burning in the room, but gas was also escaping from the fixture about six inches from the burner. The break had been caused by the fixture having been wrenched to one side. Half-emptied glasses of beer stood on a dresser in the room and a bucket containing the dregs of a can of beer was on the table. The man and woman had been dead but a short time.

The woman arrived at the hotel last August and rented a room. She said she expected her husband later. She did not register. On September 27th a man appeared and said his wife had secured his room. He registered as "John Hardin and wife." Since that time he had been employed as a laborer at various places. The woman was 34 years of age and it is thought by papers taken from her trunk that she was formerly a resident of University Park, Oregon, and the daughter of William H. Stringham, of that place.

THIRTY ARRESTS IN SNOW REMOVAL FRAUDS

Graft Allegations Against Men Employed on New York Streets.

New York, Feb. 3.—Following the investigation into the alleged snow-removal frauds which was conducted Wednesday last night by District Attorney Jerome, Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards, and Magistrate Krotel, the police took into custody thirty employees of the street cleaning department on charges of grand larceny. The method by which the alleged frauds were committed was not made known, but it was said that the city stood to lose between fifty and sixty thousand dollars.

Commissioner Edwards has ordered all the men having contracts with the city for the removal of snow to stop work, and beginning to-morrow the city will do its own carting and removing.

TO ARREST BANK OFFICIALS.

Everett, Wash., Feb. 3.—Warrants for the arrest of the officers of the Whicanda bank, which closed its doors some time ago, have been issued. They are accused of accepting a deposit when they knew the bank was insolvent. The officers against whom the charge is made are Jacob E. Eustaker, president and trustee; E. G. Reep, vice-president and trustee and acting as receiver; Christ Olsen, cashier and trustee; Theodore Anderson, J. Bruce Armstrong, L. Opavig and C. Nicholson, trustees. Bail is fixed at \$5,000. The warrants were issued on the complaint of the prosecuting attorney.

G. T. P. APPOINTMENT RUMOR.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 3.—W. P. Hinton, assistant general passenger and ticket agent of the G. T. P. railway, with headquarters here, is understood to be slated for the position of assistant passenger traffic manager for the G. T. P. with headquarters in Winnipeg. Mr. Hinton has been engaged for some time in the preparation of a colonization scheme on the G. T. P. He was formerly general passenger agent of the Canadian Atlantic railway, now part of the Grand Trunk.

STORMY WEATHER ON COAST.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 3.—The steamer Rose City, which arrived from Portland, Oregon, last night, reported that stormy weather prevailed off the coast. She met with no mishap, however, but her trip was unusually long.

FISHER IN FAVOR OF COMPULSORY TRAINING

Australia Can Only Be Defended by Co-operating With the Motherland.

Melbourne, Feb. 3.—Prime minister Fisher, speaking at a Foundation Day luncheon, said the question of defence was whether the people were prepared to pay or not. He was hopeless about naval defence without an Australian navy in co-operation with the Imperial fleet. He entirely favored compulsory training.

JAPANESE IN UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA'S VIEW OF A NATIONAL POLICY

"America's Friendship With Mikado's Realm Based on Sordid Motives."

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 3.—With two nations stirred to a fever pitch over the anti-Japanese measures of the Pacific coast state, the people of California are beginning to wake up and ask what it is all about. The outburst of the Nevada legislature was unexpected but it has not caused a great deal of comment in this state, and with the exception of the Asiatic Exclusion League, no one is engaging in the fight. But these facts are not generally accepted as an indication that the people of the state are not genuinely interested in the "Oriental race problem."

The interest of the agriculturists is indicated by the bill to prohibit the ownership of property which was introduced by A. M. Drew, of Fresno, the center of one of the largest orchard and vineyard districts of this state. The other bills were introduced by Grove L. Johnson, who hails from the Sacramento valley, where the Japanese are regarded with considerable hostility by people of all classes. This feeling has been intensified by the acquisition in late years by the Japanese of large tracts of orchard and garden lands.

The criticisms of the eastern press on the anti-Japanese feeling in this state has aroused a storm of protest from the papers of California. The California papers generally complain that the real attitude of the people of this state is not understood in the east. Most of these papers regard the exclusion of the Japanese to be both necessary and desirable. They express the fear that the action of the state legislature will retard rather than advance the solution of the problem. The San Francisco Chronicle to-day comments on the feeling against California in the east is entirely based on "two main motives, both sordid; one is to keep solid with Japan and thereby promote the sale of cotton goods and other articles of manufacture to the unfortunate people of the Pacific coast, and the other is to force congress to give heavier appropriations for the army and navy."

The paper predicts the exclusion of the Japanese by domestic law as the only logical solution of the problem in this desire to "a white man's country," two-thirds of the population of the country are with California. In the meantime Governor Gillette and Speaker Walter Stanton, of the assembly, are sitting on the lid which is expected to be tied at Sacramento today. Both of these officials say there will be no anti-Japanese measures passed, but the friends of the bills are equally certain that they will succeed in passing them.

Nevada Joins in Cry.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 3.—The assembly of the Nevada legislature yesterday afternoon accepted the anti-Japanese resolution directed to the California legislature after it has been so amended that all reference to President Taft be deleted. The resolution will go to the senate to-day.

Roosevelt and Nevada.

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YEAR'S LABOR DISPUTES.

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JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINED

PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF EMPIRE'S RESOURCES

Alliance With Great Britain Stands on an Enduring Foundation.

Tokio, Feb. 2.—Speaking before the lower house of the diet to-day Foreign Minister Komura outlined the foreign policy of Japan in a carefully worded speech.

The foreign policy of this empire should have as an object the maintenance of peace and the development of natural resources.

With reference to Great Britain he said that the far-reaching importance in the relations of the two countries was other than happily and uniformly contributed to the consolidation of the general peace of Eastern Asia.

The relations of Japan with Russia, he went on, were constantly increasing in an ever widening field.

Touching on the relations of Japan with France and Germany, he said that they were on an equally satisfactory footing.

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Count Hattori declared that Japan's dignity had been injured thereby and he immediately urged the government to enforce the principle of equal opportunity.

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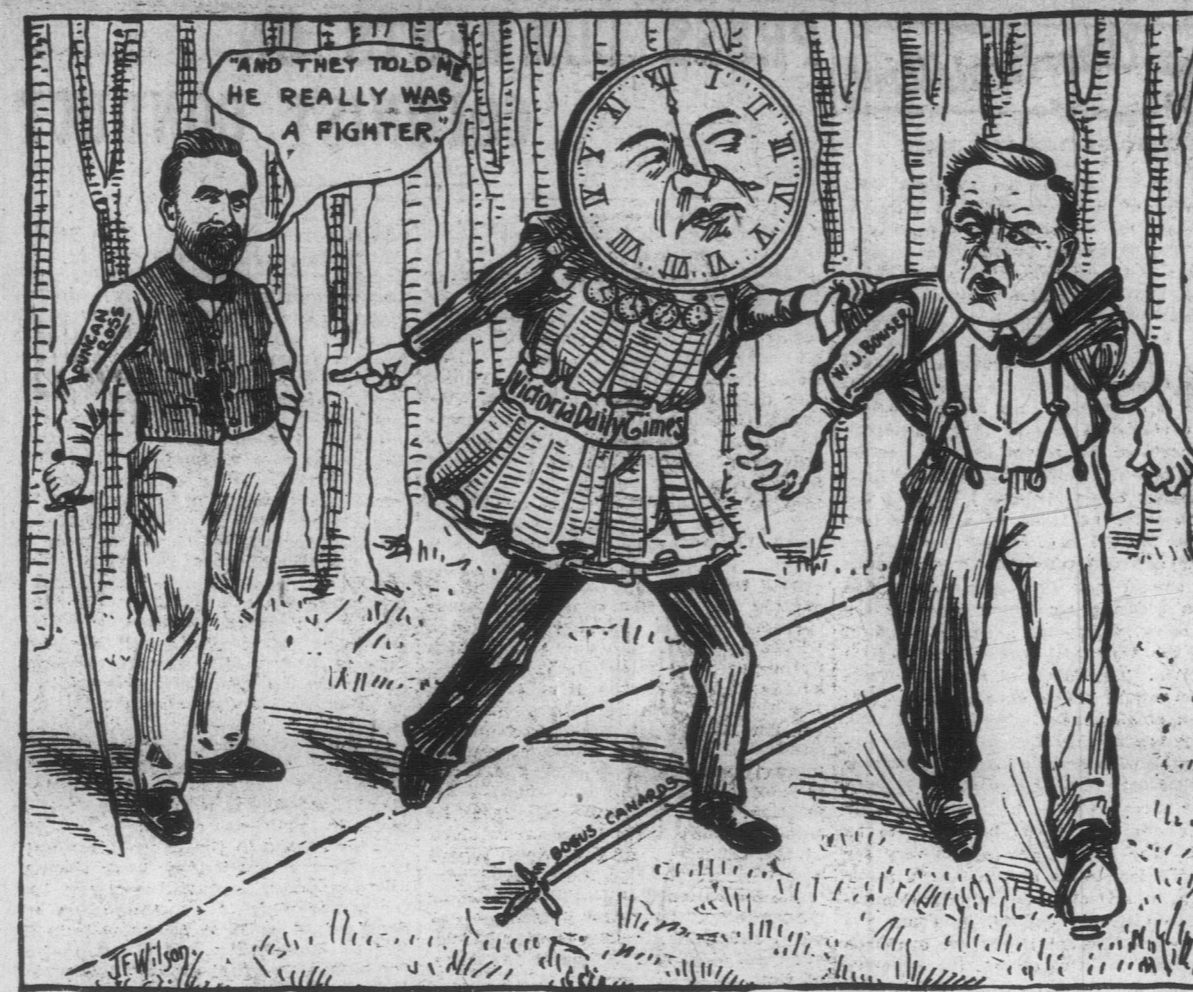
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WHEAT WAS MIXED. Judge Decides Against Supply Firm in Seed Case.

In the County court Tuesday Judge Lammpan gave judgment in the case of Wetenhall vs. Brackman & Ker, finding in favor of the plaintiff. The case was a peculiar one. The defendant company sold seed spring wheat to the plaintiff, ten sacks being the quantity taken.

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ANTI-SPORTING LAW BEFORE CALIFORNIA

Bill to Prohibit Pugilistic Contests Where Admission Is Charged.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 2.—Senator Willis, of Redlands, yesterday introduced a sweeping bill which prohibits all pugilistic contests in places where admission is charged.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2.—Yusuf Mahmoud won from Raoul de Rouen in a wrestling match yesterday in two straight falls.

LOCAL OPTION LAW DEMANDED

LARGE DEPUTATION WAITS ON GOVERNMENT

Premier McBride Will Give Answer Shortly—Entire Province Represented.

One of the largest deputations which has ever waited on the local government went across the bay on Tuesday to present a monster petition and to back it up by word of mouth.

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There is a glamor of romance about the above brief dispatch. Cocos Island, the name of which is well known to Victorians, owing to Admiral Palisser's expeditions from this port, is a desolate rock 500 miles west of Costa Rica.

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Methodist church in Canada, told the government something about the working of local option laws in other provinces. He urged that no three-fifths provision be adopted here and pointed out that everywhere but in Ontario, as well as the American local option states, a bare majority over was required.

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SPECIAL PRIZES WON AT POULTRY SHOW

Awards Made in Connection With Victoria's Exhibition.

The special prizes offered at the recent poultry and pet stock show in this city have been awarded. They were as follows:

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a special prize for the largest and best exhibit, owned and exhibited by an exhibitor. Cheque \$10. Won by W. Walker, New Westminster.

President's cup. Presented by W. Baylis, for the six highest scoring male birds, weight class varieties. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of the exhibitor. (Bantams barred.) Won by Blackstock Bros., Victoria.

Vice-president's cup. Presented by S. W. Woodford, for the six highest scoring female birds, weight class varieties. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of the exhibitor. (Bantams barred.) Won by Jones and Newberry, Nanaimo.

Weller Bros. Silver cup, for the highest scoring male birds, no weight varieties. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of the exhibitor. (Bantams barred.) Won by W. D. Bruce, Vancouver.

A. C. Flumerfelt, silver cup, for the six highest scoring female birds, no weight varieties. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of the exhibitor. (Bantams barred.) Won by W. D. Bruce, Vancouver.

Hon. R. McBride, premier of British Columbia. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Orpingtons. Won by Blackstock Bros., Victoria.

Hon. E. G. Prior, silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Plymouth Rocks. Cup delivered. Won by Jones and Newberry, Nanaimo.

R. P. Rithet & Co. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Minorcas. Won by Blackstock Bros., Victoria.

W. Jamson. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Wyandottes. Won by Mrs. H. L. Radamacher, North Vancouver.

