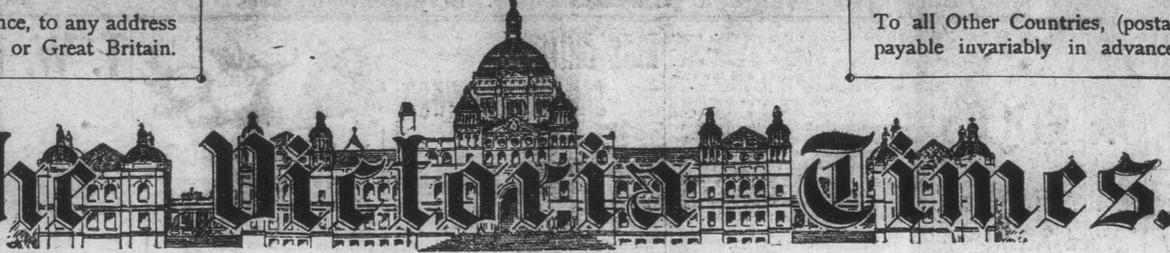


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GOAL MEASURES OF THE TELKWA

REPORT BY EXPERT OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

W. W. Leach Urges Systematic and Careful Prospecting in Advance of Regular Mining.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

During the last year or two mining men have directed their attention to a considerable degree to the mineral discoveries in what is known as the Telkwa country, a region in the north coast section of British Columbia, which is believed to share with many other districts an abundant measure of rich resources. This is particularly true of the coal exposures upon the development of which a considerable amount of money is being expended. Readers of the Times, therefore, will be interested in the following extract from a preliminary report by W. W. Leach of the geological survey: He says:

The problem of delimiting the coal areas in this district is one of extreme difficulty. The exceedingly soft nature of the coal-bearing rocks and their consequent failure to resist erosion has resulted in their removal everywhere from the higher ridges, only a few isolated patches remaining in the valleys. The total thickness of the coal formation being small, probably not in excess of 300 feet, and the folding and faulting being considerable, it is probable that even in the lower valleys the volcanic rocks occupy a large extent of the area, the coal beds having been removed by denudation; this is proved to a certain extent by colonic outcroppings in various places in the valleys of Goat creek, Mud creek and the Telkwa river, usually brought out by the action of faulting, but in several instances cropping along the axis of a denuded anticline.

The only natural exposures are to be found in the creek bottoms in the few places where the cut banks show out the wide terraced valleys. Away from the creeks no exposures need be looked for until the higher ridges are reached, and these are in all cases composed of much less in slacks; it is, however, apparently not suited for the manufacture of coke.

The strata here are dipping irregularly at low angles and show several small faults.

A short distance above these openings, in a high cut bank, what are probably the same beds are seen but, in this case, it appears that the two upper seams have been buried leaving in their place thin beds of ash and slaty material—and coloring the neighboring shales a brick red. A fourth seam overlying the others crops at the top of the cut bank; it shows about two feet of coal, but no regular roof was seen, the present overlying material being the gravel wash of the terrace. It does not seem probable that the burning extends to any large area here as there is no further sign of it higher up the creek, although a couple of miles down Goat Creek a similar occurrence was noted.

Several other small coal exposures were seen on the property of this company farther down Goat creek, but no other work of any extent has been done.

No to the north and west of this property a number of locations are held by the Kitimat Development Syndicate. No work has been done beyond merely surface stripping at various places. On Mud creek, a branch of Goat creek, the Telkwa river a few miles above the mouth of Goat creek, the coal has been exposed by the action of the streams; several good seams are uncovered of a nature very similar to those of the Cassiar Company, but in all cases are subject to faulting as elsewhere in the field.

The coal lands of the Transcontinental Development Syndicate are situated on Goat creek above those of the Cassiar Company. During the past season two prospecting tunnels have been driven and a shaft sunk with a view of proving the number, size and continuity of the seams at this point. At the time of the writer's visit No. 1 tunnel had been driven a distance of eighty-five feet across the strike of the measures, the strata here dipping at about thirty degrees. Three

seams had been cut in ascending order four feet, three feet three inches and four feet respectively in thickness.

No. 2 tunnel, seventy-six feet in length, also cross-cutting, had passed through two seams, the lower six feet of the upper four feet being. The roof of the six foot seam is missing, a fault having cut through the seam here, but it is probable that this is the same bed which has been shown up in a natural creek where about ten feet of coal is in sight.

No. 2 tunnel cuts the strata at a slightly higher horizon than No. 1, and it is possible that other seams exist between the end of No. 1 and the entrance to No. 2.

Near the entry to No. 1 tunnel a shaft had been sunk to a depth of twenty-three feet to prospect the strata at a lower horizon than could be reached by the tunnels, but no coal had been found.

The coal measures at this point being nearer to the later eruptive areas are more highly flexed than those farther down Goat creek, evidences of faulting are abundant and the basin has been removed to a great extent. Although in all probability the same seams are represented here as those mentioned before on the Cassiar Company's land the character of the coal is entirely different.

This coal is firm and bright and may be classed as a semi-anthracite and should make most excellent fuel of its class.

As has already been mentioned, on the nearer approach to the newer eruptive areas the older rocks, including the coal beds, have been highly disturbed and the resultant heat and pressure have had a marked effect on the coal, altering it from a bituminous to a semi-anthracite; it must be expected, however, that more difficulties will be met with in mining due to the probable greater frequency of faulting and increased intensity of the folding.

Similar conditions, probably if anything intensified, prevail at the property of the Telkwa Mining, Milling and Developing Company, situated on Coal creek, a small stream running into Goldstream, one of the headwaters of the Morrice river, and not far from the head of the south fork of the Telkwa river; here a number of seams have been obtained from this coal. The disconnected nature of the work done, with the disturbed condition of the strata, renders it almost impossible to be sure of the relative positions of the seams and whether several of the openings are on the same or different seams. It is fairly certain, however, that the coal is of a workable quality, and has been uncovered; in descending order these have the following respective thickness: Four feet two inches, four and one-half feet, four feet and seven feet three inches. No analyses have yet been obtained from this coal, but in general appearance it bears a strong resemblance to that from the Transcontinental syndicate's property; if anything even more anthracite in nature.

Where these seams have been uncovered the area of coal-bearing rocks is very narrow, probably not more than a few hundred feet in width. It appears to lie on the line and on the downthrow side of a great fault and represents a small remnant of a once great coal field now mostly removed by erosion; it is probable, however, that to the southeast in the main valley of Goldstream much wider belt of coal land will be found to exist.

With regard to this field as a whole it may be said that wherever the coal formation has been exposed faults were seen, not as a rule, of any great size but in such numbers as to be a serious obstacle to the carrying out of mining operations. The coal has also been cut by numerous dikes and nearly everywhere is somewhat severely flexed. These facts, taken in connection with the uncertain extent of the second area, seem to render it imperative that systematic and careful prospecting should be undertaken, well in advance of regular mining. Some method of boring could possibly be utilized to reveal the extension of the nature of the strata underlying the great gravel deposits of the terraces; until something of this sort is done it will be impossible to define the limits of the several coal areas. It is possible that in certain cases mining could be successfully carried on by stripping the overlying gravel and shales from the coal, where not of too great depth, a method that has been somewhat extensively utilized in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania.

THREE-YEAR-OLD SMOKER. Boy Reported to Have Used Pipe Since He Was Eighteen Months Old.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Lowell, Mass., says officers of the Lowell Humane Society exist a 3-year-old child, who was a confirmed smoker, and has used daily a corncob pipe since he was 18 months old. The child is Andre, the son of Albert Beaulieu, Mrs. Beaulieu who is 18 years old, said she did not know tobacco would hurt the child.

HOCKEY PLAYER HURT.

New York, Dec. 15.—Alexander Verner, a substitute forward in Princeton University hockey team, in a game last night between Princeton and the New York Athletic Club, fell during a scuffle when the tip of a stick of another player punctured his left eye. He was removed to a hospital. Doctors said that he was in grave danger of losing the eye. The score was 2 to 1 in favor of the New York Athletic Club.

CIVIC ELECTION IS NEAR AT HAND

AND FEW CANDIDATES OFFER THEMSELVES

Mayor Morley Will Run Again and Mentions Some Things Requiring Immediate Attention.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Between now and the date of the municipal election, but one month remains. According to statute the nomination day is fixed as January 14th, and the election is three days later. Despite the comparatively short time before the contest no candidates have placed themselves on record as being aspirants for office. It is well known that Mayor Morley intends to seek a second term at the head of municipal affairs, but up to date no one has definitely announced himself as an opponent to Ed. Worsnip. An impression prevails there will be opposition, but if this is the case the greatest secrecy has been maintained, and no name is mentioned.

Sometime ago it was stated that a petition was being signed to invite T. W. Paterson to run for the Mayoralty. That gentleman, however, has received no such request, and it is considered extremely doubtful if he would be found willing to acquiesce.

When asked this afternoon if he intended to stand for re-election Mayor Morley said: "Certainly, I intend running, but I do not know whether any one is going to oppose me." Asked with regard to his policy for another year's municipal work, His Worship said that he was now preparing a report, which would embrace this, but he intended making it public as near to the end of the year as possible. The Mayor also stated that the most momentous question before the council was considered by the incoming council will be that of the water supply. What his ideas are along this line, however, he did not wish to discuss, at least until the decision has been made by the court with respect to the city's rights at Goldstream. There was one thing that was necessary, he said, and that was the securing of a temporary supply to meet the demands of another summer. For this he would immediately move if elected. It would be a difficult matter to arrange, and he was not prepared to state how it should be done. Another matter which should receive the early consideration of the incoming council was that of improving the redistribution system in the city. This should be taken up before any plan looking to the permanent improvement of the water supply is considered so that it can be gotten out of the way, or nearly so, before a main is laid. In this way outside labor will not have to be secured in carrying out the different undertakings. A second question of great importance for the incoming council will be the adoption of some plan for the improvement of the city's streets.

His Worship said that one of the things to which the council has now to devote some attention is the laying out of some of the new sections of the city, which have lately been placed on the market, and which are being subdivided into lots. To bring order out of a very chaotic condition of things, he will call for a meeting of the council just prior to the regular weekly session on Monday evening, when this matter can be taken up and something done by the council when it sits later on.

In connection with election rumors the name of Ald. Hall has been mentioned, but the doctor says he has not determined what he will do.

GERMANY AND COLONIES.

The Kaiser and Chancellor Are in Complete Accord.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Emperor William lunched with Chancellor Von Buelow at the chancellery palace to-day, and the two ministers discussed the political situation brought about by the dissolution of parliament. The emperor and chancellor have been in complete accord throughout in the treatment of colonial questions, and desire to relieve the government from depending on clerical party. This, it appears, will be as much an issue at the coming elections as the question of the retention of the German colonies. The imperial government and the Vatican have got along fairly well since the beginning of the late Prince von Schlenker's chancellorship, but the Radical attitude of the counter party, and during the coming summer his yard will present a scene of considerable activity. He has prepared plans for a 160-foot tug and anticipates that he will have the building of this vessel. The parties for whom it is contemplated are resident in this city, but as no agreement has yet been signed with them, Mr. Stephens does not wish to disclose their names.

GOLD FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Canadian Bank Will Ship a Quarter of a Million.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Sovereign Bank of Canada, through its New York branch, to-day withdrew \$250,000 gold coin from the sub-treasury for shipment to South America.