Challoner & Mitchell. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Minorcas. Won by F. Jamieson, Victoria.

C. E. Redfern. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Leghorns. Won by W. D. Bruce, Vancouver.

W. H. Wilkinson. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Games. Won by F. R. Cook, Nanaimo.

Brackman & Ker. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Asiatics. Delivered. Won by Jones & Newberry, Nanaimo.

Scott & Peden. Silver cup, for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet. Any other variety. Won by W. H. Smith, Victoria.

Victoria-Phoenix. Freyling. Co. Silver cup, for the highest scoring pen of Plymouth Rocks. Cup delivered. Won by Jones and Newberry, Nanaimo.

His Worship Dr. E. Hall. Silver cup, for the highest scoring pen of Wyandottes. Won by Mrs. H. L. Radamacher, North Vancouver.

J. Sayward. Silver cup, for the highest scoring pen of Leghorns. Won by W. D. Bruce, Vancouver.

W. E. Nachttrieb. Silver cup, for the highest scoring pen of Minorcas. Cup delivered. Won by Jones and Newberry, Nanaimo.

G. Gillespie. Silver cup, for the highest scoring pen of Rhode Island Reds. Won by O. B. Armond, Victoria.

R. Large. Gold nugget pin, for the highest scoring pen of Orpingtons. Won by H. D. Reid, Victoria.

L. Goodacre & Sons. Cash, \$2.50, for the highest scoring pen of any other variety. Won by I. J. Sheppard, Cobble Hill.

A. Levy. Cash, \$2.50, for the highest scoring male Plymouth Rock. Won by Jones and Newberry, Nanaimo.

E. A. Morris. Pipe and case, value \$2.50, for the highest scoring female Plymouth Rock. Won by W. Walker, New Westminster.

R. Porter & Sons. Cash, \$2.50, for the highest scoring male Wyandotte. Won by Mrs. H. L. Radamacher, North Vancouver.

Finch & Finch. Umbrella, value \$2.50 for the highest scoring female Wyandotte. Won by Mrs. H. L. Radamacher, North Vancouver.

W. Woods. Cash, \$2.50, for the highest scoring male Rhode Island Red. Won by Jas. Taylor, Victoria.

Hibben & Co. American Standard of Perfection, for the highest scoring female Rhode Island Red. Won by Wm. Jennings, Victoria.

Shawinigan Lake Lumber Co. Cash \$2.50, for the highest scoring male Leghorn. Won by W. D. Bruce, Vancouver.

B. C. Electric Co. Car tickets, value \$2, for the highest scoring female Leghorn. Won by W. D. Bruce, Vancouver.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL MEETS

Delegation Will Wait Upon Government During Present Week.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Victoria Trades and Labor Council held its regular meeting in Labor hall last evening, with President Waters in the chair. Several delegates presented credentials and took their places. These were: Cigar-makers, Herman Shultz; Tailors' Union, Geo. Thibets and R. Kerr; Musicians' Union, Geo. Anderson; Leather Workers' Union, George Miller and Wm. Wilson; Letter Carriers' Union, C. Sivertz.

A report was presented on behalf of the executive stating that the copies of the "Fair Wage Agreements," which dealt with promotions of workmen, etc., had been presented to the city council and board of school trustees, and these bodies now had the matter under consideration.

The executive committee recommended that the corresponding and the financial secretaries be in future paid \$7.50 per half-year each.

The following standing committees were appointed for the ensuing term: Hall committee, R. Ryan, C. Sivertz and J. Wastock; finance committee, R. M. Sandburn, G. Lietz and A. J. Bird; organizing committee, R. Myra, W. Dempsey and W. Reid; press committee, R. Ryan, T. P. Garland and L. O'Connell; executive committee, A. E. MacEachern, F. C. Pink and W. H. Gibson.

A communication from the Cooks' and Waiters' Union gave the names of restaurants that employed union help and paid union wages, and urged all union men to patronize the same.

The secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society wrote stating the terms on which organized bodies could be represented on the board. The matter was referred to the executive and the Labor Council's annual fee to the Anti-Tuberculosis Society was ordered paid.

A report from the secretary on the work done since January 1st this year showed that over 300 letters had been sent out dealing with the business of the council.

The executive were instructed to prepare strong resolutions in favor of having the provincial government take over and manage the Anti-Tuberculosis sanatorium at Tranquille, B. C.

The announcement was made that the B. C. executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada would meet the government about the middle of February to lay before it many matters of grave interest to labor in British Columbia.

The executive will be accompanied by a large delegation of trade unionists from different parts of the mainland. All unions in Victoria are appointing delegates to represent them on the deputation.

The deputation will undoubtedly be the largest that has ever waited upon the present government. Delegates will commence to arrive next week, when conferences will be held in Labor hall to prepare and arrange the different matters that will be laid before the government.

Delegation, Thomas brought up a motion that: "This council petition the government to abolish the provincial poll tax, and manage the matter as they see fit." The motion was referred to the legislative committee to consider and report upon at the next meeting.

THREE BANDITS ARE NOW BEHIND BARS

Men Suspected of Series of Crimes Along Boundary Line.

Phoenix, B. C., Feb. 2.—The Bridesville bandits, Bill and Cleve Newman and Ben Hart, have been landed behind the bars. They were arrested by Chief Constable Bunbury and Constable Docksteader, of Phoenix, assisted by a deputy sheriff of Okanagan county, Washington, at Orville, Wash., a town close to the boundary line, some 70 miles west of here.

The trio are all characters of bad record, and in their arrest the police believe they not only have the Bridesville bandits landed, but the desperado who held up Charlie Thome's hotel bar, Midway, and murdered the proprietor some months ago, and the perpetrators of a series of hold-ups along the boundary line west of here during the past year.

The Canadian police rounded the bandits up at Orville, but on account of being in American territory, they were unable to make an arrest. By a clever ruse, however, the constables got Hart in the direction of the Canadian boundary, and once across the line they quickly made his capture, though not without a passage of guns, Hart being armed with an automatic Colt revolver and a deftly capture.

Newman brothers were taken at Orville by an Okanagan county deputy sheriff, one having a 45-Caliber double-action gun and the other a 38-Smith & Wesson. Hart was brought to Green Lake, and has since turned King's evidence, confessing to Constables Bunbury and Docksteader that he took part in the Bridesville hold-up, and implicating the two Newmans. The trio answer the description of the Midway bandits.

Constable Docksteader left to arrange for the extradition of the Newmans.

On January 2nd, Bridesville, a hamlet on the boundary line, was visited by highwaymen, and the G. N. R. agents and storekeeper were held up there. The Great Northern Company offered a big reward for the capture of the hold-up men. On the night of August 25th last Thome's hotel at Midway was held up, the proprietor being fatally wounded, and shortly before the Anacosta hotel was held up.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

Traffic arrangements have been made with the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique for that company's steamships to call at the Atlantic terminus of the Tehantepec railway. This means there will be an increased amount of freight from European ports carried to this province by the Canadian-Mexican Steamers. An effort will be made to have the steamers on this side of the continent connect with those on the Atlantic, so that no time will be lost in transshipment. A number of local firms have ordered trial shipments over this route, and are taking longer to come than was anticipated, but it is understood that as traffic connections are perfected these delays will be avoided and local importers will be able to get their freight carried cheaply and quickly.

Tenders are being called by the city for the supply of cement for the present year. Tenders must be in not later than Monday afternoon, next at 4 o'clock. The amount of cement used last year was between 18,000 and 19,000 barrels.

WORK OF PRESBYTERY HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Gratifying Reports Received—Standing Committees Appointed—Other Business.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Presbytery of Vancouver Island completed its business yesterday afternoon. Reports of a gratifying nature, covering the past six months under the heads of Sabbath schools, Young People's Societies, Temperance and Moral Reform, were presented. These were adopted.

The resignation of Rev. James McMillan, of the First Presbyterian church at Ladysmith, was submitted. In order to take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy it was decided to meet that church at 1.30 on the afternoon of October 17th.

The following standing committees for the year were appointed: Home missions—Rev. W. Leslie Clay, convener; Rev. Messrs. John Campbell, D.D., MacRae, J. M. Miller, M.A., B.D., and Thos. Menzies; Foreign missions—Rev. Messrs. Clay, McCoy, Miller, Walker and Campbell, D.D.; Sabbath schools—Rev. Messrs. Jos. McCoy, C. E. Kidd, W. J. F. Robertson and J. McKenzie; Church life and work—Rev. Messrs. Miller and Campbell and Neil McCuish; Young People's Society—Rev. Messrs. Kidd, Menzies and McGilhray and Elder J. A. Thompson; Examination of students—Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Miller and McCoy; Systematic giving—Rev. Messrs. Menzies, Miller and J. E. Clay; Temperance and moral reform—Rev. Messrs. Miller, Robertson and MacRae; Statistics and finance—Rev. Messrs. MacRae, Collins and Kidd; Church property—Rev. Messrs. MacRae and McCoy; Auditors—Rev. Messrs. MacRae and Collins.

The appointment of commissioners to the general assembly which is to meet in Hamilton, Ont., in June, resulted as follows: Rev. Dr. J. Campbell, Rev. Jos. McCoy and Rev. D. MacRae, and Elders T. A. Brydon and J. McLorrie, of this city, and Wm. Murray, of the city of Hamilton.

If any of the commissioners find it impossible or inconvenient to attend the announcement shall be made at the synod in May.

The nomination of Rev. Dr. Loyal, the moderator, Rev. Mr. Kidd, and the clerk, Rev. Mr. MacRae.

On the suggestion of Rev. W. Leslie Clay it was decided that this date shall be arranged by the middle of next June, and a number of loggers, J. R. Motion and wife from Albert also made the trip from that point.

Practically no freight offered, with the exception of some dressed marble from the Nootka marble quarries, consigned to A. Stewart. This marble was all crated.

There seems to be a good deal of friendly jealousy between the crew of the Tees and Capt. Gillen and his men as to the respective merits of salvaging the crew of the fateful schooner Soquel. The Tees men claim that they did most of the work, and that they were simply aided by the lifeboat crew from the Leebro, whereas the Leebro and lifeboat crew say that Capt. Gillen, of the lifeboat, should receive most of the credit.

To compare the two stories and fit them in together it seems that both Chief Officer Gilliam, of the Tees, and Capt. Gillen, of the lifeboat, did noble work and vied with each other which could do the most. Both undoubtedly showed themselves brave men, each acting with great coolness and efficiency.

The account as given by a member of the Tees crew is as follows: When the tug came in sight of the wreck the Leebro was standing off a couple of miles. The Tees at once steamed in as close as possible and a boat was lowered and put in charge of Chief Officer Gilliam, the crew of the boat lowering their boat. The six men were then taken off the rock by the Tees boat, assisted by the other, the Tees supplying all the gear. The men were put aboard the Tees and at once sent to bed while their clothes were dried. In the morning the others were taken off the wreck, the Tees boat again leading, and all the men were put aboard the Leebro, who later transferred them to the cutter.

The port side of the vessel was almost torn away, and those who have since visited her say that she is gradually breaking up.

CAPTAIN TELLS OF GROUNDING OF CECIL

Steamer Was Held Fast on Sand Bar for Thirty Hours.

Early on Tuesday the Norwegian steamer Cecil tied up at the outer dock, having arrived in the roads about 3 a. m. She is now discharging 500 tons of nitre for the Victoria Chemical Company, and will leave to-night or early in the morning for Tacoma with 2,200 tons of copper ore, which she brought from Antofagasta.

To a Times reporter this morning Captain Oleon told the story of his difficulties which ended in a libel case. The vessel had passed Cape San Lucas about 11 o'clock at night bound north, and the captain thought he was giving the island of Sta. Margarita a wide berth. The night was very thick, and there was a breeze blowing toward the land and a strong current in the same direction. At 5 o'clock a scraping was felt on the vessel's bottom, and before the steamer could be stopped she was ashore on a sandy reef on the Island of Sta. Margarita, inside of Cape Tilso, twenty miles out of her course. The steamer was not making very fast time when she went ashore, probably only six knots.

For thirty hours the Cecil lay on the sand bar. The tide was low when she went on, but as it rose, although only a few feet, the swell and current drove her farther ashore, and the captain and crew were in a hopeless condition. It was then that the Caracac of the Pacific Coast Company, came along, and arrangements were made by the captain to try to haul the steamer off, and if successful, he was to receive \$25,000 in payment for his services. When the tide rose the hawsers were made fast, and the Cecil came off with very little injury except for a straining of the plates of the bottom, which caused slight leaks in several places. When the vessel arrived at San Pedro the owners refused to pay the sum agreed upon, it being held by them that the promise was made when the vessel was in imminent peril. Accordingly libel papers were served and bonds given before she was allowed to leave port.

When she went ashore the Cecil had on board a cargo of 500 tons. The steamer discharged 2,000 tons of nitre and 700 tons of sugar at San Pedro. At San Francisco the steamer landed several hundred tons of nitre and 27 tons of silver ore.

At San Francisco divers were sent down to examine the vessel, but no information as to her condition could be obtained. As soon as she has discharged her cargo she will go into dock in order to make thorough repairs. It is thought that the engines may be affected somewhat.

Coming north from San Francisco the Cecil had heavy weather with S. E. squalls.

STEAMER TEES ARRIVES FROM WEST COAST

The Crew Relate Incidents Connected With Rescue Work on Soquel.

The steamer Tees arrived from Cape Scott and way ports Monday after being delayed on the way north in aiding in the rescue of the crew of the schooner Soquel, and later spending five days stormbound at Quatsino. At the latter place a strong southeast gale was blowing which made it impossible for the steamer to leave.

The Tees brought down a few passengers, among them being a large number of Indians who had been attending a potlatch at Nootka. Many of them did not come farther south than Banfield, J. R. Noot came down from Quatsino, and Father Maurus, principal of Christie's industrial school, also came down, among the others were Dr. Raymur, medical missionary at Clayoquot; Mrs. Wassen, from San Juan and a number of loggers, J. R. Motion and wife from Albert also made the trip from that point.

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COMMISSIONER CADMAN ADDRESSES AUDIENCE

Rousing Welcome Given to Prominent Salvation Army Officer.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Commissioner Cadman, of the Salvation Army, on a six months' tour of Canada and other parts, reached Victoria yesterday from Nanaimo. He was accorded a rousing welcome last night at the A. O. U. W. hall, where he gave a stirring address on his life work. He left on last night's boat on his way to Edmonton.

Commissioner Cadman left London about six months ago as General Booth's representative from the international headquarters, and has during his trip seen 1,400 people converted. He was connected with the world noted organization when it was known as the Christian Mission, some 50 years ago.

The story of his life, he said last night, would take a week at least to tell, commencing at the age of five and a half years as a chimney sweep slave. He told of the agitation that was commenced in England over child slavery, and of the law prohibiting the employment of persons in the chimney sweeping business under 21 years. He was then 17, and his master changed his age to 21, and was subsequently jailed. He told the audience amid laughter how after long waiting he at the age of 21 gave his master a well deserved thrashing, which he had been saving up for him for 12 years. He was converted while attending a Methodist meeting.

The military system of the organization had its inception from Commissioner Cadman at the time of the war between Russia and Turkey. Commissioner Cadman told of the excitement of the time. He was at Whitby and war was expected at any moment. He conceived the idea of starting a non-sterner war on the devil, and issued posters announcing that war was declared and 5,000 men and women were wanted in the ranks of the Hallelujah army. Some days later Rev. Wm. Booth was due in Whitby, and Commissioner Cadman erected more posters announcing the arrival of "General" Booth. From that time the work has continued. Led by Cadman the band was organized in all part of England, but continuous perseverance resulted in the growth of the large army of which General Booth is the head.

Commissioner Cadman told his audience how he was once ordered to pay a fine for "obstructing," with the option of fourteen days. As he had been working exceptionally hard and wanted a rest he went to jail. His release was the signal for a great demonstration, and the police of Coventry, where the incident occurred, went over to his side. He told of many other incidents

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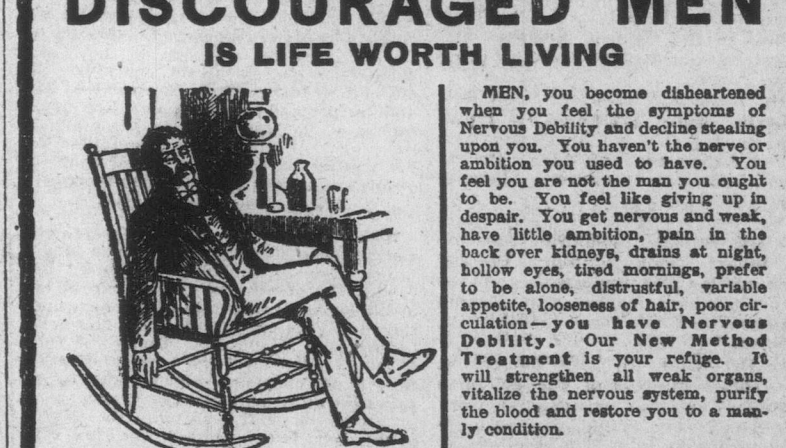
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ELLA TO MAKE HER FIRST CALL HERE

Quantity of Freight Going South on Jebson Steamer

(From Tuesday's Daily.) On Thursday next the steamer Ella, one of the Jebson and Ostrander vessels which are to ply from this port through the agency of Greer, Courtney & Skene, of this city.

The Ella, sailing alternately with the Erna, will give monthly service from this port to the south and will connect with the Tehantepec railway, and it is expected that these steamers will get a share of the business over that line. The opening of this line should give a new impetus to the Mexican trade with this city which already has reached considerable proportions.

The concert arranged for February 3rd by the Christian Endeavor Society of St. Columbia church, Oak Bay, has been postponed until February 10th, on account of the Christian Endeavor rally.

Cadet Allan Wilnot, son of E. A. Wilnot, C. E. of this city, obtained the highest percentage in the junior class, for all subjects, at the recent Christmas examinations held at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Protection is afforded to inventions in 64 countries. To take out a patent in each would cost about \$15,000.

EARTHQUAKES IN SAGHALIEN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—Continuous earthquakes have been experienced in the northern part of the island of Saghalien for several days past. Two hundred and ten tons of honey, worth \$90,000, are the yearly produce of Ireland.



NEW MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY

REV. C. E. KIDD IS ELECTED TO POSITION

Practical Address Delivered by Rev. Dr. Mackay—Encouraging Reports.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Presbytery of Vancouver Island began its sittings yesterday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church. The gathering was presided over by Rev. J. M. Miller, B. D., of Nanaimo, the retiring moderator.

The election of moderator for the year resulted in the selection of Rev. Mr. Kidd, of Union Bay.

The reports for the year were presented during the afternoon and were most gratifying. Among these was a report on missions presented by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

In the home mission department Rev. W. Leslie Clay presented a report which showed that all fields had been supplied during the half year. On the financial side steps had been taken to make collections.

In the evening the Presbytery again met. The retiring moderator presented a report upon church life and church work. The importance of the family altar as a means of developing the highest in family and national life, was strongly urged.

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SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE.

Edinburgh, Feb. 2.—Interest in the Stirling cross suit for divorce was yesterday, when Mrs. Stirling, the former American show girl, began her defence to her husband's charges.

U. S. NAVAL CAPTAIN TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Charged With Being Intoxicated While Attending a Reception at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Feb. 2.—The captain of one of the United States battleships composing the fleet under Rear-Admiral Sperry is to-day under arrest on board his vessel, and will be tried by court-martial on a charge preferred by one of the rear-admirals of the fleet, that he was under the influence of intoxicants at a reception given a few days ago on shore.

The court will meet on board one of the battleships to-morrow. The captain in question denies the charge. His defence will be that he was under a heavy strain during the last run of his vessel on account of rough weather.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Naval officials declare they have not received any information from Admiral Sperry disclosing the identity of the captain of the ship on which he was court-martialed on the charge of being under the influence of intoxicants.

Gibraltar, Feb. 2.—The name of the accused officer is Rear-Admiral F. Quatrone, captain of the battleship Georgia. The charges were preferred by Rear-Admiral Wright, commander of the second division of the fleet.

SONS OF ENGLAND INSTALL OFFICERS

A Pleasant Evening Spent in Pride of the Island Lodge Room.

Tuesday night the local lodge of the S.O.E., Pride of the Island Lodge, held its annual installation of officers for the ensuing year and the new district deputy of Vancouver Island just appointed by the supreme lodge of the S.O.E., performed the ceremony for the first time.

The following are the officers for the year: President, Bro. H. O. Savage; vice-president, Bro. C. Gilman; chaplain, Bro. J. H. Lane; secretary, H. T. Gravin; treasurer, Bro. W. Norman; first guide, Bro. E. H. Rendell; second guide, Bro. J. Jones; third guide, Bro. Ashley; fourth guide, Bro. W. Woods; fifth guide, Bro. H. V. Lane; sixth guide, Bro. Payne; inside guard, J. Hill.

The election of officers was a keen one. Bro. Savage has the honor of holding the presidency for the second year, though he was very closely followed by Bro. Pomeroy, who was afterwards elected as delegate to the grand lodge.

The objects of the society are to advance the interests of Englishmen and their descendants by providing a sure and certain means of mutual protection in times of sickness and distress, and to strengthen the bond of union between England and the lands her sons have peopled.

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 2.—Montreal bank clearings for the month of January totalled \$134,935,528, compared with \$118,198,937 for the same month last year and \$128,194,989 in 1907.

MORE GOLD FOR ARGENTINE.

New York, Feb. 2.—Goldman Sachs & Company engaged to-day \$350,000 in gold coin for shipment to the Argentine Republic.

J.B.A.A. LOOK TO GOOD YEAR

DAN O'SULLIVAN WILL CAPTAIN ROWERS

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Organization—Officers Elected for Season.

The annual meeting of the J. B. A. A., held on Tuesday, showed that this organization is still in a flourishing condition and the outlook for the year is most bright. A pleasing feature in connection with the rowing end of the club's work, which has always been an important one in the J. B. A. A., was the interest manifested at the meeting by D. O'Sullivan, a name which is so well known in rowing circles on the coast.

The association is still looking forward to the erection of a new building on a charge preferred by one of the rear-admirals of the fleet, that he was under the influence of intoxicants at a reception given a few days ago on shore.

The management committee reported the membership to have increased considerably during the year, the following table showing the comparative standing of the club:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Senior members 273, Junior members 29, Absent members 21, Life members 15, Lady members 0, Total 352.

The house committee referred to the need of repairs to the reading room and billiard table, and stated that the receipts from the last regatta were sufficient to defray the cost of the repairs.

The boating committee report was encouraging in that it showed that much interest was taken in the sport, especially in the club regatta. The purchase of the house formerly belonging to the Victoria canoe club was referred to and also to the purchase of the new racing shell and oars which were in use during the past season.

1. That the boat houses be painted as soon as possible. 2. That two lapstreak doubles be purchased so that sculling may be encouraged amongst our members. 3. That some system be devised for raising funds to defray expenses of crews to N. P. A. A. O. regatta so that the regular income of the club be available for the maintenance and extension of the club.

In Rugby football it was shown that the club had done excellent work, having won two games out of four in the city championship series to date, with one draw and one defeat. The rugby team had also been defeated by them. The visitors were entertained at a ball given in their honor.

Capt. Sam Lorimer was complimented on his splendid work in behalf of the soccer team which took second place in the city championship league. The basketball team came in for their share of mention, showing that they are doing well in the various grades of the city league in which they are entered.

Reference was also made to the good showing made by one of their number, Frank Baylis, who won high honors in Marathon races.

On the question of Sunday games the J. B. A. A. referred to the fact that their association had always stood against them, it being a rule of the association.

Officers were elected for the year as follows: President, H. Dallas Helmecken; vice-president, J. J. Shalloss; trustees, D. O'Sullivan, W. A. Lawson, J. J. Shalloss, J. Bridgeman and J. A. McTavish.

P. E. I. LEGISLATURE OPENS.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 3.—The first session of the legislature since the general election opened yesterday afternoon. The speech from the throne referred to the government's agricultural policy and to the extension of the rural telephone service.

FRENCH AIRSHIP TRIALS.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—Armand Zepfelf, the French aviator, made four successful aeroplane flights to-day. Each time he flew a distance of nearly a mile, at a height of from 20 to 40 feet. He did not, however, succeed in making turns on his course.

THREAD PLANT BURNS DOWN.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Seneca Falls says: "The Cast Thread Company's plant in this village was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$90,000."

GOLDEN CARGOES.

New York, Feb. 1.—Heidelbach, Yekelheimer Company, and the National City Bank, each to-day engaged \$500,000, and Kidder, Peabody & Company, \$250,000 in gold, for shipment of Friday to the Argentine Republic, bringing the total for Argentina so far this year up to \$4,000,000.

ESKIMO COLLEGE BOY.

New York, Feb. 1.—Mene Wallace, the full-blooded Eskimo boy, who was brought to the United States 12 years ago by Commander Peary was heartily cheered to-day by a big crowd of students on the campus of Manhattan college here, when he appeared to enter the preparatory class of the institution.