EXTENDING THE WHALING INDUSTRY

FOUR NEW STATIONS WILL BE ERRECT

Licenses Have Just Been Secured For This Number by Captain Balcom.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Capt. Spratt Balcom, manager of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, returned yesterday from Ottawa, where he interviewed government officials in regard to the additional whaling stations projected by the company. Licenses for four additional stations were secured, and these will be put into operation as soon as possible. Two will be situated on Vancouver Island, one at a point not yet determined on and the other at Esperanza Inlet. The other two stations will be located, one on the Gulf and the other near Rivers Inlet. No license was granted the company for a station on Queen Charlotte Island.

The new whaling stations will be similar to the one at Sechart, and to operate them four new steamers of the Orion type will be necessary. No arrangements, however, have yet been made in connection with the building of the steamers, and it is not known whether they will be built or purchased. This is one of the many details to which the company will now devote attention and on which the captain is not yet prepared to give any information. The stations, he says, will be immediately built and in the operation of them some new methods are to be employed.

The agreement which the captain entered into with the Dominion government, whereby the steamer Orion is to be available for life-saving purposes, is only tentative, but he expects that by the time a telegraph line has been constructed to the Sechart station, as outlined in a dispatch from Ottawa a few days ago, a formal contract will be signed. The steamer Orion, which is at the disposal of the government at any time she might be needed for life-saving work, thus much having been agreed upon pending the subsequent arrangements to be entered into.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR MOTOR BOAT

LOCAL SHIPBUILDER WILL CONSTRUCT IT

Craft is Intended for Life-Saving Work and Will Have Big Power.

Following up the several important steps already taken for the better protection to be offered mariners against the dangers of this coast, the Dominion government has awarded a contract to R. F. Stephens, the well known ship-builder of this city, for the construction of an up-to-date motor boat. This craft will be of the cruiser type, built after one of Mr. Stephens' own design, and will be suitable for surf work. Her dimensions will be: Thirty-five feet long, 6 feet beam, 2.5 feet depth of hold. She will be supplied with one of Fay & Bowen's 15 horse power combination motors, and will have a speed of 14 miles an hour.

For a boat of this size it will be seen that the power to be given the little vessel will be very great, and should serve to good purpose against tide and wind when these conditions beset the steamer on duty. This kind was recommended by the commission appointed to inquire into the Valencia disaster, and its construction now, in view of other arrangements which the government has made, must be taken as an earnest of the intention of the authorities to provide adequate and efficient apparatus for the carrying out of life-saving work on this coast.

In addition to the boat in question, Mr. Stephens expects to secure the contract for the building of a surf boat to be operated by oars. He has so much work now on hand that he finds it necessary to enlarge his plant on the Gorge, and during the coming summer his yard will present a scene of considerable activity. He has prepared plans for a 160-foot tug and anticipates that he will have the building of this vessel. The parties for whom it is contemplated are resident in this city, but as no agreement has yet been signed with them, Mr. Stephens does not wish to disclose their names.

XING OSCAR IMPROVING.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 15.—King Oscar passed a good night, and his condition this morning showed considerable improvement.

LARGE SHIPS FOR MEXICAN ROUTE

WARRANTED BY THE PROSPECTS OF TRADE

Conditions for Inauguration of New Service Very Favorable—First Steamers of the Line.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"There will probably be steamers of seven or eight thousand tons on the Canadian-Mexican line," said J. H. Greer, local agent of the line, this morning. "There may be two freight steamers and a passenger steamer." Capt. T. H. Worsnip, the promoter of the line, is on his way West, and will arrive Mr. Greer said he was not in a position to state definitely what will be done or quote rates. But the large steamships, to which he referred, were necessary, he explained, to carry the big amount of freight offering. For instance, the company had one contract calling for the delivery in Mexico of 7,000,000 railway ties, to be cut by the Fraser river sawmill at Mill Bay. The steamer Thamis, of Vancouver, has taken one load of these south, but the balance will be forwarded on the steamers of the new line. In addition to this cargo Mr. Greer says that there will be considerable merchandise and coal and coke if the latter commodities are available. At present, however, they are in great demand, and the Vancouver Island mines are running at their full capacity.

Mr. Greer also announces that many inquiries are being received from merchants in the East, and also from a number of business men in this city as to the possibilities for trade. This it will be seen that the inauguration of the new line gives promise of conditions better than the most sanguine at first supposed. The company's contract with the governments, upon which they were granted Canadian and Mexican subsidies, only calls for the operation of a monthly service by steamers of not less than 3,000 tons. As against this the company feel warranted in placing on the route as early date vessels of more than double this capacity, and if three are run a more frequent service than agreed upon will be possible.

Yesterday Mr. Greer was notified that the G. T. Symons Company, of London, and South Africa, which is the name of the concern which will supply the service, will place the Crusader and Apollo on the route. These vessels are not of the size mentioned, but being convenient can start operations, making one or more trips until such time as they can be replaced. The Crusader was in the Royal Roads recently, having passed up to London, and South Africa, on a voyage from Muroran, in northern Japan, to Guaymas with a load of hard wood railway ties. She is at the latter port now discharging this cargo, and in March will initiate the service. The Crusader is a modern steamer, built five years ago by the Sunderland Shipbuilding Company for the Eskdale Steam Shipping Company (C. Smales & Son) from whom the vessel was purchased by her present owners. She is a steel screw vessel of 4,210 tons gross, with one steel deck, a steel spar deck and deep framing, 360 feet long, 48.2 feet beam and 20.5 feet deep, rated 100 A1 at Lloyd's.

The Apollo is en route to China with a cargo of lumber, shipped from Portland, Oregon, but will be here in good time for the commencement of the service. If original plans are fulfilled she will leave British Columbia about the same time as the Crusader sails north. She is a steel screw steamer of 3,751 tons built in 1896 at Furness for the Venus Steamship Company, and is 340 feet long, 47 feet beam and 27 feet deep.

BRANDON SHORT OF FUEL.

Situation Will Be Desperate If Coal Does Not Reach City Within Few Days.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 13.—The fuel situation in Brandon is more serious than ever, and to-day there is not a pound of coal to be had from any dealer in the city. A few odd cars have been arriving during the last two weeks, which the dealers have distributed to those most in need, in lots not larger than 500 pounds. This, and what wood has arrived, has kept the fires burning in homes, but to-day the supply is exhausted, and the only fuel to be secured is slabs. One dealer said to-night that there are at least 1,000 tons of coal on the way to Brandon, but no particulars can be learned as to where the fuel is or when it will be here. The fuel dealers are besieged by the people who are very badly in need of fuel. Many have absolutely nothing to burn, save the old boards and wood they can collect about their neighborhood, and within a day or two the situation will be a desperate one, unless relief comes.

MY GO TO WASHINGTON.

Rumor of James Bryce's Appointment as Ambassador Creates Interest.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—Parliamentary circles here show much interest in the prospect of James Bryce's appointment to the ambassadorship at Washington, and some of the Irish members asked the chief secretary to relate the story. A profusion of wreaths and flowers bore silent but effective testimony to the popularity of the deceased and the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. The Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows attended the funeral.

At the grave services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McCoy and by Bro. D. Dewar, noble grand of Columbia lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., assisted by Bro. Rev. E. G. Miller, acting chaplain. The pallbearers were: Dr. Redmond, E. A. Jacob, Dr. Garesche, George Russell, Dr. Fraser, J. A. Ribbet, Dr. Holden and Gordon Grant.

SIX DAYS' BICYCLE RACE

Two Teams Drop Out—Races Nearly Four Hundred Miles Behind the Record.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—There was no change during the night in the position of the racers in the bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens, the men did their work mechanically, seeming for the most part to be content with holding their place in the race. A few sprints were made, but they did not last long, and were without result. The lack of maintained speed in the race and the unusual delays that have occurred is indicated by the fact that the racers were nearly 400 miles behind the record early to-day. Ten teams remain in the race, and all will probably finish. Vanderstuyf and Stol, and Galvin and Wiley dropped out of the contest. Rutt and Macfarlane have shown fast work the last day or so, and many of the spectators pick them as the probable winners when the final sprint comes to-night.

MORE FACILITIES FOR LUMBER TRADE

FIRM WILL ERECT MILL AT ESQUIMALT

Capacity of C. P. R. Ferry Is Being Utilized for Transport of Loaded Cars.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Within a very short period a Texas lumber firm will build a mill on the waterfront of Esquimalt harbor. Taking all the ramifications of such a project into consideration, the new mill will mean another impetus to the future prosperity of the Island.

The firm which intends opening up in Esquimalt is the Graham Lumber Company, of Texas. Already a site has been acquired. Arrangements have been made with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to run a siding to the loading yards of the new mill. The wood in its rough state will be carried by the E. & N. Railway Company to the yards of the new firm from different parts of the Island, the material should be carried by the Graham Lumber Co. and shipped all over the world.

The facilities afforded by the railway siding will obviate many of the difficulties of transportation which beset other firms. To all parts of the world the wood will be shipped from Esquimalt harbor. At least, such is the present intention of the firm, although the E. & N. Railway Company suggests the lumber sent to the Island be maintained in the Esquimalt wharves, for it is understood that the new firm transact business on a large scale. The demand for British Columbia lumber is rapidly growing in the Eastern parts of Canada. This factor is said to have decided the Graham Lumber Company to build a mill here, and also at Port Renfrew. The reason of the increased demand in the East is the depletion of the forest in that part of the Dominion. It is an understood thing that the supply in British Columbia is practically without limit.

It may be generally known that the car ferry which is operating between Ladysmith and Vancouver, connecting Ladysmith and Mainland is carrying on an average at least ten loaded cars a day from this Island. At one time, about six weeks ago, there was more business of this nature than could possibly be handled. As many as thirty-five loaded cars have been in the Ladysmith yard awaiting transport to the mainland. It is understood that during the time when this congested state continued, the C. P. R. Company had to secure the car barge belonging to McKenzie Bros., Vancouver.

There has been and is still a great shortage of cars. Were they available in greater number it is doubtful if even now the ferry would be capable of carrying all that could be loaded and shipped from this Island. Locally, there is quite a big freight business done over the C. P. R. road, and, by way of illustration, it might be stated that of the loaded cars brought to Ladysmith on the ferry to-day six were for Victoria.

IN EARTH'S EMBRACE.

Funeral of the Late Dr. G. H. Duncan Took Place Yesterday and Was Largely Attended.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Dr. George H. Duncan were laid at rest at Ross Bay cemetery. A short service was held at the residence of Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. J. McCoy assisting, the funeral leaving there at 2.15 p. m., and proceeding to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. At the church funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Clay, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. D. Macrae. The choir rendered two hymns, "O, Paradise, O, Paradise" and "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er," and a large attendance of sympathizers and friends swelled the singing. A profusion of wreaths and flowers bore silent but effective testimony to the popularity of the deceased and the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. The Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows attended the funeral.

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FIRE RAGING IN COAL MINE

PIT MAY BE FLOODED TO EXTINGUISH FLAMES

Syndicate Offers Ontario Government \$1,200,000 For Mining Rights Under Lake Cobalt.

(Associated Press.)

Gloucester, Dec. 15.—Fire broke out to-day in the Hub colliery of the Dominion Coal Co. The banked fan, boiler room and engine house were destroyed. The interior of the mine is still a seething volcano, out of the shaft a column of flame is towering high in the air, and the scene resembles a volcanic eruption. It is impossible to approach it closely. The pump room, where the fire started, is just at the bottom of the shaft, 120 feet from the surface. The mouth of the pit had been hoarded up and officials thought the blaze was fairly well under control, when suddenly the boards over the pit mouth caved in, and the flames shot high into the air. In an instant the banked fan was ablaze, and the flames quickly spread to the boiler room and engine house, but by hard work the other buildings were saved. It has not been decided as to whether the pit will be flooded or not. No estimate can yet be made of the losses.