MEETING OF OAK BAY COUNCIL

CITY ASKED TO AID FOUL BAY ROAD WORK

Question of Piggeries in the Municipality Comes Up.

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concern the council. This was with in the province's jurisdiction.

Councillor Pemberton pointed out it was above high water. Councillor Noble said that notices were posted forbidding the cutting of the wood on the beach.

The Ladies Guild of Church Workers asked for the use of the municipal hall for the purpose of establishing an Anglican church in the district.

Councillor Newton said that as the building was not yet completed and the council met there only by suffrage of the contractor, he moved that the request could not be complied with.

The engineer was authorized to procure the necessary gravel to proceed with the work on Foul Bay road walk.

Councillor Oliver moved that the streets, bridges and sewers committees should be authorized to prepare instructions to the municipal constable.

The revee suggested that the solicitor also should be present. The revee said that he did not believe it was wise to know what power they had. The motion carried.

It was decided to ask permission to move the fence back onto private property at what is known as a dangerous point on Beach Drive. This was done preliminarily to a settlement.

The by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$7,500 to meet current expenses until rates were raised was introduced and went through its various stages.

The by-law to return sums collected under the local improvement by-laws in excess of that required and one to levy additional sums where insufficient was at first levied, were put through their stages.

A special meeting of the school board held Tuesday resulted in the approval of the schedule of salaries put before the board by the special committee appointed to go into the matter and the various salaries have been fixed according to the plan adopted at the last meeting.

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RAILWAY FROM CITY TO BARKLEY SOUND

Committee Passes Charter, But Strikes Out Power Privileges.

The railway committee of the legislature on Wednesday, under the chairmanship of A. E. McPhillips, considered and disposed of the bill for the incorporation of the Victoria & Barkley Sound Railway Company.

The company gets power to build from the city to a point on Barkley Sound, in the neighborhood of Sartia river, by way of Otter Point and San Juan, with branch lines not exceeding twelve miles in length from any points on the main line to point adjacent to it.

The capital of the company is to be \$1,500,000, and the provisional directors are W. K. Houston, H. H. Jones, W. E. Laird and C. L. Betterson, with the head office here. Bonding powers to the extent of \$50,000 a mile are given, and the company is granted all the usual privileges as contained in the model bill.

The committee refused to give the company the power to acquire or hold water rights, or to develop and dispose of power, although it was urged to put a strong argument on behalf of the company's application for the granting of such powers.

Another section struck out was that which proposed that the provisions of the Companies Clauses Act should apply to the company, except where they conflicted with the provisions of the B. C. Railway Act. Mr. Robertson pointed out that the two acts are in conflict in several particulars.

The company has to put up \$10,000 security within six months for the expenditure of a similar sum on surveys or construction before December 31st, 1910.

RETIREES FROM WALL STREET.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—The prospective retirement from business of another large brokerage firm, Walker & Co., of New York, was announced to-day. Following closely upon the winding up of the firm of Sidney C. Love & Co. sensational rumors gained currency, but were completely denied by Mr. Whitney, counsel for Walker & Co., stated that R. C. Walker, who constitutes the firm, had concluded to wind up the business in order to enjoy a trip to Europe.

His return from Europe Mr. Walker will resume business. A shortage of \$3,000 in the accounts of a trusted employee has been accounted for, and it may run as high as \$7,000. But that it is not a matter to do with Mr. Walker's decision.

NO POWER TO ORDER WOODPLIE REMOVED

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PROPOSE TO FIGHT AGAINST

Government

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There can be no clear statement of in the House, throughout the inadequacy of revenue in the carry public works. The revenue is to be raised by a 10 per cent increase in the tax on real estate.</



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LIBERALS WOULD  
ENLARGE FUNDS

PROPOSE TO INCREASE  
MUNICIPAL REVENUE

Government Urged to Aid in  
Fight Against Tuber-  
culosis

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 1.  
The opposition has decided not to  
allow the debate on the address to  
pass without putting itself on record,  
and compelling the government to put  
itself on record also—in regard to the  
proposal to allow the revenue from the  
personal property tax and revenue tax  
to go to the municipalities.

There can be no doubt, from the  
clear statement of conditions as made  
in the House, that the municipalities  
throughout the province suffer from an  
inadequacy of revenue, which hampers  
them in the carrying out of needful  
public works. The province having  
enough revenue and being put up  
policy is to allow the revenues col-  
lected directly from the people by the  
province to go to the municipalities.

This is the unanimous view of the  
Liberal members, and if most of the  
Conservative members do not approve  
of it, however they may vote, it is not  
because the arguments in favor of it  
have not been presented clearly and  
forcefully by the speakers on the oppo-  
sition side.

The amendment upon which the  
House will be asked to vote was moved  
by C. W. Munro and seconded by Dr.  
J. H. King. Both members spoke briefly  
to the point on the subject of the  
amendment, and made it clear that  
it should pass.

Mr. Munro gave a most interesting  
description of the fertility and prosper-  
ity of the reclaimed lands in the Sumas  
valley, in promoting which he had had  
no small share, albeit he did not men-  
tion that fact. On behalf of the set-  
tler, the man whose only asset is his  
strong arms and his determined cour-  
age—the type of man who hewed Onta-  
rio and most of eastern Canada and  
the States out of the forest—the mem-  
ber for Chilliwack asked that every  
effort should be made to secure them  
possession of the land free from the in-  
cubus of land speculators and inflated  
prices, and upon such terms as to  
build up a sturdy farming community  
in the newer portions of the province.

The opposition whip, Dr. King, called  
on the government to get into line, and  
bring the province into line in the  
great world-wide fight against tuber-  
culosis. He pointed out that other pro-  
vinces are further along the road than  
this, and urged speedy action. As  
the Tranquille sanatorium can only ac-  
commodate a small number of patients,  
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From the Socialist ranks Parker  
Williams was the only other speaker of  
the day, uttering a number of charac-  
teristic opinions in a rather interesting  
way.

At the opening of the House, after  
prayers by Rev. T. E. Holling, the cer-  
tificate of election of Hon. Thomas Tay-  
lor, minister of public works, re-elected  
Revelstoke, was read by the clerk  
of the House. Immediately after the  
new minister was introduced between

the opposition policy. In this connec-  
tion he remarked that if Andrew Ham-  
ilton, timber agent for this island, paid  
less attention to the labor problem in  
the camps and more to the waste of  
timber in the carrying on of lumbering  
operations, his services would be worth  
more to the province.

To Mr. Williams' mind there looms a  
large Japanese "peril." South Africa  
and the Southern States had their race  
problems, he said, and British Colum-  
bia was energetically creating another.  
The salmon and whale fisheries were in  
the hands of the Japanese, the saw-  
mills were almost exclusively manned  
by them and the logging camps to a  
lesser extent; railway maintenance was  
exclusively in the hands of the Japa-  
nese and Chinese and construction work  
was getting to that stage. The game  
wardens should keep an eye on the Japa-  
nese in respect of fish and game. To  
counteract this race the anti-Japanese  
legislation of the House should be re-  
enacted and this should be kept up  
until the state of things was realized  
at Ottawa.

Mr. Williams concluded his remarks  
under this head with some references  
in very questionable taste to the ap-  
pearance at the opening ceremonies in  
consular uniform of the Japanese con-  
sul at Vancouver. He admitted that he  
would be out of order if he said these  
things at Ottawa, but here he main-  
tained, "the Japanese empire has no  
more standing in the province than it  
has in Victoria, nor has its consul in  
gold braid and cocked hat." He went  
on to talk of smallpox being prevalent  
in Ladysmith and elsewhere in his con-  
sistency.

"Would the town of Ladysmith be  
prepared to conform to the orders of the  
provincial board of health?" asked  
the provincial secretary.

The member for Newcastle thought  
that he would be willing to do what  
was needed in the way of sewerage.  
"But can you assure the House they  
will conform as to carrying out vaccina-  
tion?" continued Hon. Dr. Young.  
Mr. Williams could not, because he  
thought it was only half his duty, but  
he thought, however medical men might  
view it.

Hon. Richard McBride and W. R. Ross,  
chief government whip.  
Parker Williams.  
Parker Williams (Newcastle), in re-  
sponding to the address, said it  
seemed to be a fashion in a debate  
of this kind to conraturate everyone  
that could by any possibility be con-  
gratulated upon anything. The only  
thing his party could see for congrat-  
ulation was the recent result in Nanai-  
mo, where his colleague had been tri-  
umphantly re-elected.

The speech was wholly and comple-  
tely in the direction of the government  
looking backward. The government  
congratulated itself on things which  
had happened in the past, when, in his  
opinion, we in this province needed  
more to look to the future and let the  
past take care of itself. Reference was  
made to the affair down at Quebec, a  
sort of vaudeville or pantomime, which  
had no more to do with the life of the  
average man than with the supposed  
inhabitants of Mars. The government  
had given \$10,000 towards that, which  
could be better spent at home.

Mr. Williams, speaking of the late Sir  
Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, said a look  
at the face of that grand old man, in  
spite of the trappings and gauds in  
which he was sometimes decked, al-  
ways made him feel a better man.

While the present chief commissioner  
of lands and works department is  
it would enable that department in  
its two branches to catch up on the  
two and a half years it was behind.  
Mr. Williams could not, because he  
thought it was only half his duty, but  
he thought, however medical men might  
view it.

Member for Chilliwack.  
C. W. Munro (Chilliwack) began  
with words of congratulation for the  
member and second, leader of opposi-  
tion and premier, for their speeches,  
and commented on the absence of a  
passion and political clap-trap which  
he thought too often found their way  
into speeches of that kind.

The speech from the throne had  
spoken of the finances of the province,  
and previous speakers on the govern-  
ment side had congratulated the govern-  
ment on the condition of affairs, but  
after the speech of the member for  
Delta no intelligent man would accept  
the surplus as a gauge of national pros-  
perity. It was true the province had  
come through the period of financial  
stress and industrial depression better  
than any other portion of the continent.  
Notwithstanding that certain industries  
were not up to the standard it was a  
matter for congratulation that the gen-  
eral prosperity of the province was as  
great as it was.

Speaking for his own district Mr.  
Munro said there had been most satis-  
factory progress all through the year.  
The land was being brought under cul-  
tivation at a rapid rate, and it had  
been made to the efficient telephone  
system, and the rural community, in  
every respect, present a picture of  
cheerful optimism. (Hear, hear.) In  
the same time, the city of Victoria had  
blocks had been erected, beautiful  
homes were going up, electric light had  
been installed, and the city would soon  
take a proud place among the second  
class cities of the province.

Development in Sumas.  
The progress made in Sumas brought  
back to his mind the famous Sumas de-  
velopment bill and the fight which had  
to be put up in that House to support it.  
From the efforts then put forth there  
was being born rich fruit, and the day  
was fast coming when members would  
have the pleasing reflection that they  
had a hand in the initial stages of that  
great development. Although he had  
long known the district it was not till  
the other day that he had seen all the pos-  
sibilities of these vast prairie and the  
inland sea, which was to be reclaimed  
in the immediate future. The B. C.  
Electric Co. had acquired the right to  
construct an electric railway from New  
Westminster to Chilliwack, and had  
also taken over the reclamation  
scheme. It was hoped soon to see one  
of the finest countries in the world in  
a high state of cultivation there.

In Matsqui, too, where a large area  
had been reclaimed from the floods, it  
was marvellous to see the transforma-  
tion, hundreds of acres of the choicest  
land being brought under the plough,  
new towns were springing up and there  
were such indications of prosperity and  
progress as to make one's heart glad.

A Matter of pride.  
Much opposition had been offered to  
this great undertaking, and when Mr.  
Speaker visited it and saw the miracle  
performed he would reflect with pride  
on having had something to do with  
the inauguration of such a magnificent  
scheme. When it was understood and  
properly valued, and when monuments  
were erected to commemorate the  
achievement Mr. Speaker Eberts' name  
would be among those inscribed on the  
tablets of fame. Mr. Munro recalled  
that in his first session in the House a  
proposal had been made to drop the  
scheme, and he had to take the position  
that if such a thing was attempted his  
resignation would be placed in the  
hands of the speaker. The then gov-  
ernment was in a majority of one and  
the abandonment was not carried out.  
"It is and will always be a matter of  
pride to me that we had sufficient cour-  
age and enterprise to stand by these  
projects and see them to completion,"  
continued Mr. Munro. "In a few years  
in Chilliwack there has been brought  
under cultivation one hundred thou-  
sand acres of the choicest agricultural  
land, most of it the finest on the globe."  
(Hear, hear.)

Big Men Wanted.  
This was only an illustration of  
what was going on all over the prov-  
ince. The people were calling loudly  
for men, big men, men who could rise  
above personal interests and party  
exigencies and be prepared to stand  
for the best and highest interests of  
the country.

A great deal had been said about  
the land laws, and he was glad the  
government had placed a reserve on  
the public lands before any more of  
them had got into the hands of specu-  
lators. The greatest difficulties in

the old land were due to the land be-  
ing in the hands of a few. "The peo-  
ple of the province became discouraged  
and drifted into the cities, there to be-  
come a charge upon the public purse.  
The real seriousness lay in the fact  
that the condition was chronic. Fam-  
ilies might be put back on the land,  
but they would not stay there. It was  
for British Columbia to take note of  
this and keep the land for the actual  
settler, making it an inducement for  
him to stay on it. In one act one-  
third of the whole island of Vancou-  
ver, what would be a kingdom in Eu-  
rope, had been handed over for the  
construction of seventy miles of rail-  
way. Such a thing as that must be  
avoided by the province in the future.  
Prodigal Recklessness.

"Future generations will look back  
on our prodigality and recklessness  
and wonder we did as we have done,"  
said Mr. Munro. "In the Nechaco and  
Bulkley valleys we find of late trans-  
actions by speculators in large tracts  
of land. It works out this way. These  
lands have not yet reached the set-  
tlers. They are in the hands of other  
speculators and may pass through  
those of yet others, all at rising prices.  
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The decks were thus cleared for action and the House proceeded to discuss a number of items of business which had been accumulating on the order paper, beginning with the introduction of bills.

H. C. Brewster (Albion) re-introduced his bill for the better securing of the wages of mine workers under the conditions of the Decree of 1908. The motion for an address in reply to the speech was then adopted without division, and the debate was over.

The attorney-general introduced two bills amending recent legislation. The first remedies a verbal defect in the Ditches and Watercourses act, 1907, by making it clear that the engineer can let work on non-compliance with the award for the completion of a ditch.

Mr. Oliver moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of judgments of any court, in each case of prosecution under authority of Chapter 23, 1908, intituled "An act to regulate immigration into British Columbia."

In doing so the member for Delta said the question had been one much discussed. Last session the attorney-general stated that if his legislation was let alone he would undertake that not another Japanese would land in British Columbia.

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expressing the hope that the papers would be brought down speedily. He mentioned that no record of licenses issued appeared to have been kept as the officials were not able to say who had or had not licenses. In concluding, the member for Delta said it was a matter of interest to his constituents to know whether or not the attorney-general was going to enforce the fisheries regulations during the coming season, or whether the fact of there being an appeal pending made any difference in that respect.

The resolution was passed, the attorney-general having relapsed into a stony silence.

Railway Discrimination. There were also adopted the following two orders on motion of Mr. Oliver: "That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the receipts and expenditure for the period from the 1st of January, 1908, to the 31st of December, 1908."

"That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all letters, telegrams, papers or documents between the government of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion government, or the board of railway commissioners, in pursuance of the resolution of the House of April 16th, 1907."

The resolution referred to in the latter motion was adopted at Mr. Oliver's initiative, and called on the government to make representations to the railway commission in regard to discrimination in freight and passenger rates against British Columbia.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked: "Has any action been taken by the government in respect to a resolution carried during last session of the House memorializing the Imperial government to appoint a royal commission to fully inquire into all the circumstances in connection with Oriental immigration into the province of British Columbia?"

Mr. Oliver replied that on March 10th last the resolution had been forwarded to the lieutenant-governor for transmission to the Imperial authorities. A letter from his honor's office was received on the 12th inst. Nothing more had been heard till he received a letter of date of January 28th from the lieutenant-governor's office, stating that the resolution had been forwarded to the Imperial government on the 15th inst.

Condemns Principle. The House went again in committee on the message from his honor transmitting the club licenses bill and the bill was then read a first time. W. R. Ross (Fernie) was chairman.

John Oliver, while in committee, entered a protest against the bill, and the power of dealing with these clubs and granting them licenses out of the hands of the municipalities and taking it into the hands of the attorney-general. He will renew his protest at a later stage on the bill, and probably divide the House on the principle involved.

Just before adjournment at 4.35 p.m. Mr. Davey presented a petition from the Southeastern Kootenay Railway Company, asking that the bill to incorporate the Flathead Valley Railway Company be refused.

Several questions of interest to the House were asked by Harry Jones, one of the representatives of that riding, on Monday. These are as follows: 1. Is it the intention of the government to build a road from Eight-Mile lake near Barkerville to Star Lake?

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MANY BILLS ARE CONSIDERED

AMENDMENTS TO A NUMBER OF MEASURES

Bill for Security of Miners' Wages Explained by H. C. Brewster.

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 5. A short sitting and a busy one it was which the House held to-day. With a set debate out of the way and the ordinary slim order paper of this stage of the session, it was not likely that there would be much to do.

Nevertheless the attorney-general managed to take the first step toward the passing of the bill for the Security of Miners' Wages long labored under the disadvantage of having no means of securing their wages by lien. H. C. Brewster, member for Alberni, brought in a bill last session to remedy this, but it had a short life, mainly because the government promised to deal with the matter in question. As the promise had no fruition, and the need for the bill was only the more emphasized during the recess, Mr. Brewster introduced it again, and to-day it was discussed on the second reading.

The attorney-general put a virtual night cap on it by moving the adjournment of the debate, a device which those experienced in parliamentary affairs recognize. No one will be surprised if the attorney-general is not prepared to resume the debate until it is too late for the order for this resumption to be taken up, and the bill has to join the other innocents in the indiscriminate slaughter which marks the end of the session.

At the opening of the session the petition of the Southeastern Kootenay Railway Company, presented by F. Davey, was read. The company asks the Flathead Valley Railway Company to be incorporated as a club, but it is not a club, and the government is not prepared to grant it a license. The company asks that the bill to incorporate the Flathead Valley Railway Company be refused.

Private bills introduced were those to authorize the Pacific Coast Coal Mines Co., Ltd., to assume larger powers (H. R. Thomson), and to enable the Coldstream Estate Co., Ltd., and the White Valley Irrigation & Fertilizer Company, Ltd., to amalgamate their water rights (L. W. Shatford).

Bowser's Legislation. The attorney-general introduced four amending acts of minor importance, the most important being the Provincial Elections Act, the Municipal Charities Act, the Fire Insurance Policy Act and the Supreme Court Act.

The changes in the first mentioned act include the postponement of the registration of applicants for licenses on Monday in March and September, and the second Monday in April and October, and the giving of one month's notice of the holding of a court of revision instead of two months.

A paragraph which proposes amendment in the usual legal style of existing statutes bears the marginal index: "Names may be stricken from list on application of the holder, or by the court in electoral districts." Sub-section (e) of section 10 of the act of 1904 starts out: "Upon the holding of such court—"

Notice of objection to any name has now to be given to the registrar fifteen days previous to the holding of the court and a notice to the voter forwarded twelve clear days previous, to which it is now intended to add a posting up in the registrar's office of notice of such objection within one week after it has been received. A further amendment provides for the striking off of names of men who have ceased to reside in the electoral district. The act now reads as follows: "in any electoral district."

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no objection to the return being prepared. He was glad of the opportunity to explain the position of the matter. The concessions that had been secured or applied for in the past had never been lost sight of by the administration, which came into office while the section of the Lands Act which enabled the government to grant large areas of land in this way was in effect. There were several companies which had leases but it was found that little had been done in the way of constructing works to carry on the manufacture of pulp and paper and so the act was repealed so far as these were concerned.

Since then one company had completed with the conditions and was installing plant, while three others were recognized as entitled to some consideration. An official letter had been sent to all concessionaires, warning them that if they did not complete their works by a certain date they would not be deemed to be entitled to a sufficient amount of work to justify the conclusions that their mills would commence operations, no further extension of their concessions would be granted.

Licensing of Clubs. The attorney-general, on the second reading of his bill for the licensing of clubs, said that the proposal was a new one. For some years there had been a problem arising in the existence of a number of clubs which might be called "clubs" but which were not for benevolent or social purposes. After inquiry a few years ago several of these had their charters cancelled and the section of the Benevolent Societies' Act under which such clubs secured incorporation was repealed. The power to deal with these clubs was left in the hands of municipalities, and of the government in unorganized territory, there might be a divergence of policy. In the enforcement of the act, too, it was considered that the burden should be on one central power, with a police and detective force to successfully bring prosecutions.

An officer, under the direction of the superintendent of provincial police, would be necessary and the license fee would go towards meeting the necessary expense. The bill was read a second time and in Alberta similar legislation was in force or projected going very much further than his bill proposed. There was no intention to harass legitimate clubs, but to get rid of what might be called "clubs" operating in defiance of the liquor license act. But as no exceptions could be made the legitimate clubs must suffer for the general good and take out licenses. He introduced the bill with the view of remedying this.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite asked, supposing the government brought down a local option measure, this session, if it would affect these licenses. The attorney-general said that would depend on the place of payment of local option measure, and he could not take the hon. gentleman into the confidence of the government as to what these might be.

G. R. Naden inquired if it would be possible to have a department to grant club licenses where there were no other licenses, as in Prince Rupert. "I am not in a position to make any statement on that point," Mr. Bowser replied. "We will have to consider each application as it arises, on its merits."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite objected to the prohibition of sale to "minors" in liquor laws. He said that many of the minors drank to excess, and that they did they could hold it as well as the average club member. The member for Nanaimo also urged that the English practice of allowing any man to inspect the books upon payment of a shilling or some other fee. If this was done, he thought it would have the moving-picture shows beat to a turn.

The member for Nanaimo was evidently having a rub at a marginal reference in the bill which spelled "minors" as of mine-workers were meant. The second reading of the bill was carried and further consideration stands over.

The Wages of Miners. H. C. Brewster (Alberni), in moving the second reading of his bill to better secure the wages of certain mine-workers, said that when he brought a similar bill last session he allowed it to drop on the order paper. He was general to deal with the subject. Nothing had been done and since then he sought to prevent had occurred. Practically every other worker was protected by law as to his wages to a greater or lesser extent. There was the Carpenters' Lien Act, an act for the protection of seamen, another for the placing of liens on the property of contractors who failed to get their wages.

Several instances were cited by the hon. member where men had been done out of their wages by promoters, usually from south of the line, who pulled out and left the workmen in the lurch. On Texada Island alone, he said, there were thousands of dollars owing to miners, and the west coast had suffered equally. The House should not allow this to continue.

Mr. Brewster's bill provides for the deposit in a bank of a sum of money, equal to the wages of the men, to be placed at the disposal of the men, and the bank manager that the bank has become responsible for that sum to be used to pay wages. This sum shall not be less than will pay wages due when notice is posted up, and it will only be used to pay wages if the operator is a fine of \$50 and continues to run up a wages bill for a larger amount.



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"Month after month went by that we shall not soon forget; months of sleepless nights, fearful coughs, weakening night sweats, left my boy a mere shadow. He had no appetite, and my heart ached to see how he was wasting away. He spent one whole summer at the Lakeside Home for Sick Children, and came home greatly improved, but the cold winds of October laid him off his feet again. The doctor advised me to send him to Muskoka, but heavy doctor's bills had depleted my financial resources, and such a step seemed out of the question."

"At this point we tried PSYCHINE, and human lips cannot describe the change that took place. No words can express the thankfulness of his mother and myself when we saw the crisis was over, and realized that our boy was fighting his way back to life and health. PSYCHINE had mastered that which all the doctor's prescriptions had failed to check. Day by day Harold grew stronger, and all through the winter, although continually out of doors, he failed to take cold, and he put on flesh very quickly. By the spring my son was completely cured, and developed into a strong, sturdy lad."

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LOCKING PLANT. 1133, Lillooet bridge, survey, etc.; \$64.65, survey road at Merritt; \$166, survey bridge sites, Fernie and Cranbrook district, expenses; \$101.25, survey bridge sites, Fernie and Cranbrook district, expenses; \$100, Lower Squamish road survey, Gibson Landing road survey, Hopkinson's wharf survey site and soundings (plotting work, etc.); \$11, locating Johnson Creek, continuation of Point Grey; \$332.10, survey, assistance, etc., road, Lower Squamish, and wharf at Hopkinson's and road Gibson's Landing.

Timber Royalties. Dr. Kergin asked the minister of finance the following questions: "1. What amount of the Liberal Association was held on Friday evening, when telegrams were received from Hon. W. Templeman and Mr. W. Sloan announcing the forthcoming election. Two resolutions were passed, one to Mr. Sloan, pledging the association to stand by his recommendation, and the other to Hon. Mr. Templeman pledging support in the election."