New Hotel.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—John Leslie a furniture store on Main street has been sold to Jos. Bernhart for \$125,000. It will be turned into a hotel.

Changes Hands.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Canada Permanent Main and Page corner has been sold for a quarter of a million dollars.

Winnipeg's Buildings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—According to the assessment rolls of Winnipeg, there are 16,100 buildings in the city.

Liberal Candidate.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Alex. Dunlop, editor of the Neepawa Press, has been nominated Liberal candidate in Beautiful Plains.

Seeks Mining Rights.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A syndicate has offered the Ontario government \$1,200,000 for mining rights under Lake Cobalt. It is the intention of the company if it secures the privileges to capitalize for a million dollars.

Grain Merchant Dead.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 15.—John Ross, aged 70, a grain merchant, known throughout Ontario, is dead.

Mayor of Brandon.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 15.—Ald. Harcourt has retired from the mayoralty campaign, which elects Ald. Clement.

INCIDENTS OF STORM.

"A few incidents of the storm in the early part of the week still comes in," says the Vancouver Province. "The barge Baroda in tow of the tug Pilot was approaching Cowichan Gap when the force of the storm was felt, and she broke away from the tug and started off at a brisk pace across the Gulf."

"The Pilot gave chase, and made several attempts to get another line on board, but was foiled by the heavy seas, which swept over her. Seeing that nothing could be done, the tug stood by till morning, when the wind moderated somewhat. Fortunately the barge had lots of sea room, and was in no danger of going ashore."

"The tug Burrard, which was running into Cowichan Gap with a tow at the same time as the Pilot, was ordered to get close up under the lee of the land with her scow, and even there, with sixty fathoms of chain out, it was with difficulty she hung on."

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THE QUESTION OF CHURCH UNION

THE ATTITUDE OF BAPTISTS AND ANGLICANS
The Report on Policy Has Been Returned to Sub-Committee for Reconsideration.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The first day of the regime of the separation of church and state, having passed without grave disorders, public interest in the details of the continuation of the struggle already is flagging. It is now apparent that the resistance of the clergy will be purely passive, and that there is no prospect of religious passions being aroused unless the churches are closed.

In the meantime in this city, except in the churches where legal applications were filed, the police again took notes of the infractions of the law at the morning masses.

Cardinal Richelieu, Archbishop of Paris, is awaiting expulsion from the episcopal mansion. The government, however, desires to avoid even the appearance of force in the case of the aged primate, who is in bad health.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—At a general committee meeting on church union last night the time was given up to correspondence from the Anglican and Baptist churches, stating their attitude on the question of organic union with the three denominations that now have it under discussion.

Correspondence from the Baptists of the Maritime provinces shows that the churches in the east do not think at all favorably of organic union as being practicable, yet speak favorably of federal union. The Baptists throughout other parts of Canada appear disposed to meet the committee and consider what steps can be taken. The Great Northern trains cannot be located.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 14.—Stormy weather has tied up traffic on the Canadian Northern between Brandon and Dauphin. Wednesday's northbound train is still stuck in drift near Halsboro, and Thursday's southbound train put in the night ten miles north of Neepawa. Fortunately the fuel supply is not low enough to cause alarm.

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE. Cabinet Decides on New Legislation Which Will Be Presented to Parliament. Paris, Dec. 14.—The cabinet met today with the president in the chair, in order to decide upon new legislation to be presented to parliament. The steps to be taken are of a sweeping character. It is proposed to amend the law of 1905 providing for the separation of church and state, by which a year's grace will be allowed before the permanent alienation of the church property, and to suppress the privilege of forming new cultural or diocesan associations during the period. All church property, including the seminaries, will be immediately handed over to the state, to the departments and to the communes, under conditions insisting that the churches themselves will be retained for religious use.

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The Chicago Chronicle says: "Zion City is to be abandoned. The 'Restoration Host,' which was built up by John Alexander Dowie after years of strenuous effort, will shortly be left to its creditors by Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who, like a new Moses, will lead his people forth from the discredited gates to found another Zion. 'Announcement of the approaching begins was made by Overseer Voliva before an audience of more than 1,000 persons in the Zion church. At the same time he outlined his plans for a new city, to be conducted along Socialistic lines, with himself as supreme spiritual and temporal head. 'Coupled with the announcement of his plans were vehement denunciations of unworthy members of the church, who, he declared, were responsible for its fall.'

COAL FAMINE IN SEATTLE. University Compelled to Close on Account of Lack of Fuel. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—The University of Washington closed its doors yesterday on account of the coal famine, from which the city is suffering. The entire city is affected by the famine, and many sick persons are said to be in danger in cold rooms. Only seven cars of coal arrived yesterday.

NUMBER OF TRAINS REPORTED MISSING Situation in Western Dakota—Shortage of Wood and Coal Supply in Winnipeg.

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New York, Dec. 14.—The contestants in the six-day bicycle race were grinding out laps in a mechanical manner this morning, after an eventful night. The positions, however, were unchanged according to the scores, although many of the spectators believed that Bedell and Walthour had lapped after a sensational sprint at 1 a.m. This sprint, as has been so many during the race, was started by the Walthour-Bedell team.

Walthour and Bedell, starting under a decision rendered an hour earlier when a spill robbed them of a lap that they had nearly won, started out at a mad pace and kept all the riders bent over their handle-bars to do their best and kept the spectators in a continual roar of cheers and excitement. Relieving each other at every few laps, Walthour and Bedell kept going at their best pace and forced the other riders to call on their partners for help and relief.

Georget and Stole, whose partners had been hurt in the spill at 2 a.m., were the only riders who could not get relief, and they had to bear the brunt of the fight for their teams. It was killing work, and they finally lagged to such an extent that it was thought they had lost a lap when the sprint, after continuing for 14 minutes, was suspended. The score, however, when it was hung out at 4 o'clock, showed no change.

Bedell and Walthour are in good shape, and they have promised to make the race interesting for the others before the day is out. They protested earnestly early to-day when just as they seemed to be about to gain a lap Fogler fell, causing a spill. Bedell claimed the fall occurred purposely, and for a time they refused to ride again until something was done. Eventually they were appeased, and the race which had been delayed an hour was resumed.

The score at 8 a.m. stood: The nine leaders, 1,735 miles 3 laps; Walthour and Bedell and Breton and Samuelson one lap less, and Galvin and Wiley, 1,736 miles flat. Record, 2,014 miles 3 laps.

PATERSON FOR MAYOR

T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., this afternoon acceded to a request of a large number of citizens to stand as candidate for Mayor of the city for 1907.

THE SEALING INDUSTRY. Canada Will Not Entertain Proposal of United States To Biological Station. The report of the deputy minister of fisheries for 1905, which has been issued, contains the following: "Last year's report dealt somewhat fully with the most recent formulated proposal of the United States government referred to the Canadian government which was to establish a biological station on the coast of the United States. The proposal should refer to a prohibition of killing seals at sea during August and September, and that the United States would in compensation therefor, consent that such hunting should be permitted during May and June instead of these two latter months being within the term of the close season provided by the Paris Award Regulations.

As the net compliance with this proposal would involve the voluntary relinquishment by the Canadian pelagic sealers of the most remunerative two months of the year, comprising practically the whole of the Behring Sea season when little or no sealing is done, coming as they do between the defined seasons, that is the spring season on the coast and the fall season in Behring sea—it is needless to say that this interesting proposal did not find favor in Canada and consequently was not entertained.

Manitoba College Will Recognize Standing in British Columbia. Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The council of Manitoba University decided to recognize examinations and standing given in incorporated colleges at Brandon, Edmonton, Calgary and British Columbia institutions.

REICHSTAG DISSOLVED. New Elections Ordered in Consequence of the Defeat of the Government.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The existence of the Reichstag was terminated suddenly to-day amid considerable excitement upon the defeat of the government's bill for a supplementary appropriation to support the troops in German Southwest Africa. This action on the part of the government took the House by surprise as dissolution means a direct attack on the Clerical party. The Clericals have grown so strong and have attained such an influence over the policy of the government that political prophets asserted that Imperial Chancellor Von Buelow never would venture to create a breach within the party. The tension between the government and the Clericals has been growing since the director of the colonial office, Dolnburg, on December 3rd, attacked the leader of the Centre party, Herr Boern, in the Reichstag, and showed that he had attempted unduly to influence the government's administrative measures in the colonies.

Princely Von Buelow, in his final appeal to-day for the passage of the bill, asked: 'Are we to jeopardize our national standing for a petty sum at the end of a campaign which has cost us hundreds of millions?' Emperor William dissolved the Reichstag and ordered new elections in consequence of the government's defeat by 138 to 168 votes on the bill authorizing what the ministry contends is an adequate number of troops to end the insurrection in German Southwest Africa, and hold the colony against a recurrence of the rebellion. The Clericals, Socialists, Poles and one wing of the Radicals voted against the government, while the Conservatives, National Liberals and Moderates and Radicals supported the government.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt will withdraw his simplified spelling order to the public printer, and hereafter all documents from the executive department will again be printed in the old-fashioned style. Representative Landis, of the joint committee on spelling, conferred to-day with the President, and the latter said that he did not wish to have spelling overhauls made of great importance, and he was willing to revoke his order for the new spelling in case the House of Representatives went on record as opposed to the system. Accordingly late to-day, Mr. Landis introduced a resolution in the House to the effect that it was the sense of the House that hereafter in printing publications authorized by both branches of congress or emanating from the executive departments and independent officers of the government, the government printing office should observe and adhere to the standard of orthography described in the generally accepted dictionary of the English language. The measure was passed without a dissenting vote, although Mr. Landis, of Massachusetts, who has been regarded as the champion of the President's plan, explained that he did not wish to give the impression that he has changed his mind. He simply bowed to the will of the House, which appeared to be overwhelmingly against the innovation.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT Notices Appearing in This Week's Government Gazette—Many Companies Have Been Incorporated.

The Provincial Gazette contains notice this week that the day succeeding Christmas and the day after New Year's day will be observed as holidays, and the public offices will be closed on those dates.

The following appointments are gazetted: Norman Craigie, of Jaffray, East Kootenay, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia. Arthur George Johnston, of Poplar, West Kootenay; Hugh Macdonald, of Wilmer, barrister-at-law, and George Armstrong Mathers, and Granton Gifford Duncan, barrister-at-law, of the city of Vancouver, to be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia. Bennett Green, M. D., C. M. F., of the city of New Westminster, to be resident physician at Lillooet, from the 1st day of December, 1906. William V. Bowron, of Barkerville, to be a member of the board of license commissioners for the Barkerville license district, in the place of James Innes, resigned. Jacob M. Collins, of Soda Creek, to be a member of the board of license commissioners for the Soda Creek license district, in the place of William Adams, resigned. John Cochran, of the city of Victoria; F. C. Stearman, Phm. B., of the city of Nanaimo, and Henry Holand Watson, of the city of Vancouver, to be members of the board of examiners under the "Pharmacy Act," for the year 1907.

The following persons have been appointed members of the board of examiners, at the coal mine written opposite their respective names, namely: Thos. Budge, of Nanaimo, at the Nanaimo mine; William G. Simpson, of Ladysmith, at the Eskaton mine; John Keeley, of Union, at the Cumberland mine; John McCliment, of Fernie, at the Coal Creek mine; Evan Evans, of Michel, at the Michel mine. These appointments take effect on the 1st day of January, 1907.

The following companies have been incorporated: British Columbia Orchard Lands, Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000, to carry out effect an agreement between A. G. Pemberton and John Milton and others for the purchase of lands in the county of Yale. Capital Furniture Company, of this city, capitalized at \$25,000. Columbia Trading Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Hosmer Lumber Company, capitalized at \$100,000, to take over the sawmill business of S. A. Skerton, G. Hope Johnson, Kootenay district. Kelly Carruthers Supply Company, with a capital of \$50,000, to do a wholesale and retail business as grocers, general merchants, hardware, etc., at Prince Rupert. Malins, Coulthard & Co., with a capital stock of \$50,000, to acquire a business in New Westminster. Monarch Lumber Company, capitalized at \$50,000. Northern Securities, Ltd., with a capital of \$100,000. Old Dominion Copper Development Syndicate, with a capital stock of \$35,000. Progress Building Association, with a capitalization of \$50,000. Standard Brokerage Company, capitalized at \$50,000.

Notice is given in the Gazette by W. F. Gurd, acting for the applicants, that at the next session of the legislature application will be made for an act to incorporate the East Kootenay Logging Railway Company to build various short lines of railway from the Crow's Nest Pass branch of the C. P. R. to the international boundary and other points.

Alfred Markham gives notice of his intention to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for a lease of submerged lands for oyster fishing privileges in Esquimalt harbor. One portion is in Plummer Bay and the other is in Thetis Cove.

House of Lords Has Approved of Merchants' Shipping and Trades Dispute Bills. London, Dec. 14.—The House of Lords to-day passed the third reading of the Merchants' Shipping and Trades Dispute Bills, and sent them back to the House of Commons for consideration of the upper house's amendments.

ZULUS DESERTED MISSION STATIONS AND JOINED NATAL

Rebels in the Field Governor Declares the Congregations Are Beyond Control of the American Board.

London, Dec. 14.—A blue book dealing with the recent native disturbances in Natal, issued last night, contains correspondence between the Natal government and the American board of foreign missions concerning what the commissioners of the board considered "apparent discriminations against the work of American Zulu missions in Natal."

In forwarding this correspondence, Col. Sir Henry Edward McCallum, governor of Natal, points out that of the two large mission stations in charge of the board, only one native preacher and three followers remained loyal to the Natal government, and the whole of the other congregations joined the rebels in the field. The American Zulu mission congregations, he declares, are now beyond the board's control and a danger to the government.

Wrecking Steamer With Crew of Thirty-two Supposed to Have Been Lost. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 15.—While being towed to Duluth by the wrecking steamer Manistique, the steamer Ireland came into collision and was disabled. The tug George Crosby, which was assisting the wrecking vessel, took the tow off the Ireland and in doing so one man was lost. The Crosby came in and reported the loss of one life and returned to look for the Manistique, but reports she is unable to find any trace of the Manistique, and fears she and her crew of 31 men are lost. There is a heavy sea running, and the Ireland is also in danger.

SUSPECTED MURDERER MAY GIVE HIMSELF UP Simon, Who is Accused of Killing Half-Breeds, is in Unhappy Flight. R. E. Loring, Indian agent at Hazelton, who is now in the city, says that Simon Gun-ab-noot, the Indian sought for on the charge of murdering McIntosh and Le Claire in the north, made overtures which may result in his delivering himself up to justice. This was about two weeks before Mr. Loring left home for Ottawa, and he is not able to say now how the matter stands.

The information was brought to Mr. Loring direct from the Indian fugitive, who is being sought for by special police. Simon's story sent to the agent was a pitiful one. His wife was a victim of consumption, and he and his family were short of clothing and provisions. Mr. Loring advised the fugitive to give himself up and make a full confession of his whole connection with the case. He expressed a readiness to discuss the matter with Simon if he came to him manifesting his presence by an agreed signal.

Mr. Loring says that there were many circumstances connected with the crime which were calculated to create considerable sympathy with the suspected murderer. Simon was perhaps the best Indian on the reserve. He had a good farm close to that of Mr. Loring. His cultivated land was well kept, and he had good fields of timothy hay. A barn for the storing of the hay had been built, and Simon was ordering a mover through Mr. Loring. In addition to this he kept a store, and was altogether a prosperous Indian.

McIntosh on the other hand is described by Mr. Loring to have been a worthless fellow. He was a half-breed and had had the attack by supplying liquor to Simon's wife, and it was alleged debauched her. When Simon remonstrated with McIntosh the latter hit the Indian over the mouth with the handle of a Smarting under the insult the Indian, it was alleged, had imbibed liquor, and crazed with drink had gone in search of his assailant. No one saw the crime committed, but it is supposed Simon came upon the half-breed and shot him down in his frenzy.

The killing of Le Claire, another half-breed whom it was alleged had debauched the wife of Peter, has been ascribed to Simon and also to Peter, who was a brother of Simon's wife. As an evidence of the frenzy into which Simon has been seized by drink and the insults offered, Mr. Loring says it is alleged that he attempted to shoot his own wife, who escaped into the bush. Mr. Loring thinks that in view of all the circumstances Simon, if guilty of the murder, would be leniently dealt with in any court of justice. He will advise him to deliver himself up and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

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THE MAYORALTY.

The wish has frequently been expressed that a representative business man, a man of large calibre, of sound views, of strong personality, and of unwavering purpose, could be induced to offer himself for the position of mayor of the city of Victoria. In response to a request from a large number of men representing a variety of interests, a request, we may say, which has been carried over from last year, Mr. T. W. Paterson has consented that his name shall be placed in nomination. We are convinced that this announcement will be received with marked favor by all sections of the community as giving ground for hope for the fulfilment of a long-expressed desire. Victoria appears to have reached a turning-point in her career. During the year 1907 there is every prospect that affairs of great magnitude from a municipal point of view will require to be dealt with—and affairs having a deep significance for Victorians, although possibly not directly connected with civic administration. It is because of the variety of the experience of Mr. Paterson that we think our citizens ought to welcome his candidature. He has large interests in the province, but he is first of all a Victorian. And the fact that in everything to which he has set his hand he has prospered seems to us to constitute an unanswerable reason why at this critical time in our history as a city we ought to place a strong and determined man at the head of our affairs.

Of one thing we are assured: that if elected Mr. Paterson will be absolutely independent of any party, clique or interest. Those who know the man need not be told that. His career in the legislature proves it. He forms his own opinions, which are the result of mature experience founded upon sound judgment on general affairs. When he has made up his mind that a certain course is the right one, Mr. Paterson is as immovable as the islands of the constituency he represents—until convinced that he has been over hasty in arriving at his conclusions, which is a condition of mind he has never yet experienced as far as we know.

If the gentlemen who were not satisfied until they got the consent of Mr. Paterson to stand as a candidate for the mayoralty wish to carry their work to a highly satisfactory culmination, they ought not to rest until they have induced representative men from all five wards of the city to offer themselves for the position of aldermen. After all a mayor is but one in the council, and it is easy to conceive of a good executive officer being thwarted in his purposes by a city council of narrow or reactionary ideas. For the coming municipal year we shall have a new division of the city for electoral purposes, with ten aldermen to be elected. This revision ought to give the reformers the opportunity they desire. We do not say there is any particular fault to be found with present representatives on the city council. We doubt not they have done their best to advance the interests of their several constituencies; but there is some truth in the old platitudinous saying that no human institution is perfect, and it is possible that if the ratepayers were given a wider range of candidates to choose from they might perchance work an improvement in the personnel of the aldermen, too. We are sure there is not one member of the city council of the present year but will admit there is something to be said in favor of such a line of action. For ourselves we have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Paterson will be mayor of the city for the year 1907, and it is due to him and to ourselves that we select the very best, the broadest-minded and the most progressive men we can to support him in the important matters he will be called upon to deal with.

There is just one reservation in the terms of Mr. Paterson's agreement with the civic deputation which asked him to become a candidate for the mayoralty of Victoria. He desires to have the fact made clear that if it is believed his duties as mayor would conflict with his duties to his constituents he will decline to accept of the nomination. The Colonist has lately had several mysterious references to the construction of canals from some point to Hudson Bay and Georgian Bay, which, we will endeavor to serve them in the legislature to the best of his ability as long as they require him. But it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty over the matter. Mr. Paterson's personal affairs do not call for any considerable expenditure of his time and there is no doubt whatever that he can serve both the city and the Islands constituency to their great advantage.

CALLS FOR CANDID TREATMENT.

The Times takes the position, and we think it is a position that will be endorsed by every one who believes the interests of Victoria should dominate all other interests in the minds of true Victorians, that it is the duty of us all to work for the things that will make the future progress of the city sure. We may affect to take a grand, broad view of such matters as the establishment of the terminus of a transcontinental railway on the north-west coast of the island and magnanimously proclaim our broad belief that whatever is good for the latter as a whole is good for Victoria as a portion of the island. At the same time the communities that talk in such a strain are hard to find on this continent. They are all more or less selfish in their manner of regarding such things. It may even be that self-interest is at the root of the advocacy of a West Coast terminus and port. Because whatever we may say about the establishment of a railway terminus on the West Coast as the result of the construction of a bridge across Seymour Narrows, it is an incontrovertible fact that in such an event Victoria would be simply a way station on the line, and that great business interests would inevitably gravitate there just as they have gravitated to Vancouver. It is true in a sense that the growth of Vancouver has not injured Victoria; but it will scarcely be denied that if Victoria (or Esquimalt as originally intended) had become the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway she would be a much larger and more important city than she is to-day. So we say that however much we may try to pose and to palaver and to treat such question in a magnificently impressive manner, there are certain facts that ought to be very carefully considered. The one important fact is that if railways are going to cross this island by a bridge at Seymour Narrows it is the duty of all loyal Victorians to induce the incoming corporations to make their terminal point at Victoria if possible. He who endeavors to persuade us that our true interests would be best served by the laying out of a terminus, the adoption of an ocean port and the construction of a great city in potentiality somewhere else has either deceived himself or is trying to hoodwink the public.

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THE PREMIER AND LIFE-SAVING.

We are not aware that any attempt has been made by any person or any newspaper to cast aspersions upon Premier McBride because he would not commit the provincial government to any share in the construction of a road or a trail on the West Coast of the island that would be used in the work of rescuing wrecked mariners. An attempt had been made by persons who could not have had any authentic information on the subject to censure the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the engineer of the department for pointing out the difficulties that lay in the way of the construction of a trail or of a wagon road along the coast. We quoted the opinion of Premier McBride, who may be assumed to have had expert information on the subject, in substantiation of the report made by Colonel Anderson. The authorities of the Dominion, it may be safely assumed, had no desire to entrap the premier of the province, to involve him in any way, or to ask him to assist in a work that properly was entirely a federal undertaking. The department evidently thought the construction of a wagon road along the coast might be made of material benefit to the province, and, believing that, it suggested co-operation. A trail would serve all the purposes the federal power had in view, while a wagon road could have been made to serve present or prospective settlers. The premier could not see his way to co-operate, therefore it has been decided to go ahead with the work of constructing a trail. Our purpose in calling attention to the opinion of the premier as bearing upon the subject was to show that it bore out the contention of Colonel Anderson, who had been accused of expressing the mind of the head of the Department of Marine and Fisheries because that gentleman was held to be opposed to providing a suitable life-saving service on account of its cost. The exact words of Mr. McBride we quote again in order that there shall be no mistake about them should the subject call for further comment:

"Were it possible to build such a road it would be of no utility locally, but its uses would be confined entirely to the life-saving service, and it is very questionable whether, on account of the exceedingly rough and broken nature of the coast line, a road, or even a trail, could be constructed near enough to the shore to be of any benefit in case of shipwreck."