Chief Joseph of the Clayoquot band of Indians, has completed his large new pot latch hall. During the week a waltz dance has been in progress. Every day and some time twice a day, the "wolves" are invited to the dance at low tide and go through the "thief" dance. "Then the hunters, armed with guns and stiks, go out to hunt for game. Every evening they all meet in the new hall, where a dance is held. The dance will probably continue for another week or two yet."

Mr. Chrestman has brought his family to the townsite, where they are occupying Mr. F. C. Garrard's house. E. B. Garrard, who has received the appointment of postmaster at Tolfo (townsite) received the first mail of this trip of the steamer. He has the lumber on the ground which will build a cottage to his house to be used as the post office.

Mr. Oliver asked the commissioner of works the following questions: "1. Did the government employ Mr. Alexander Critchbank, of Chilliwack, to do any dredging in Coquitlam Dyke district during the year 1908?" "2. If so, what work and for what purpose?" "3. Was the work done by contract or day's work?" "4. What was the amount paid, or to be paid, for such work?" "5. To what value was this expenditure charged?" "6. What authority had the government for making this expenditure?" "7. At whose request was the work done?" "8. Are there any arrears of charges against lands in the Coquitlam Dyke district?" "9. If so, against what lands are such arrears charged, and for what period are such arrears due?" "10. Yes." "11. Drainage ditch to enable water to reach pump-house."

Mr. Oliver asked the commissioner of works the following questions also: "1. What amounts of moneys were paid during the fiscal year 1907-8 to C. W. Gamble, and for what service in each case?" "2. What amount of moneys were paid to C. W. Gamble during the six months ending December 31st, 1908, and for what purpose in each case?" "3. Yes." "4. No." "5. No." "6. The authority of the executive council, based on a report from the Inspector of dykes." "7. Answered by question 6." "8. Answered by question 6." "9. Answered by question 6." "10. Answered by question 6." "11. Answered by question 6." "12. Answered by question 6." "13. Answered by question 6." "14. Answered by question 6." "15. Answered by question 6." "16. Answered by question 6." "17. Answered by question 6." "18. Answered by question 6." "19. Answered by question 6." "20. Answered by question 6." "21. Answered by question 6." "22. Answered by question 6." "23. Answered by question 6." "24. Answered by question 6." "25. 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DISMANTLING ROCK CRUSHER

OBJECTIONS RAISED TO WORK ON SUNDAY

Explanation at City Council— School Board Submits Estimates.

Aldermen Fullerton and Henderson at Monday night's council meeting took strong objection to the action of Ald. Turner in allowing the Vancouver-Portland Cement Company, Tod Inlet, the use of the city's rock crusher during the time the company is waiting for a part from Montreal, and the two aldermen took stronger exception to the fact that Ald. Turner had authorized the setting up of the machine by workmen on Sunday.

When the matter came before the council through a letter from Mr. Westcott, superintendent of the Spring Street Methodist school, in which a protest was framed against the crusher being moved on Sunday, Ald. Henderson said: "I would just like to know who gave the authority," and Ald. Fullerton remarked: "I think it is outrageous."

Ald. Turner was on his feet instantly explaining that he shouldered the entire blame, and told the two aldermen that he had sent a letter to the city engineer, and would be unable to get any, and would have to lay men off street work if the Tod Inlet people had not been accommodated. The company was sending to Montreal for a part of their machinery, which had broken, and mean time asked for the use of a portion of the city's crusher. He had consulted with the engineer as to the best course to follow, and Ald. Henderson said he did not like to see the rock crusher sent to Tod Creek while Simcoe street needed it.

Ald. Fullerton said he was tired of things of the kind as the aldermen were blamed by the ratapayers. Mayor Hall told the council he had explained to the Sunday school superintendent over the telephone on Sunday night when that individual had rung him up. The men would have to be laid off work if a few of the Tod Inlet employees had not been allowed to come in and dismantle the crusher. Ald. McKewen said from Ald. Turner's explanation it was apparent he was dealing in the best interests of the city. No one was to blame in the matter at all, and no one should be condemned. It had been explained that the men working on Sunday were not city employees, and several gangs of men would have had to be suspended in the city this week if the company had not been accommodated.

Ald. Henderson and Fullerton hoped the contract which the city is calling for cement would have all precautionary measures contained in it when let. Ald. Collins on behalf of the P. F. fair wrote inviting the citizens of Victoria to attend the fair on a day to be set aside as Victoria Day. June 15th being named as the day desired. Ald. McKewen was informed that the invitation is accepted, and a committee will later be appointed to work in conjunction with the Seattle committee. Special entertainment and ceremonies are expected to be planned.

School Estimates. The secretary of the school board wrote that the school estimates for the year would amount to \$110,200. The matter will be taken up with the estimates. The streets, bridges and sewers committee will receive for favorable consideration the resolution of the parks board to the council that five tons of salt be purchased for weed extermination on boulevards.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's hospital asked that they be exempted from water and property taxes. The request was referred to the finance committee and the water commissioner. The Victoria Trades and Labor Council wrote enclosing a list of conditions to govern employees on municipal work. It was asked that favorable consideration be given the matter and the legislative committee will take it up later.

Rev. A. E. Roberts, secretary of the Victoria Ministerial Association, wrote asking that the city enact the Sunday closing of stores by law, and thereby carry out the wishes of the people as stated in the referendum. The latter was referred to the health and morals committee. The B. C. Electric Company notified the council that they intend to continue the double tracking on Fort street from a point between Vancouver and Cook streets to Fernwood road.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council intends to pave the causeway in sixty days, and that the company be asked to have the rails on hand. The company will also be informed of the city's intention to pave Douglas street from Yates to Pisgah streets during the summer. Paving of Belleville Street. Ald. Stewart referred to the paving of Belleville street suggesting that an experiment be made with brick as the paving material. It will be subject to very heavy traffic before the city is ready to pave the street. This will be done.

Pemberton & Sons informed the council that a main on Fou, Bay road had two dead ends. He asked that connections be effected. The matter will be taken up by the water commissioners. M. C. Frank, secretary of the W. C. T. U. Mission, asked that the council continue the monthly donation of \$25. The request will have the attention of the finance committee. John Staples offered the council advice on the employment of day labor, the allowance for publicity purposes, and touched on schools and the Fifth Regiment "blacklegs" and gamblers. The letter was received and filed. Elizabeth Cole complained of dairy cows on the public streets and asked for the protection of the council. She was informed, on the motion of Ald. Fullerton, that the council is consider-

ing a by-law to cope with the objection.

Tenders Received. An amusing and highly patriotic communication from H. Stadhagen on Victoria the "Beautiful and the Princess Charlotte" was, on the motion of Ald. Turner, referred to Ald. Bishop and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy amid laughter.

The sanitary inspector reported that the nuisances reported to him from the last council had been attended to. Ald. Stewart drew the attention of the council to a drain on Douglas street.

Ald. Ross told the council the city would have to face a case of damages if it were not attended to. L. J. Seymour, clerk of the police court, applied for an increase in salary. The letter was referred to the police commissioners for report.

The Victoria Publishing & Printing Company tendered \$1.28 per page for printing 150 copies of the annual municipal report. The tender was referred to the finance committee. Tenders were received for veterinary services from C. M. Richards, \$20 per month, and from H. A. Brown, \$380 per annum, to include drugs. Dr. Hamilton, who has hitherto done the city's work, wrote the council as follows: "Gentlemen,—I notice that you have invited tenders, as per advertisement in the Colonist and Times, for the construction veterinary work."

"I regret to inform you that the code of professional etiquette of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, of which I have the honor to be a member, will not allow me to so tender my services. Such a course, I may say, would be condemned most strongly by the authorities of the college, and would also jeopardize my professional standing and expose me to the most severe censure, and very possibly result in the erasure of my name from the official register of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. "Under the circumstances, I feel sure you will excuse my committing the grave mistake of thus entering into open competition. "In conclusion, I may say that my professional services will always be at the disposal of your honorable body. The fire wardens will receive the tenders for report.

FROM SECTION HAND TO RAILWAY PRESIDENT

Romance of Success in Career of William C. Brown.

New York, Feb. 1.—William C. Brown, who began his railroad career five years ago as a section hand of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at \$1 a day, to-day became president of the great system of railroads of which the New York Central is the chief line. Mr. Brown was formerly vice-president of the New York Central and was elected to the presidency on January 6th to succeed Wm. H. Newman. He stepped into his new office to-day without inaugurating any changes affecting the personnel of the road, owing to his recent announcement that the New York Central will expend on improvement in the next twenty years a sum of money equal to the original cost of the road, and because of the presence of E. H. Harriman on the board of directors, the future course of the New York Central will be watched with interest by railroad men.

LEMOINE GETS TEN YEARS. Paris, Feb. 1.—Henri Lemoine, the Frenchman, whose claims that the manufacture diamonds were mined in the courts of Paris last summer, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in default. Lemoine fled just before the final hearing of the case against him. He was being tried on charges of having secured money from an English diamond mine owner on false pretences by declaring that he was able to manufacture diamonds.

"VOICE" OF THE EARTHQUAKE. The New York Sun's correspondent at Messina, writing of the earthquake, mentions the fact: A weekly newspaper, the Telephone, of Messina, published the day before Christmas, four days before the earthquake, some satirical and sacrilegious verses in protest against the local communal fees, which were very heavy. The last verse was in the form of a prayer to the Infant Christ on Christmas Day in this sense: "O, little Child, true man, true God, for love of Thy Cross and its bearing yoke, I, though that knowest, to whom nothing is unknown, send us an earthquake as a sign."

FIVE TIMES RESPITED. Herman Billik Goes to Jail to Serve "Life" Sentence. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 1.—Herman Billik, who has five times been respited from death on the gallows during his two years' confinement in the county jail, was taken to the state penitentiary at Joliet to-day to begin a term of life imprisonment for the murder of Mary Vrsal. His death sentence having been commuted by Governor Deneen, Billik expressed confidence before his departure that he would receive complete freedom soon.

Communication of J. G. Elliott, requesting that the sewer be extended to his residence on Belmont avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the rock in question will be removed as promptly as possible. Communications of H. T. Knott and W. J. Callum, re condition of Caledonia avenue. Recommended that the street be improved between Cook and Chambers streets at a cost not to exceed \$50. Communication of J. G. Elliott, requesting that the sewer be extended to his residence on Lee avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the council regret that owing to his house being outside the sewer area of the city, it is not practicable to construct the same, but that the surface drainage of the locality will receive attention. Communication of Lee & Fraser requesting that a crossing be constructed over the boulevard in front of lot 1033 Meares street. Recommended that the request be granted, provided the owners of the lot pay the entire cost of same, the work to be done by the city, front of his property on Belmont avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the rock in question will be removed as promptly as possible.

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DIFFICULTIES MET IN CONNECTION WITH IT

Reports of Committees Presented at Last Night's Council Meeting.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) There was a large audience in the city hall last night when the question of the tenders for sand and gravel again came up for consideration upon the reading by the clerk of a letter from J. Haggerty. The writer asked for an explanation why he had been in line with the specifications his tender could not be accepted. Ald. Turner asked for an explanation, and also desired to know why a letter written to the council in time to be read at the last meeting was not read. The letter was that of H. E. Hicks on the gravel tenders, which appeared in the Times during last week.

Mayor Hall replied to Ald. Turner showing that a clerical error had been the cause of the letter having been laid aside and not read. The error was not intentional, but entirely accidental. The question of Mr. Hicks being a "straw man" was then gone over again, and a long discussion followed. Ald. Henderson thought it decidedly unfair that Mr. Hicks should have been called a "straw man" while his letter was in the hands of the city. He declared Hicks' tender was the lowest, but Ald. Stewart rose to his feet and pointed out that Ald. Henderson would find on a close comparison of the figures that the Hicks' tender would cost the city \$3,000 more than one of the others.

The mayor and the city engineer will take the matter up and report back to the council again. Report of Street Committee. The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows: Communication of Major C. T. Dupont, calling attention to the condition of Fort street, between Stanley avenue and Oak Bay avenue. Recommended that Major Dupont be informed that the work of constructing the proposed new cement sidewalk will be commenced at once, and that the council have under consideration a proposition for the paving of Fort street from the junction of Yates and Fort street to Mount Toimie road. Communication of Crease & Crease and Messrs. Beaven Bros et al. re road left on Davis street, and also requesting that the roadway be improved. Recommended that the writers be informed that the street is to be graded as a work of local improvement, and that the work will be undertaken as soon as the weather is favorable to allow of the work being carried on in the most economical manner.