VICTORIA FIRST.

The Colonist has lately had several mysterious references to the construction of canals from some point to Hudson Bay and Georgian Bay, which, we will endeavor to serve them in the legislature to the best of his ability as long as they require him. But it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty over the matter. Mr. Paterson's personal affairs do not call for any considerable expenditure of his time and there is no doubt whatever that he can serve both the city and the Islands constituency to their great advantage.

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to believe is the only party in Canada which possesses the instincts for government, say about Brit extravagance? A howl would go up that could be heard from one end of the Dominion to the other. And why in the name of all that is patriotic should any one claiming to speak in the name of Victoria suggest that when the Seymour Narrows are bridged, as we believe they will be before many years have passed, the railways, that are to use the structure should make their terminals "at a port on the west coast of Vancouver Island?" Why not Victoria? Railways are normally attracted to centres of population. There they are assured of business. We all want to see Vancouver Island developed, but we also want to see Victoria remain its chief commercial and industrial centre. How long would it remain so if Seymour Narrows were bridged and Quatsino became the terminus of the C. P. R. and the Canadian Northern Railways?

STATES OF CIVIL WAR.

The Toronto Globe says "the best proof that the term 'civil war' correctly describes the present condition of Russia is afforded by statistics of the killed and wounded during the year ending on the seventeenth of October last. The number killed was 7,331, and the number wounded 9,861. Among these were 8,111 representatives of the government of various grades. Of the representatives of authority who suffered 750 were Cossacks, 452 were policemen or watchmen, 226 were police officers, 96 were agents of secret police, 60 were chiefs of police and 81 were governors-general or high officials." We believe this takes no account of the number of alleged offenders who have been deprived of life in Russia by the representatives of the government in order that the constituted order of things should be maintained. If such a list were added to that given by the Globe the effect of the state of civil war would appear very deplorable indeed. But even then it is doubtful if it would exceed the list of persons who have been killed and wounded during the year by the railways of the United States. If to that roster some statistician were to add the number of persons who have been lawlessly put to death in the republic, it would probably be found that Russia with its state of civil war is quite as attractive a country to live in as the United States. And we are not sure that with all the advances civilization is making is there much prospect of improvement across the boundary. The newspapers are agitating for the repeal of all the laws calling for capital punishment as applicable to homicides. The record made by one of the great cities of the States alone is appalling. We refer to the city of Chicago. In that one place many more murders are committed annually than in all the portions of the British Empire inhabited by persons of European origin, and it is rare indeed that homicides, owing to lax administration of the law or to other causes, are punished in accordance with the heinous nature of their crimes. We observe it is proposed by the Chicago authorities to give the police greater latitude in the handling of the pistols with which they are all armed, night and day. The officers are to be authorized to carry their guns in such a manner as will enable them to be most readily used. No such provision has been found necessary in any portion of the British Empire, even the most remote. All things considered; is it to be wondered at that Canadians prefer the system of government under which they live or that there is no response, and just as little expectation of any response, to the repeated invitations to sink their natural political sentiments and acquiesce in any proposition to hoist the stars and stripes over their country?

The Toronto Mail and Empire says the new tariff meets the views of nobody, and that the wise course would be to withdraw it entirely. But then the Mail and Empire also said things about the tariff which has been in force for nine years, and has brought neither ruin nor desolation to the country, as was predicted. We cannot do better than give the tariff a fair trial. United States congressmen have increased their own salaries 50 per cent. This action demonstrates the advantage politicians possess in controlling absolutely the scale of wages. They are not compelled to consider employers at all in the matter. But they may have to reckon with them later. The thermometer dropped a few degrees below zero in Toronto last week, and the Star man has been trying to make his readers and himself believe that they liked it. Toronto Star: If Canada will only consent to give up everything to the United States, it is understood that Great Britain is willing to settle the Rehing Sea question, and seal it forever with seven fur-bearing seals. We know Emperor William is a happy man these days. The Reichstag has given him something to do, and he is doing it with all his might. Mr. T. W. Paterson must be set down as a very courageous man. Here is talking of taking on two such doughy champions as Mayor Morley and A. E. McPhillips, K. C.

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Where there is simply a galaxy of the newest goods that must form the choicest of Christmas gifts. Without doubt our stock of cutlery is the best and most complete in the city. We have, in addition to others, such well known manufacturers as Thomas Turner, Henry Rogers, Joseph Rodgers, H. Boker, etc. RODGERS 1847 KNIFE AND FORK SETS—Extra heavy plate, fine cut steel, blade and handle in solid piece, half dozen in each set. At, each—

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Amidst the abundance of pleasures in our Oriental Tea Room, Third Floor. Whilst there it will profit you to spend much time in our Bazaar and Fancy Goods Fair. Keep before you "Our" Calendars and Christmas Cards. REMEMBER, ONLY SIX SHOPPING DAYS REMAIN. Makes a point of being present at Spencer's to-morrow night at 7.30. Unique attractions await you. The Orchestra commences selections of music upon the Third Floor at 7.30 p. m.

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SMOKING JACKETS—Greatest values ever offered, in broadened silks and velvets. Regular value \$12.50 to \$17.50. To-night at 7.30... \$7.75 HIGH-CLASS STATIONERY in boxes. Value, 50c. To-night... 25c. LADIES' FURS—The very thing you want as a choice Christmas gift, will be offered you to-night at 7.30 o'clock. A limited number only in Mink, Thibet, Imitation Ermine, Fox, Opossum and Grey Squirrel. Regular value, \$12.50 to \$20.00. To-night, each fur... \$9.75 SAFETY RAZORS—Nothing more safe or more secure and a bargain price. A few of these capital Sheffield-made Razors are yours to-night at 7.30 for... 25c. LINEN DRESSER SETS, Runners and Squares and Bureau Scarfs. A limited number only, with Cluny and Torchon lace insertion and frills. Regular, \$1.25. To-day after 8.30... 75c. Also in colors, \$1.00 value, for... 50c. Another line, 60c. value, for... 25c. NIGHT-DRESS CASES, Regular, \$1.00 for... 50c. SILK WAISTS—A limited number only—\$4.00 Ladies' Silk Waists on sale to-morrow after 8.30 a. m. for, each... \$3.75 SPECIALLY ORDERED FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRADE, FORMING SLENDING GIFTS FOR DAINTY EVENING WEAR. LADIES' WHITE SILK WAIST with five rows of tucking on either side of front, large box pleat of embroidered silk down front, elbow sleeves finished with cuff of fine pin tucks, collar of same, four rows of tucks down back. Prince... \$3.75 LADIES' WHITE SILK WAIST—Entire front made of fine pin tucks, nine rows of fine tucking on either side of back, elbow sleeves finished with fancy cuffs edged with Valenciennes lace, tucked collar finished with lace. Price... \$2.75 SOX—Black English Cashmere, embroidered with fancy colored silks. Regular, 40c. Monday, special all day... 25c.

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Local

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Local News.

—Steamer Tees is due from northern British Columbia ports this evening.
—No. 2 company, Rifth Regiment, will hold a dance sometime in January.
—A ball is to be given in New Westminster on January 11th in honor of Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir.
—At a meeting held in the drill hall last evening it was decided to hold a regimental smoking concert on Friday, January 18th.
—The regular monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the committee between Mrs. Andrews, 23 Bodwell street.
—Call at Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Ltd., 88 Government street, and see the four splendid bargains in slightly used pianos.
—There will be a meeting of the fire wardens on Monday evening at half-past seven, in the City Hall, for the purpose of demolishing several condemned wooden buildings on Port street.
—The results of the regimental school of instruction are just out. The first two on the list receive the cash prizes offered by the officers.
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—After a short illness Floret, wife of at her residence, 51 South Turner street. She was 42 years of age, and was a native of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. The funeral will take place on Monday at 2:30 from the residence.
—On Monday evening the Anti-Tuberculosis Society will hold a public meeting at the board of trade rooms, commencing at 8:30 o'clock.
—The Atlantic liner Lake Erie landed her passengers at West St. John yesterday morning at 11:15 o'clock.
—The Cooks' and Waiters' Union, local 459, will be reorganized.
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Claim No. 2.—Commencing at a post at the south-east corner of Claim No. 1, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east to shore, thence along shore of Sprout Bay to a point due south of the S. E. angle of the point of commencement.
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Starting from a post which stands about 150 chains west of the S. E. corner of J. B. McCullagh's surveyed land, marked H. C. N. E. corner, thence running 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.
Dated the 8th December, 1906.
H. A. COLLISON,
Agent for W. H. Collison, Jr., Sr.

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ASHORE ON TEXADA ISLAND.
Nanaimo, Dec. 17.—The government steamer Rockaway, which has been in use in these waters by the log scalers, was wrecked on Texada Island yesterday.
The anchor chain caught around the propeller and the boat went ashore. No lives were lost.

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(From Friday's Daily.)... Seal skins sold in the London market this morning at twelve and a half per cent. less than what they brought in December last. The best price realized, in so far as cable advices indicated, was four pounds eighteen shillings, while the average was four pounds twelve shillings. In Canadian currency the price for which the great bulk of the local skins sold was a little better than \$15, while last year the average price was about \$25 a peli. It will therefore be seen that there has been quite a depreciation in the value of seal fur.

There were 7,000 skins which went for four pounds twelve shillings, the larger figure being obtained for the better class of Behring Sea fur, which always demands the best price in the market. The figures secured by independent schooners is said to have been only four pounds ten shillings. It was hardly expected that the high prices ruling last December would be reached again this year, for the prices then represented too marked an increase over those of previous years to be maintained, but it was not thought that the decrease would amount to 12 1/2 per cent. All the skins, however, were not sold this morning, and some of the local catch will be held until January 21st, the date of the next sale. The sale this morning was that of M. M. Lamson & Company, the firm which has the secret for treating the seal fur. It is the only firm in the world which does this process, and probably for this reason the company continues from year to year to control the sea fur business of the world. The fur sold at such a sale as that this morning is in its raw state, being salted out in the usual way, and is shipped from Victoria, but before it leaves the firm and is distributed among the buyers it is always treated and made ready for use. This, of course, greatly enhances its value and places the company in the way of securing still further revenue.

In view of the reduced prices to-day a statement will, it is stated, be necessary in the operating expenses for the coming year. The wages of hunters and others have been on the increase for several years, and it is considered doubtful if the same pay can be given this coming season as was given during the past year.

SHIPPING NEWS

DERELICT PICKED UP.

The derelict Menalope was towed to Astoria on Thursday by the steamer Northland. She was picked up ten miles off Tillamook's head. A dispatch from Mate Bodge and four men in it, the derelict was boarded with difficulty and found to be abandoned with the exception of three small logs, which were almost finished. The fore and mainmasts had gone over the side and starboard and the heads and spars and rigging were being held alongside. These were cut away and then a seven-inch line was run from the steamer to the Menalope. The vessel was an extreme list to starboard, and her rail was but a few feet from the water, and as she rolled her deck was awash. The mate and the four men remained aboard of her and the Northland started to tow her into the Columbia. There was a considerable swell on and the headway was slow, but when the bar tug Tatoosh offered assistance it was refused, and after a new eight-inch line was procured from the steamer schooner Daisy Mitchell, which was towing, and this was used instead of the seven-inch line. It was found to be impossible to bring the vessel in against the strong tide, so the men were taken off the derelict, when they returned, and little difficulty was experienced in bringing her in and dropping one of her anchors in the lower harbor. Capt. Jamieson of the Northland, has notified her owners of what he did, and awaits their instructions, but is still keeping his men on board of her. She is undoubtedly a rich prize, as a few thousand dollars will place her in her original condition, when she will be worth \$50,000 at least, and in this everyone from the captain to the galley boy will share.

CHARTERING SHIPS. Rather than patronize American vessels in the trans-Pacific trade, several of the big wholesale merchants of Japan are chartering vessels and dispatching them to the Pacific Coast ports for flour and wheat purchased from the milling companies. The steamship Siroha is loading at Portland and the steamship Yedo and two other vessels are bound for Puget Sound. At present the Orient's merchants are importing thousands of tons of flour and wheat from the millers of Oregon and Washington. The orders call for delivery in Seattle, which gives the privilege of hauling the cargoes to the regular vessels in the trade.

SEALERS RELEASED. A dispatch from Halifax, N. S., says: The Canada Sealing Company, which owned the schooner Alice Gertrude, received the following cable from the British minister in Montevideo, dated December 5th: "Sealers released on their own bail. Am sending them to Falklands."

Great appreciation is being shown in the opening of the Carnegie public library on Sunday afternoon. A month's experiment has resulted in large numbers of working men availing themselves of the innovation. Throughout Sunday last the reading room was open from 10 o'clock to 10 o'clock, and as a consequence the library will remain open in the future on Sunday afternoons.

seized by a guardship and taken to Montevideo. The directors of the company interested themselves on behalf of the men and cabled for particulars, and also to the British minister, and instructed the latter to secure counsel. The result of their efforts is contained in the above cable. The men were overtaken by a fog, and, being unable to make the ship, they decided to pull for the shore. In doing so they were seized by a guardship. There was no evidence to show that they were in the territorial waters of Uruguay at the time of the seizure.

TO REBUILD YOSEMITE. A contract has been awarded by the Puget Excursion Company of Seattle, to John B. Mitchell for the complete overhauling of the steamer Yosemite, which was purchased from the C. P. R. Steamship Company recently. When completed the Yosemite will be one of the largest excursion craft on Puget Sound. The present deck and social saloon will be carried forward flush with the bow and a large dancing pavilion will be constructed. Work begins shortly after the first of the year, and will take until the middle of May, so extensive are the repairs.

RITHET'S REPORT. Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 26s. to 38s. 9d.; Melbourne or Adelaide, 37s. 6d. to 42s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 37s. 6d. to 40s.; Fremantle, 50s. to 52s. 6d.; Shanghai, 37s. 6d. to 38s. 9d.; West Coast, S. A., 52s. to 55s.; South Africa, 55s. to 57s. 6d.; U. K. or Continent, 57s. 6d. to 61s. 3d. The period under review has been one of inactivity and there is very little change to report in the condition, as compared with our advices of last month. Lumber freights remain steady at the rates previously given.

We quote freights as follows: Grain—San Francisco to Cork, 23s. 9d. to 25s.; Portland to Cork, 25s. to 27s. 6d.; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, 26s. 5d. The following is P. Rithet & Co's report on shipping for the month of November:

FLLOUR FOR JAPAN. Included in the cargo of the R. M. S. Empress of India when she sails for Yokohama and Hongkong on December 25th will be a shipment of 700 tons of flour. Lumber freights for the month of Canadian flour. Several big shipments of this commodity have been forwarded to the Far East this year, and heavy consignments will be sent out on the next Oriental liners leaving port. Part of the shipment which will go out on the India is being shipped by S. Tamura, of Vancouver, who is carrying on an extensive exporting business in Canada. He will ship about 400 tons to Kobe and Tokio within the next couple of months.

MARINE NOTES. For the first time in many years there are no sailing vessels at Hastings mill, the German ship Niobe from the mill for London, England, the last one to depart, sailing early Sunday morning. The Hastings mill has closed down for a short period during which time the plant will be repaired and overhauled. R. M. S. Empress of India is scheduled to sail for the Orient on the morning of December 25th. The steamer will have a large number of passengers and a full cargo.

HAD A CLOSE CALL. Party of Surveyors Escape Death by Fortunate Circumstance at Cowichan Lake.

A remarkably close call is recorded from Cowichan Lake, where G. Kenneth Gillespie, John Hirsch, P. L. S., and a party are engaged in surveying the islands in that expanse of water. Until Wednesday last the surveyors were housed in a little log house at the end of the lake, but on that day, Mr. Hirsch got orders that the men were to go under canvas at a point which was considerably nearer to the scene of their work. After some demur at the change these orders were executed and the tents reared in a different location. The same night a big storm, which caused so much damage throughout the island came on, and hundreds of trees were blown down near the lake shore. The party encamped near the head of the lake did not spend the night in great comfort, and there was a general expression of dissatisfaction at the turn of events which had made them exchange the solid shelter of the log hut for the less substantial tents. Next morning these feelings underwent a revision, for it was discovered that a large tree had fallen on the recently deserted log house and had entirely demolished it. Every member of the party felt indirectly thankful to Mr. Hirsch, and looked upon their escape as most fortunate.

H. H. Jones, who was one of a party also camped in the vicinity, states that the storm was an exceptionally violent one, and that hundreds of trees fell before the wind and one of them grazed his tent, the occupants of which, however, luckily escaped injury. He says that Cowichan lake is covered with limbs of trees and that a person can walk from the lake to the shore through the fallen branches, none of which are less than the thickness of a man's arm in girth. Until yesterday there were three gangs of men engaged on clearing the road of the fallen trees.

At the Cowichan Lake hotel a houseboat was torn from its moorings, lifted on the wind and dropped—on a gasoline launch some distance away, besides other accidents happening. Mr. Jones states that many old residents of the district declare the storm to be the worst one experienced during the last twenty years.

GEN. NOGI INJURED BY FALL FROM HORSE

Tokio, Dec. 14.—General Nogi, the Japanese commander who captured Fort Arthur, was thrown from his horse to-day while returning home from the palace. He fell on his head and became unconscious. His condition arouses apprehension.

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FOUND DEAD. Sea Captain Expired Suddenly in His Room in Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 13.—Capt. Nils Emanuel Hindsaun, until the close of the whaling season master of the E. C. Abler, was last evening found dead in his bed in a lodging house at 519 First avenue south. Death is believed by the deputy coroner who investigated the case, to have been due to heart disease.

Capt. Hindsaun was a native of Denmark, several years ago he came to the Pacific Coast and made his home either in Seattle or in San Francisco. He arrived in Seattle several weeks ago and engaged a room at 519 First avenue south, as expected to stay here this winter and take a ship north again in the spring. Tuesday night Capt. Hindsaun was at the Masters' and Pilots' Association rooms for a short time, then attended a theatre with some friends. He retired about midnight. He was in the habit of taking his meals at 107 Occidental avenue with a man named Dennison. When he did not appear at meal time yesterday morning, last evening Dennison went to his lodging house and found that he had not been seen there all day. The door of his room was broken open and his body found in the bed.

The only relative in this country so far as is known is his brother who lives on Market street in San Francisco.

GOVERNMENT CLOSES GALIANO SCHOOL

Residents Are Indignant—Presentation and Dance to the Popular Teacher. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) On Friday, December 14th, one of the largest gatherings that ever took place on Galiano was held in the schoolroom. It was the occasion of a farewell dance given by the residents of Galiano to Jas. W. Sinclair and his estimable family. The great number attending from Mayne and other neighboring islands bear testimony to the esteem and popularity in which he is held by the people. He has taught in the schools of Mayne and Galiano for the past fourteen years, and during that period no social gathering took place in which he did not take a prominent part. The parents of the children attending the Galiano school are loud in their praise of him as a teacher, and they declare that he is the only one in British Columbia who could have held the school together so long. The schoolroom presented a gala appearance. Garlands and chains of evergreens were suspended from the ceilings. Flags adorned the walls and appropriate mottoes added to the beauty of the scene.

Before supper Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were invited to come forward to the platform, when Joseph Pagan delivered an excellent address. He dwelt upon the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were held by the people, the good work done in the community by both, and the sorrow evinced by every one at the loss of such an estimable teacher. He then presented Mrs. Sinclair with a purse and Mr. Sinclair with a magnificent mantle clock, with silver shield, on which was engraved his name and the occasion of the presentation. Mr. Sinclair, who was greatly taken by surprise, replied in his usual happy strain.

Supper was partaken of and dancing continued until the "wee sma' hours" of the morning. Great indignation is expressed on all sides at the arbitrary manner in which the school was closed, and the uncalled-for way in which one of British Columbia's most successful and popular teachers was treated by the officials in the education department.

It may be that according to the letter of the law the education department was justified in closing the Galiano school; but if our advices are correct a great injustice was done the little island community in depriving their children of all educational facilities at a time when new settlers were coming in, and there were prospects of the attendance shortly realizing the requirements of the act. As it is settlers are abandoning Galiano, and new comers have already been deterred from settling because of the lack of educational facilities. Now a well-qualified and experienced teacher has been compelled to seek employment elsewhere.

THE MANUFACTURERS' REQUEST IS OPPOSED

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Liberal members from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta waited on the minister of finance and registered their protest against any increases in the Canadian tariff as asked for by the manufacturers. Since the new tariff was introduced manufacturers have been making demands upon the government for increases amounting in some cases as high as 10 per cent. The delegation said if this were done it would be detrimental to the manufacturers as it would alienate their best customers. The West objected to protection for goods inferior to imported articles.

STEAMER ASHORE. Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 14.—The Mantoloking life-saving station reports that the Austrian freight steamer Clara from Trieste, via Bermuda, bound for New York, is ashore off that station. The Mantoloking station is 24 miles south of Sandy Hook.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Millionaire Lumberman and Policemen Will Answer Charges.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Alex. McLaren, the millionaire lumberman, and five special policemen concerned in the Buckingham labor riots, were committed for trial yesterday by Judge Choquette. (From Monday's Daily.) On Saturday the Treka mine at Quatsino was sold at public auction by Sheriff Richards in order to satisfy a judgment for \$45,500 obtained against the former owner. The judgment was in favor of the old Northwestern Smelting Company at Crofton, and arose out of business existing between the two corporations when Breen & Bellingier were the owners of the smelter. There is also \$25,000 due in the form of a mortgage for money advanced by Breen and the Northwest Smelting Company. The purchaser on Saturday was A. J. Davis, of Tacoma, who bought the mine for \$40,000.

LANDS HAVE BEEN GOT FOR INDIANS

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BABINE TRIBE. R. E. Loring Has Reached Settlement With Chief Commissioner of Lands And Works.

(From Friday's Daily.) There has been an amicable settlement made between the provincial government and the Indian department with reference to the granting of lands for the use of the Babine Indians. This morning R. E. Loring, Indian agent at Hazelton, had an interview with the chief commissioner of lands and works with the foregoing result. The lands asked for by Mr. Loring are to be used by the Babine Indians in compensation for dispensing in future with barriers in the streams as a means of taking salmon. The matter was fully gone into this morning, and Mr. Loring, who knows exactly the needs and wishes of the Indians, was able to arrange a settlement which will be entirely satisfactory to the tribe.