Communication of A. F. Preston, asking that the cement sidewalk which is to be laid on Fort street be continued on to his lot which fronts on Mount Toimie road. Recommended that the request be granted provided the owner of said lot pays to the city, in cash, the total amount cost of the work. Communications of Hon. Mr. Justice Irving and James McArthur, complaining of the condition of the crossing of Cook street from Fort street southerly. Recommended that the writers be informed that the city engineer has received instructions to have the crossing cleaned off. Petition of E. M. Haynes for the extension of the sewer on Linden avenue between Fairfield road and Richardson street. Recommended that the writer be informed that the sewer will be constructed before the improvement of the portion of said avenue referred to is commenced.

Thomas J. Ross re surface water Richardson street, between Vancouver and Cook streets. Recommended that a surface water pipe drain be laid on said street at an estimated cost of \$650. C. J. Brayshaw re condition of Fairfield road. Recommended that the writer be informed that the matter of his complaint will receive attention. Communication of J. Kennedy re piling of sand and gravel close to his fence on Lanford street, and asking that a sidewalk be constructed. Recommended that the writer be informed that the material complained of will be removed in the near future, and that his request for the sidewalk has been granted. Estimated cost \$42. Communication of D. Zarelli asking for a plank walk on the west side of Chambers street from Johnson street northerly. Recommended that this walk be laid. Communication of Mrs. Frances A. Walker re condition of Delta street. Recommended that Mrs. Walker be informed that the improvement of this street is included in a local improvement proposition, and that so far the foundation has only been laid, but that as soon as the rock crusher is available the work will be completed. Communication of B. C. Michael, clerk of Saanich municipality, re surface water on Alpha and Toimie avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that this district is included in the main surface drainage scheme of the city, for which funds are available, and that the work will be proceeded with as soon as weather conditions are favorable for carrying on the work. Communication of A. C. McCallum et al. complaining of the state of Foul Bay road, between Fairfield road and Crescent road. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that the council will undertake the improvement of this road as a work of local improvement, on condition that the owners of property interested assume 45ths of the total cost of the work. Communication of S. Perry Mills, com-

plaining of rock belonging to the corporation being piled in front of his property on Belmont avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the rock in question will be removed as promptly as possible. Communications of H. T. Knott and W. J. Callum, re condition of Caledonia avenue. Recommended that the street be improved between Cook and Chambers streets at a cost not to exceed \$50. Communication of J. G. Elliott, requesting that the sewer be extended to his residence on Lee avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the council regret that owing to his house being outside the sewer area of the city, it is not practicable to construct the same, but that the surface drainage of the locality will receive attention. Communication of Lee & Fraser requesting that a crossing be constructed over the boulevard in front of lot 1033 Meares street. Recommended that the request be granted, provided the owners of the lot pay the entire cost of same, the work to be done by the city, front of his property on Belmont avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the rock in question will be removed as promptly as possible.

STREET PAVING AROUND EMPRESS

PLANS PASSED UPON BY CITY COUNCIL

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**American Customs Regulations Lead to Retaliation by European Nation.**

Paris, Feb. 3.—The American Chamber of Commerce in Paris is deeply concerned by the report of the parliamentary committee which was appointed to prepare a plan for the revision of duties, as it has found that the new schedule proposed will be a great blow to American exports to France.

Under these schedules the maximum duties on American products imported into France have been increased on an average of 20 per cent, whereas the maximum rates under which the products of European countries are imported are increased only 5 per cent.

**RESCUED BY PILOT FROM HUNTER'S ISLAND**

**Fred Beaven of This City One of Party From Wrecked Launch.**

Tug Pilot, of the Greer, Courtney & Moore Company, arrived from Alaska with the barge Oregon in tow, the same being picked up by the Wanderer on Wednesday and taken on to Tacoma. The Oregon was laden with gypsum, which the local firm has been moving regularly of late for the shippers.

**WEAK, SICKLY PEOPLE Will Find New Strength Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.**

A great many young men and women are suddenly seized with weakness. Their appetite fails them; they tire on the least exertion, and become pale and thin. They do not feel any specific pain—just weakness. But that weakness is dangerous. It is a sign that the blood is thin and watery; that it needs building up. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will restore lost strength because they actually make new, rich blood—they will help you. Concerning them Mr. Alfred Lepage, St. Jerome, Que., says: "For several years I have been employed in a grocery and up to the age of seventeen I had always enjoyed the best of health. But suddenly my strength began to leave me; I grew pale, thin and extremely weak. Our family doctor ordered a complete rest and advised me to remain out of doors as much as possible, so I went to spend several weeks with an uncle who lived in the Laurentides. I was in the hope that the bracing mountain air would help me, but it didn't, and I returned home in a deplorable state. I was subject to dizziness, indigestion and general weakness. One day I read of a case very similar to my own cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to give them a trial. After taking four boxes of the pills I felt greatly improved, so continued their use for some time longer and they fully cured me. I am now able to go about my work as well as ever I did and have nothing but the greatest praise for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

**NEGRO ROUND UP.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—More than 200 negroes have been arrested in an effort by the police department to reduce the Herring Hill residence section of the city to the last few weeks numerous attacks have been made by negroes upon young women and girls, each of which has been reported, but the offenders invariably escaped.

**MUST IMPORT LABOR.**

Honolulu, Feb. 3.—The planters of the Hawaiian Islands are arranging to bring laborers here from Porto Rico to supply the demand caused by the stoppage of Japanese immigration.

**SHIPPING TIED UP AT COLON.**

Colon, Feb. 2.—A heavy northern wind has been blowing here since yesterday, compelling all the steamers in port to leave their docks and anchor in the roadstead. The Panama railroad steamer Colon arrived here yesterday from New York, and anchored in the roadstead, but owing to the high seas running she has not yet had communication with the shore. The French, the Royal Mail and all other liners are delayed. The Oceanic with more than 800 tourists on board is due to-morrow but her passengers will not be able to land unless the weather moderates.

**INDIVIDUAL GAS PLANTS ARE POPULAR**

**The Monarch Carburetor Machine is Being Made in This City.**

W. C. Wilson, of this city, is finding a ready sale for the Monarch Carburetor air gas machine, for which he is the agent.

This machine produces a clean gas for lighting. It gives a clean white light without the inconvenience of having lamps to clean. Among its advantages is the fact that it makes gas for cooking without fires to kindle, or the inconvenience of dirt from coal or wood.

By the use of the Monarch machine the cost for cooking and lighting in an ordinary home of six rooms rarely exceeds \$1.50 to \$2 per month. There is no generating. The gas lights instantly at the touch of a match. The machine is perfectly simple, requiring only the occasional winding of the weight and filling of the reservoir. In other words, it is claimed an independent gas plant, is provided at one-quarter the cost of electricity, one-third the cost of kerosene, one-third the cost of gas and one-quarter the cost of acetylene gas.

Cooking by gas is fast becoming an indispensable necessity and the housewife who has once adopted it can never be induced to return to the inconvenience and dust occasioned by the use of coal or wood.

The convenience of the machine for heating water for baths and other domestic purposes is inestimable.

The gasoline is usually placed on a tank underground thirty feet or more from the building, so that there is not a drop inside the house. The air pump which is operated by a weight or a small water motor, if water pressure is available, is placed in the basement or in some convenient place outside the house. It pumps air automatically from the outside pit, which passes through the carburetor and provides a gas of about fifteen per cent gasoline vapor and eighty-five per cent air.

The gas is conducted where desired through piping and other fixtures in the usual manner. The benefits obtained are the same as are to be had from the use of ordinary gas.

There is absolutely no waste in the operation of the Monarch machine. It runs as well on one light as many and gives the same service whether there is much or little oil in the storage tank. It is a cold process and requires no generating or heating of burners. It gives forth no odor and makes no noise while burning. Gasoline gas does not harm plants and there is no danger of asphyxiation. The rate of insurance is not affected by the use of this machine. Every machine is thoroughly tested at the factory and is guaranteed.

The machine can be installed anywhere in home, church, store, office, building or hall. From one of the large storage machines piping can be extended to apartments, buildings or an entire neighborhood, and metres placed to measure the amount of gas consumed.

Two styles of machines are made—the storage machine, adapted for use in private homes and for light commercial work. This machine is now being manufactured at 831 Fisguard street, Victoria.

**COMPULSORY WIRELESS.**

U. S. Government Seeking to Rush Through Bill to Safeguard Merchant Marine.

**FIRE AT CAPITOL.**

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Fire in the basement of the capitol this afternoon lit the corridors with dense smoke and caused considerable excitement in various departments. The loss was slight.

**CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-RACE BILL.**

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 3.—The final vote in the Walker-Otis anti-race bill will be taken in the senate to-morrow morning, having been made a special order by that body. Consideration of the measure was to have been taken to-day with a view of finally disposing of it, but Senator Walker, who introduced the bill, agreed to wait another twenty-four hours.

**HARRIMAN'S NEW HONORS.**

New York, Feb. 3.—E. H. Harriman was today elected a member of the board of directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway and the Michigan Central railroad. In each case he succeeded, Samuel Barger, who has resigned.

**TURKEY AND BULGARIA.**

Constantinople, Feb. 3.—The Russian embassy has communicated to the Porte, M. Trevisky's financial plan for the settlement with Bulgaria. This plan has been submitted to the council of ministers for consideration.

**TRAVELLER IS IN TROUBLE WITH FIRM**

**Julius H. Frank Alleged to Be Short in Accounts With Simon Leiser & Co.**

Julius H. Frank, a commercial traveller in the employ of Simon Leiser & Co., was arrested at his residence, Davis street, Wednesday by Detective Clayards, charged with fraudulently appropriating sums amounting to \$2,268.86 on the information of Herbert Macklin, joint manager of Simon Leiser & Co.

The warrant sets out eleven charges against accused, that in September last he collected for the firm the following sums which he failed to turn into the office: From A. Beget, Nanaimo, \$43.25; Louis Teslin, Extension, \$589.19; S. Zinck, Ladysmith, \$38.50; Marochie Bros., Cumberland, \$202.44; A. Labloux, Wellington, \$16.85; W. Hogan, Nanaimo, \$85.31; George Rosewall, Nanaimo, \$44.70; Wing Fong, Nanaimo, \$30; D. Hardy, Nanaimo, \$37.37; Frase & Bishop, Union Bay, \$59.25; Sing Kee Jan & Co., Union Bay, \$100, of which he paid into the firm \$58.02.

**PRaise for Heroes of NANTUCKET DISASTER**

Resolutions commending the skill and bravery of the officers and crews of the White Star liners Republic and Baltic, during the recent mishap in which the Republic was lost, were passed by the board of directors of the International Mercantile Marine Company. Copies have been received by T. H. Larke, of Seattle, North Pacific coast passenger agent.

**WEEKLY REVIEW OF CHARTER MARKET**

Closing of Grain Season Has Depressing Influence on Rates.

The grain season on the coast is ended, and it is almost impossible for vessels to get anything in the way of a grain charter, says the San Francisco Commercial News. The last fixture was on 1st, and at the present time offers of tonnage at 15s 3d have been turned down by shippers. It is not thought that the floods have done irreparable damage to the crops in the central part of this state; in fact, with favorable weather during the remainder of the season an increased yield may be looked for. The disengaged tonnage on the coast has decreased slightly during the week, but is still unwieldy enough to depress rates. In lumber chartering the only fixtures of importance have been the British ship Marion Inglis to load on the Sound for Chimbote Peru at 25s 9d. The Norwegian steamer Henrik Ibsen to load at this port and Eureka for Sydney and Melbourne at 32s, the Norwegian steamer Elir to load on the Sound for the West Coast on time charter, and the barkentine John C. Meyer to load on Grays or Willapa harbor for Sydney at 30s, and barkentine Amazon to load on Puget Sound for Sydney at 28s 9d.

**SALUTARY MARRIAGE LAW.**

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3.—A bill requiring that applicants for marriage licenses be provided with a certificate of good health from a licensed physician passed the senate yesterday.

**MONSTER CONVENTION OF EDUCATIONALISTS**

**Victoria Will Be Meeting Place of Dominion Association This Year.**

In July of this year a monster convention of all the educational bodies of the Dominion will meet in Victoria for a period of one week when educational matters of moment to each province and the whole Dominion will be taken up and dealt with. There will be in the neighborhood of seven hundred delegates all told who will come from all parts of British Columbia, Alberta and the Eastern provinces. British Columbia will be well represented, while a large number will be from Alberta, and the remainder from the East. Among them will be Dr. J. L. Hughes, the prominent educationalist of Toronto, and Prof. Robertson, of the McDonald Institute, Bellevue, Quebec. Each of these will deliver addresses of importance, besides which many other men prominent in the educational work of the Dominion will be heard.