Mr. Loring says: "The chief commissioner most carefully arranged the plans on which in compromise the interests of the province and those of the Indian department were most satisfactorily adjusted." The lands selected are so situated as to give the Indians suitable access to the waterways and at the same time give them grazing and farming lands. With this work accomplished, Mr. Loring is ready to depart. He will leave here on the 22nd, going by way of Kitimat, and from there taking the trail to Hazelton. Two Indians will be dispatched to meet him and he will not reach his headquarters at Hazelton until about the middle of February.

SPECULATION AS TO C. P. R. OFFICIALS

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Reports are current with regard to a reorganization of the steamship department of the C. P. R., more particularly at the Liverpool end, where a strengthening of the managerial supervision will be the most natural result of the expansion of the fleet and the introduction of the Empress liners. It is understood that in this connection Arthur Piers, the manager of the steamship service, will visit England next month, but not, as one of the papers current seems to indicate, to take up the permanent management there. That some change is in contemplation is generally conceded among the best informed officials, at headquarters, but nothing definite can yet be announced. The return of D. E. Brown, the company's capable representative at Hongkong, has caused much speculation as to the office he will fill. One report says he will be located at Liverpool, another that he will be established at Montreal, and a third that he will be an office of an executive character at the Pacific Coast.

SCHOONER WRECKED THREE MEN DROWNED

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Steamer Tees, from the North, brought news of the loss of the schooner Gabriola, well known in local waters, and three men who were on board. The schooner was Capt. Schultz, J. Lindstrom and an Indian. In September the schooner left Skidegate for Heriot bay, on Queen Charlotte Sound. Nothing further was heard of her until ten days ago, when wreckage was washed up on Skidegate bar. The bodies of the men and clothing were also found. The Tees had the roughest trip for years. The weather was so bad at Skidegate that she dared not go inside the bar, and she turned back to Port Simpson, and for 40 hours steamed against a gale.

GROUND IN FOG. Steamer Henrietta of the McKenzie Fleet is Aground Near Ladysmith.

(From Monday's Daily.) It is reported this afternoon that the steamer Henrietta, of the McKenzie fleet, Vancouver, is hard and fast near Ladysmith. "The Henrietta, like the Themis wrecked farther north, has been engaged in the coasting trade. A few months ago she was on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot and will be remembered by many who saw her on the stocks. She is a vessel of 500 tons, 186 feet long, 30 feet beam and 8 1/2 feet depth of hold. A dispatch from Nanaimo says: "The steamer Henrietta, bound north to the assistance of the Themis, went ashore this morning in a fog at Danger reef, near Ladysmith. It is expected to float her at high tide to-morrow morning."

YREKA MINE SOLD. Property Has Been Bought by A. J. Davis, of Tacoma.

(From Monday's Daily.) Two matches in the Y. M. C. A. series have been arranged to take place on Saturday night. In the first, teams captained by Gawley and Peden will contend for supremacy, and the issue of the second will be between the followers of Gowen and Whyte. Great interest has been evinced in these competitions, and the matches, which take place on Mondays and Thursdays, are largely attended.

WOMAN FROZEN TO DEATH. Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 15.—Mary Heenan, living six miles east of here, was found frozen to death to-day.

SPORTING NEWS. RACING DEATH ROLL.

No longer refer to the gridiron as the mortuary chapel for sport-loving athletes, says a Cincinnati exchange. Statistics, gleaned by a St. Louis expert, show that the fatalities on the turf during the past two years numbered sixteen—a greater number than the football produced during the season which is about to close. The death of Levine Sewell on a 100 to 1 shot at Aqueduct recently led to the gathering of the statistics. Besides Sewell, George Shilling was the best known rider killed during the year on the race tracks. Shilling was thrown and received injuries from which he died the same night at City park, New Orleans, April 5th last.

On September 21st, at Gravesend, Bertha Frieschott was killed while riding a horse named "Joe Levy." Gus Faust, a steeplechase jockey, died on August 7th, from injuries received during the race meeting at Memphis. Last March, at Bessemer, La., Jimmy Cocolo died after lingering some months from injuries received during the race meetings at Memphis. While trying to prevent his horse from jumping on a young man, who was crossing the track at Fortsmouth, O., John McCune was thrown into the fence and killed August 30th.

The other riders who joined the silent majority this year through an accident was Tony Massatt, who was killed by a race train October 29th, near Jamaica track. Wins Jockey was killed in 1905, while the year previous only three met death on the turf. Two very promising lightweight boys were killed during the winter of 1905. Charles McCafferty met death in the saddle at the fair grounds race track, New Orleans, March 1st, and Eddie Werrick was crushed to death during the winter meeting at Oakland park. He died February 17th. Another well known and more experienced jockey, Otto Wondol, met death at Montgomery park, Memphis, Tenn., April 2nd.

Strange as it may seem, but few riders who follow cross-country racing ever meet death on the turf. Not more than half a dozen have been killed in the last ten years, and of these timber-toppers are among those fatally injured in 1905-06. At Union park, St. Louis, June 13th, 1905, Alec Hector was killed while going over the jumps, and this year, August 13th, died from internal injuries received at Coney Island.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. THE ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The senior championship of the Vancouver Island Football Association is not likely to be productive of much interest this season. At the meeting held at the Victoria Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night, only three teams entered for the competition. The chair was occupied by the president of the association, J. G. Brown. Delegates attended from the Victoria Y. M. C. A., Lieut. Davey and W. G. Goddard, representing H. M. S. Egeria; H. Thornley, Ladysmith; and E. M. Whyte, Victoria United.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and signed, entries were received, which were all accepted. For the senior league, H. M. S. Egeria, Victoria United and Ladysmith will put teams into the field. In the intermediate series the entries are likewise from the Victoria West, Ladysmith and Victoria Y. M. C. A.

North Ward was the only club that sent in an entry for the junior series. In view of the fact that only one entry had been received, it was decided to leave the competition open for two days. What was discussed this series it was further agreed to rigidly enforce the rule dealing with the age limit. A list of proposed referees in the various matches must be forwarded to the secretary of the association at least one week before the first match. These are not satisfactory it is in the power of the secretary to appoint any person whom he considers is not directly, or indirectly, concerned in the result of the match.

To play a match against a team selected from the Mainland has long been the ambition of the association. This matter was discussed on Saturday night, and it was decided that the secretary and the present shoo-in should go to the Mainland with a view to arranging an annual fixture. Below are the draws in the senior and intermediate series: Senior Series. Jan. 22nd—Ladysmith vs. Egeria. Jan. 29th—Egeria vs. Victoria United. Feb. 5th—Victoria United vs. Ladysmith. Feb. 12th—Victoria United vs. Egeria. Feb. 19th—Egeria vs. Ladysmith. Mar. 5th—Ladysmith vs. Victoria United. Intermediate Series. Jan. 1st—Ladysmith vs. Victoria West. Jan. 22nd—Ladysmith vs. Y. M. C. A. Feb. 19th—Victoria West vs. Y. M. C. A. Mar. 5th—Y. M. C. A. vs. Ladysmith. Mar. 12th—Y. M. C. A. vs. Victoria West. Mar. 19th—Victoria West vs. Ladysmith.

RAIN PREVENTS PLAY. Owing to the inclement weather on Saturday the matches between the Y. M. C. A. and Bovers and the Fifth Regiment and Garrison were postponed.

The following is the position of the various teams in the senior league table: Y. M. C. A. 5 4 0 1 9. Rovers 5 4 0 1 9. Garrison 7 4 3 0 8. Wanderers 5 3 1 2 6. Y. M. C. A. 4 2 2 0 4. Victoria West 5 1 4 0 2. Fifth Regiment 4 0 4 0 2.

MAINELAND LEAGUE. Vancouver City played a drawn match against Westham Island on Saturday, the score reading 1-1. The game was a clean and open one and both teams deserve credit for the quality of the play.

VICTORIA BEAT SEATTLE. The Victoria players defeated Seattle yesterday at Madison park by a score of 3 to 0. Throughout, the game was closely contested, and the form of Seattle showed a great improvement on last year. In the first half the teams were evenly balanced. It was not until twenty minutes from the call of time that Victoria started scoring. Three goals then came in rapid succession, and the whistle blew leaving Victoria winners of an exciting match by 3 to 0.

FIRE AT CHILLIWACK. Coqualeetza Indian Institute Has Narrow Escape From Destruction.

Fire broke out in the outbuildings of the Coqualeetza Indian institute at Chilliwack on Wednesday night, and for several hours the institution itself was threatened, but the teachers and students fought heroically for several hours with buckets, and managed to save the main building.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Bluefields, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The explosion of one thousand pounds of powder, loaded on three mine cars and drawn by a mine motor at Eckman to-day caused the death of one person and the injuring of nine others, two of them probably fatally.

BOUND TO PLEASE THE MOST CRITICAL TASTES

CEYLON TEA PURE, DELICIOUS AND WHOLESOME. BLACK, MIXED OR GREEN LEAD PACKETS ONLY. HIGHEST AWARD, ST. LOUIS, 1904. KELLY, DOUGLAS & CO., WHOLESALE AGENTS.

GRADE OF RAILWAY TO BE REDUCED

C. P. R. AIMING AT MAKING FASTER TIME

The Company Has in View Extensions in the Boundary and Kootenay Country.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—William Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., left for the West last evening. At Calgary and Vancouver he will meet R. Jamieson and Mr. Marpole, general superintendents of the Western and the Pacific divisions, respectively, with regard to appropriations for next year. Each winter the estimates for the coming season's work are prepared, and are submitted at the general meeting in Montreal in the spring.

It is understood that the estimates this year will contain figures for several extensions in the West, as well as several new branch lines. There are several extensive changes proposed for the Mountain division whereby the existing grades will be considerably lowered, making heavier trains and faster time possible. Several new branch lines in Saskatchewan and Alberta will also be passed upon, as well as improvements on the Crow's Nest Pass route, and new lines in the Boundary and Kootenay country.

MRS. ADAMS SECURES DIVORCE. Successful in Action Brought Against Her Husband, the Well-Known Author.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Flora C. Adams yesterday obtained a divorce on a cross complaint from Henry A. Adams, better known as Vincent Harper, author and magazine contributor. The original complaint was filed by Adams, charging incompatibility of temper and abandonment and failure to support.

AN OLD DOCUMENT. New Westminster News.

The St. John Globe notes the fact that Sir Henri Joy de Lotbiniere, late Lieutenant-governor of the province, has recently translated from the French and published a sermon which was preached in the Cathedral of Quebec, January 10th, 1798. The preacher was Monsiegnr Plessis, then curé, and afterwards Bishop of Quebec. The discourse was delivered at a thanksgiving service at that Cathedral in commemoration of the victory won for Great Britain over the French at the battle of the Nile. No doubt and naturally the opinions and feelings of the French in Canada at that time may have been greatly disturbed by Nelson's victory. Monsiegnr Plessis took the position in the pulpit that the French should be below except by God's permission, and from that point of view every great occurrence might be examined. He went on to show that French Canada, having been loyal to France under French control it now became her duty to accept loyally the new conditions; but he went much further than this, and argued very closely that it was to the advantage of French Canada that she passed under British rule, and he urged this strongly by contrasts with what had happened in the forty years of British rule as compared with the previous control, illustrating his argument with excellent presentations of the English administration of affairs. Of interest of itself Sir Henri Joy has, no doubt, a special interest in presenting to the French-Canadian people this excellent discourse. He desires to impress upon them the advantages of the English system which continues to them in the past their religion and their ancient privileges, and for doing which he would thank the mother land and now grateful recognition by their loyalty to her and by patriotic devotion to her interests as well as to his own.