The Eastern delegates are expected to travel across the continent to the west in special cars, in which a number of them will remain throughout the week of their visit. They will sleep and board on the cars but many will doubtless prefer a change after the long journey. A local committee will take up the matter at once and formulate preparations for the reception of the visiting delegates. A programme of entertainment will be prepared and as a means of giving the visitors a warm reception and making their stay here enjoyable and instructive a visit to the fish traps at Sooke will be inserted in the programme in addition to many other features.

The convention will be under the auspices of the Dominion Educational Association, and the seven hundred delegates are expected to arrive in cars switched onto the lines of the C. P. R. or the Great Northern and travel down to Seattle to take in the A. Y. P. fair.

In view of this big gathering of the educational bodies of the Dominion all the provincial institutes have called off their meetings for this year and will combine in the one convention.

**TANG SHAI YI IN LONDON.**

London, Feb. 3.—Tang Shai Yu, the commissioner of the Chinese government who is on his way around the world, and who arrived here recently from the United States, paid his first visit to the foreign office yesterday afternoon, and was received by Foreign Secretary Grey. The call was not made in the official capacity of commissioner, as Tang Shai Yi has not yet received his exact instructions from the new administration in China.

**Fruit Juices Clear the Skin.**

The skin mirrors faithfully the state of the blood, and the blood shows how well—or how badly—the liver, bowels, kidneys and the millions of tiny glands in the skin are doing their work. If these organs are not properly clearing out the waste matter, the blood will be poisoned, and the skin "muddy" and sprinkled with pimples.

Plenty of ripe fruit helps more than any other food to end this condition, but even more effective, as well as less expensive, are "Fruit-a-tives." These are little tablets of concentrated fruit juices, combined in such a way as to many times increase their action on those organs that eliminate impurities.

One or two "Fruit-a-tives" a day will keep the blood pure and give the skin the clear glow of health. 25c for trial size box—50c for regular size—\$ for \$2.50. Dealers everywhere should have a supply. If you are unable to obtain "Fruit-a-tives" in your neighborhood, they will be sent on receipt of price. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

**CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Men Who Will Represent Canada at International Congress.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Canada's representatives to the International Congress on the conservation of the natural resources of the continent to be held at Washington two weeks hence, will be the Hon. Sydney Fisher, the Hon. Clifford Sifton and Mr. Beland, M. P. The secretary of the Canadian section of the congress will be R. E. Young, of the Dominion land branch interior department.

**CONCERT AT GARRISON.**

A Delightful Programme Given at Work Point Barracks Tuesday.

The Garrison Concert Club gave a most enjoyable entertainment at Work Point barracks on Tuesday. The programme was a long one, but the talent displayed was above the general average. Some of the comic selections were of a very high order.

The programme was as follows: Overture—"Observatory".....Orchestra Song—"Hungarian Love Song".....Sergt. Eastick Recitation—"Shemus O'Brien".....Corpl. Cooney Comic Song—"Let Me Sing".....Mlle. Carmen Monologue—"Shamooa da Sullivan"....."Silver Silvers".....Sapper Johnson Selection—"Message of Violets".....Sergt. Ghilan Word dance.....Capt. Macdonald Selection—"After All".....Orchestra Sketch—"One Night in a Bar Room".....Sergt. Rondeau & Co. Song—"Three For Jack".....Sapper Iden Selection—"Astoroth" with skirt dance.....T. H. Larke & Co. Orchestra Song—"A Different Girl Again".....Gr. Garrod Serio-comic—"Rose of Persia".....Sapper Johnson Monologue—"The Labor Question".....Sapper Johnson Selection—"Sounds From the Valley".....Orchestra Comic Song—"She Sells Sea Shells".....Sergt. Eastick Song—"Song of the Bow".....Sapper Rondeau & Co. Serio-comic—"Coster's Nightingale".....Sergt. Askey "God Save the King."

**WASHINGTON PASSES ANTI-GAMBLING LAW**

Olympia, Wn., Feb. 3.—The anti-race track gambling bill passed the senate to-day. The bill passed the House last week. The bill makes pool selling, bookmaking or conducting places where bets are made on horse races a felony and provides that possession of gambling paraphernalia is prima facie evidence of a violation of the act.

**ANTI-ORIENTAL DEBATE AT SACRAMENTO**

**Drew Bill Attracts Large Crowd to Assembly Hall.**

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 3.—As the four hour hearing of the Drew and Allenland bill approached this morning the assembly galleries became crowded with auditors. Many members gave seats on the floor to their wives and friends. The early hours of the morning session were occupied by regular business, but there was a current of excitement over the coming debate on the question. Assemblyman Richard Moore, of Anaheim, completed early in the day his compilation of statistics to be used in his speech opposing the Drew bill. He had with him a mass of figures showing the value of property owned by aliens in California and numerous suggestions made by Senator Stanton and other House leaders.

**BUYS KENTUCKY HORSES.**

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 3.—Donato Andrade, of Brazil, yesterday purchased two stallions and one mare, representing the cream of the Bourbon King and Denmark families for \$5,000. If the experiments by Andrade prove successful, the Brazilian government will buy more horses here and establish a big breeding plant of its own.

**KING RECEIVES MR. FIELDING.**

London, Feb. 3.—Hon. Mr. Fielding was received in private audience by the King at Buckingham Palace. The Minister of Education is expected to return on the Allan liner Tunisian on Friday.

**You cannot possibly have a better Cocoa than**

**EPPS'S** A delicious drink and a sustaining food. Fragrant, nutritious and economical. This excellent Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.

**COCOA** Sold by Grocers and Storekeepers in 1/2-lb. and 1-lb. Tins.

**AUTHOR'S SUICIDE.**

No Explanation For Rash Act of J. G. Speed.

Meadhan, N. J., Feb. 2.—John Gilmer Speed, the author and journalist, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head while in his bedroom in the Phoenix House here to-day. He left no explanation of his act. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Dudley Gray, of Morristown. Mr. Speed was a grand-nephew of Keats, the poet.

**PROTEST AGAINST FRANCHISE LAWS**

**Public Meeting Passes Resolutions and Appoints Committee.**

There was a rather small attendance in the council chamber of the city hall Tuesday for the purpose of protesting against the action of the legislature in disenfranchising the women householders and the old men. Much interest was taken in the proceedings, and those present showed by the applause given the speakers that they were in earnest in this matter.

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order soon after 8 o'clock. While registering the presence of the speakers, he said they were an influential few. Personally, the mayor said, he was in favor of equal suffrage. He had to leave to attend a meeting of the health and morals committee of the city council, so A. J. Clyde was called to the chair until his return.

Bishop Perrin, on being called upon, read the following resolution: "Whereas the women householders of this city, and province, have enjoyed the privilege of the school and municipal suffrage for many years; and whereas the legislature of British Columbia at the last session of parliament disfranchised all women householders in the municipal election act; and whereas the women householders have great interest at stake in the municipal elections as the male householders, and sex distinction in municipal franchise is neither just nor right to the individual nor in the best interests of the municipality:

"Therefore be it resolved that this meeting appoint a committee to wait upon the premier and the attorney-general and respectfully ask that the Municipal Election Act be amended so that women householders shall be given the municipal suffrage on the same condition as male householders."

In speaking to the resolution Bishop Perrin mentioned the poor way in which the meeting had been advertised. He felt that the premier would recognize the disability under which they labored. Any female holding property was allowed to vote. Those not holding property, however, were not allowed to vote. A man may pay a tax and vote, but a woman may not vote even though she is willing to pay. His lordship thought that any lady over fifty years of age who was willing to declare her age should have an opportunity to vote.

The women of British Columbia had not made their cause so prominent as in the Old Country. When in England he saw a woman roughly handled, and it brought tears to his eyes. He believed the women should work quietly and calmly towards getting their votes. In the question of local option especially women should have a chance to vote. The Bishop said he certainly could not understand the position of the thousands of men who voted in favor of keeping stores open on Sundays. When a woman had presided over the greatest Empire in the world, as the late Queen Victoria had done, and done so well, even at an early age, he could not see why the women of this country should not have a voice in the affairs of the country.

**ART AMONG PUPILS.**

Specimens Sent From Victoria to Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition.

Miss L. M. Mills, A. R. D. S., art teacher of the city schools, recently sent a number of designs and pictures done by her pupils to the Royal Drawing Society's exhibition at Westminster, London.

Miss Phyllis Wollastop contributed two beautiful designs for finger plates, taking as subjects the native black lily and poppy heads, while Percy Salmon used wild rooseberries as a design for linen damask.

George Corkill, sent two designs, one of a chestnut burr, the other a still life. The designs were sent by Archie Wood (eleven years old), Thelma Dumbleton, Sheila Dumbleton, Helen Richardson, Doris Holmes, Lillian Holden, Elsie Taylor, Maie Bailey and Eric Drury. The many friends of the pupils will look eagerly for the results of the competition.

**FLEE IN NIGHT ATTIRE FROM BLAZING HOTEL**

Fifty Guests Have Narrow Escape—Bartender Rescued Twice.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—Fifty lives were imperiled early this morning by fire, which partially destroyed the old homestead hotel at Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburg. The sleeping guests, aroused by firemen, escaped in night attire, and three children were carried out of burning rooms by firemen. Joseph Wagner, a bartender, was overcome by smoke while aiding firemen, and was carried out unconscious. Upon being revived he went back for his overcoat, and was again overcome, but was carried out a second time and revived.

**GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE CASE.**

New York, Feb. 3.—Justice Gerard, of the Supreme court to-day, appointed John Nash as referee in the suit brought by Grace Brown Guggenheim for an absolute divorce from William Guggenheim's claim that she is still the legal wife of the defendant, despite the granting of a divorce to her in the Illinois courts in 1900. In her suit she alleged that the Illinois decision was invalid, because she was not a bona fide resident of the state at the time.

**MR. BORDEN STILL ENFORGED TELEGRAM**

Premier and Legislature Have Fought Now Famed

**DID IT EVER STRIKE YOU**

That your irritable disposition is due to kidney trouble? You get no rest by night and your work by day is too much for you. Those dull backaches, nearly distract you. No wonder then you feel irritable and out of sorts. No one whose kidneys and blood are clogged with uric acid poison could be different. The remedy is DR. ROOT'S KIDNEY AND LIVER PILLS. They will put you right in a short time. The price is within your reach, namely 25c, although worth a dollar a box. Put up in a dainty tin box, they are sold by all druggists or postpaid from DR. ROOT'S SANITARIUM, 100 Spadina Ave., Toronto. 6 boxes for \$1.25. Send for free sample.

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He then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by A. Melnick, and carried with enthusiasm.

"Whereas it has been decided that in consequence of the ambiguous phraseology of the legislature in defining the householders' qualification for municipal franchise that men over 50 years of age are disqualified, whereas a large number of most reputable citizens of this city were disfranchised at last civic elections:

"Be it resolved that in the opinion of the meeting clear representation be forthwith made to the provincial government calling upon it to pass proper remedial legislation to correct the said act of injustice."

Mr. Mayne Morley looked upon the action against the old men as the greatest insult which would react against the movers therein. In 1906 and 1907 there was an unanimous vote taken on the matter of adult suffrage. It is a pity that it is possible to frame any act which could not be twisted. He believed in adult suffrage for both men and women.

**TAFI TO BE MADE A MASON-AT-SIGHT**

Rare and High Honor for Next President of U.S.A.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2.—The grand master of the Ohio Masons, Charles S. Hoskinson, of Zanesville, has tendered to William Howard Taft, president-elect of the United States, the rare and high honor of being a Mason-at-sight.

Judge Taft has accepted and will return to Cincinnati on Thursday, February 18th, when the grand master will confer the distinguished company of Masons in the Scottish Rite cathedral and exercise the high prerogative which belongs only to a grand master of Masons. This honor is so rarely conferred that there is but a single instance of it on record in the hundred years of the history of Masonry in Ohio, when in 1892, S. A. Bushnell, of Springfield, was made a Mason-at-sight. Some months ago, in fact, before Judge Taft's nomination for the presidency, a desire to become a Mason was expressed by him to Past Grand Master Wm. B. Mellish and Secretary Jacob H. Brownwell, who, with Past Grand Master Levi C. Goodale, undertook in a petition to Grand Master Hoskinson to honor Judge Taft by making him a Mason-at-sight.

**U. S. HATTERS' STRIKE.**

Manufacturers to Offer Situations to Operatives as Individuals.

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With regard to the meeting, South Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 2.—A meeting of the striking hatters here has been called for this afternoon to discuss the manufacturers' statement issued in New York to-day.

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**MANITOBA'S**

Winnipeg, Man., a section of the Manitoba will be presented Judge for the eastern judicial district.



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