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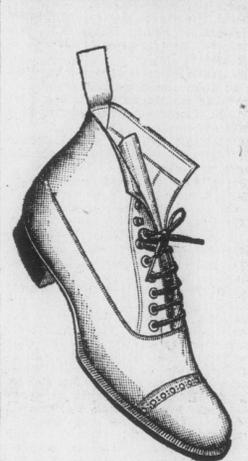
Kingston, Ont., Dec. 14.—In the Anglo-American hotel, Ontario street, this morning an electric wire melted a gas pipe and the gas took fire, burning strongly under the floors and partitions. When the fire was discovered the building was filled with smoke. All the occupants got out, several women going down ladders. The firemen finally suppressed the flames with very small damage to the building.

FIRE AT CHILLIWACK. Coqualeetza Indian Institute Has Narrow Escape From Destruction.

Fire broke out in the outbuildings of the Coqualeetza Indian institute at Chilliwack on Wednesday night, and for several hours the institution itself was threatened, but the teachers and students fought heroically for several hours with buckets, and managed to save the main building.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Bluefields, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The explosion of one thousand pounds of powder, loaded on three mine cars and drawn by a mine motor at Eckman to-day caused the death of one person and the injuring of nine others, two of them probably fatally.

Steedman's SOOTHING Powders. Relieve FEVERISH HEAT. Prevent FITS, CONVULSIONS, etc. Preserve a healthy state of the constitution IN CHILDREN. Please observe the EE IN STEEDMAN. CONTAIN NO POISON.



FULLERTON'S CLOSING-OUT Shoe Sale EVERY SHOE Will Be Closed Out At a Cut Price As I do not want to move a pair to MY NEW STORE 46 Government St. Open Every Evening Till 9 o'Clock J. FULLERTON 62 Yates Street BORN. KER—On the 15th inst., at Kershaugh, the wife of D. R. Ker, of a daughter. DIED. POTTINGER—In this city, on the 15th inst., George Pottinger, a native of Westray, Orkney Islands, aged 82 years. SHIELDS—On the 15th instant, James Shields, a native of California, aged 62 years. PERSONAL. Frank Chapman, of Mill Bay, and H. Halbert and wife of Chilliwack, are among the guests at the Balmoral. G. W. Borden and wife, of Halifax, and M. A. Lynch, of Butte, Mont., are among the late arrivals at the Dominion. D. A. Upper, Mrs. Upper and daughter are in the city. They are guests at the Driard. J. Cosgrove, of Toronto, and R. W. Harbison, of Nelson, are guests at the King Edward.

The Inter-Provincial Conference At Ottawa

The following is the official report of the proceedings of the conference between members of the government of Canada and of the various provincial governments, assembled at Ottawa, October, 1906:

Conference Chamber, Houses of Parliament, Ottawa, October 8th, 1906. In response to an invitation addressed by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier...

Ottawa, 10th Sept. 1906. Sir—In accordance with the request of the Dominion government to confer with the Dominion government to discuss the financial subsidies to the provinces...

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ing for payment of such increased subsidies and allowances as may be determined upon, pending an amendment to the British North America Act, if such amendment should be deemed necessary.

It is also unanimously resolved, That sub-section C of resolution 1, adopted at the conference held at Quebec in December, 1902, be amended so as to read as follows:

(C). The population as ascertained in the last decennial census to govern the annual payments now made to each province, but that such a conference will take place at the city of Ottawa on Monday, the 8th of October next, at eleven o'clock a. m., which you are invited to attend.

Your obedient servant, WILFRID LAURIER. The following gentlemen assembled at the conference chamber in the parliament buildings at Ottawa on Monday, the 8th day of October, 1906, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon:

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building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The subsequent course of events was shown that British Columbia has not only paid its way in Confederation, but has contributed in 35 years nearly \$19,000,000 to the Federal treasury in excess of what it has received therefrom; that the Canadian Pacific Railway has been instrumental more than any other factor in building up Canada, with benefits vastly greater to Eastern Canada than to British Columbia; and that the Settlement Act gave a realizable asset to the Dominion nearly twenty times greater than the expenditure which it involved.

The government of British Columbia submits as incontrovertible that as the original and amended term of union having been based upon assumptions which have proved groundless, and as that the very opposite of what was anticipated has transpired, it is incumbent, in the light of developments which have actually taken place upon the Dominion morally and constitutionally, to now substitute new terms for those made performance in anticipation of what did not happen.

This contention is strictly in line with what is promised in the resolution of the Quebec conference of 1902, in that effect that at the time of the passing of the B. N. A. Act "it was impossible to foresee the development of the Dominion," and to provide in an unalterable and therefore permanent mode of the various local governments for all time to come, except that the conditions are so peculiar and exceptional in the case of British Columbia that there are certain conditions and physical disabilities, permanent in character, which accentuate the position of British Columbia considered in relation to the other provinces, and that normally increase the cost of government in that province, as compared with the average conditions of the rest of the Dominion, entailing as well disadvantages of commercial, industrial, and political character.

1. The cost of administration, owing to the physical character of the country. 2. The distance from the commercial, industrial and administrative centres of Eastern Canada. 3. The non-industrial character of the province, as compared with Eastern Canada, whereby a large percentage of goods are imported and consumed, instead of being produced in the Dominion.

4. The disadvantages of the province in relation to the market for its special products. Under the first head, it is pointed out and supported by tables filed in the official records of all the provinces that the physical conditions referred to increase the cost of government under every head.

The following table covering a period of thirty years of all the provinces will sufficiently illustrate these contentions.

Table with columns: Av. Pop., Total Pop., Av. Per Cap. Expend., Head of Family, 30 Years, 30 Years, Per Year. Rows for Provinces: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia.

British Columbia is a country, roughly speaking, 900 miles in length and 381,000 square miles, extremely mountainous in character and settled in widely detached valleys with a sparse population. This involves an enormous cost for government, the expense touching the Dominion government in deducting claims which the Dominion may have against any province from the subsidy due to such province.

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disposition which is manifested in the conference, and at once approach the question of what allowance, in addition to that already contemplated, should be made to meet British Columbia's difficulties. It is a question which, after all, can better be settled here than anywhere else. I feel assured that the conference will be willing to deal with the matter in a spirit of fairness to the Dominion as a whole. I propose, therefore, that we shall leave you to discuss the question frankly with one another, and come to you when probably you will have reached some satisfactory agreement.

After some discussion the joint conference adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet to-morrow at 11 a. m.

Confidence Chamber, Ottawa, Saturday, October 13th, 1906. The chairman of the conference took the chair at 12.30 o'clock p. m., when all the members were convened with the exception of the Hon. Messrs. Lemieux and McBride.

The chairman submitted a resolution of the inter-provincial conference, which is as follows: (Extract from the deliberations of a sitting of the conference of the representatives of the several provinces of the Dominion at Ottawa on the 13th day of October, 1906.)

It is resolved: That in the opinion of the conference it is inadvisable that the claim, in the way of subsidies, of any province be referred to arbitration.

The chairman submitted a resolution of the inter-provincial conference on the subjects of the claims of British Columbia for special consideration, which is as follows: (Extract from deliberations of a sitting of the conference of the representatives of the several provinces of the Dominion, held at Ottawa on the 13th day of October, 1906.)

That in view of the large area, geographical position and very exceptional physical features of the province of British Columbia, it is the opinion of this conference that the said province should receive a reasonable additional allowance for the purpose of civil government, in excess of the provisions made in the Quebec resolutions of 1902, and that such additional allowance should be to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years.

The chairman informed the conference that Mr. McBride declined to assent to the terms of the resolution, and declared he could take no further part in the proceedings of the inter-provincial conference, after which he withdrew.

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The prime minister added that his government desired to impress upon the conference the fact that the resolutions of the Quebec conference of 1887 seemed to have been drawn and considered with great care, and they were of opinion that the terms agreed to at that time should not be departed from.

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MORE REAL ESTATE DEALS REPORTED

Local Contractor is Very Busy Building Houses in Eastern Style For Outside Investors.

Another week end sees the real estate offices as busy as ever. There is no reaction in real estate interest in realty. Property on the waterfront of the Bay continues in strong demand.

Winnipeg investors are still hard at work in the city. One of them has just acquired ten acres on Tolmie avenue. This is a residential property, and realized a size of \$100 an acre.

Another large deal yesterday was the sale of a lot at the corner of Yates and Quadra streets. This brought in a sum of \$7500.

Local men have purchased two lots at Beacon park, and also two lots next the drill hall on Menzies street. These deals were put through by the Dominion Real Estate Exchange Co.

At the corner of Fourth street and King's road, lots have been sold by Grant & Conyers. A sum of \$1000 changed hands over the transaction.

Some time ago Conyers & Grant sold 107 acres of the McCulloch estate to an Edmonton man. This property is again on the market. It is beautifully situated on the Victoria arm, and the agents are trying the experiment of subdividing it into two and five acre lots, and only advertising it locally.

Highly desirable, a North-western, western and then put up for sale again, has been advertised in Winnipeg.

James Fairall, contractor, is at present building a \$3000 house, a development of the present activity. It is for S. de T. Cunningham, a North-westerner, who has purchased eight acres of the Yates property on Harriet road, of the Gorge road, S. de T. Cunningham has come to settle down in Victoria.

The new house is being constructed in eastern colonial style. The lot covers 40x60 feet, and has an arched veranda running around two sides. Gables, finished in half timbered style, adorn the roof. A four by four veranda on one corner, while the walls are broken by square bays with triple windows. The house has a striking appearance, and is unlike the usual run of residences erected in Victoria.

The contractor has also an hands an eight-roomed house on Cameron street. This is on Admiral's road, Esquimalt, and will also be constructed according to eastern design. It is of a unique character, and the building in Victoria are considered. Mr. Fairall is very busy at present, and makes a specialty of supplying plans and estimates without charge to prospective clients.

Three more small ranches in North Saanich, comprising about 125 acres, have been sold for \$100,000. A deal is being put through whereby eastern people will take over in the neighborhood of Quatsino in South Saanich \$70,000. The sale is being arranged by M. A. Thomas, of Sidney. It is reported that he has also sold a milk ranch comprising some 30 acres on the Work farm, a good going business, the figure being in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

DEATH OF A PIONEER. George Pottinger Passed Away This Morning at the Age of Eighty-Three.

The death occurred in this city this morning of George Pottinger, aged 83, after an illness of one week. The deceased was stricken with paralysis last Saturday, and gradually weakened, though his last days were painless and his mind bright to the end.

The late Mr. Pottinger came to this country with his family in the barque Knight Bruce, nearly 42 years ago, landing here on Christmas Eve, 1864, after a six months' voyage across the Cape Horn. He was a school teacher by profession, and for a time conducted a private school in the building of Broughton street, now occupied by Mr. Burgess as a carpenter shop. Later he taught in the public schools of the province, being for a time engaged at Cedar Hill, Lake and Craigflower, respectively. He was a life-long adherent of the Presbyterian church, and was under many years an elder of the First church of this city. His wife died of old age of twelve years ago, and of their six children there are still surviving three sons in this city and one son and daughter in California, all married and with homes and families of their own.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.00 o'clock from his residence, 88 Kingston street.

LABORER'S SUICIDE. Seattle, Dec. 13.—The body of Frank Wittich, a laborer, was hanging from the neck in a shed owned by the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company at the foot of Charles street yesterday morning. The man had been dead for some hours, and according to the deputy coroner who investigated the case, he had placed about his neck and the other end to a beam. Then he kicked from under him a plank which he had been standing and dropped to his death.

Wittich had worked in logging camps near Seattle and at different points in the Puget Sound region. He was employed in a hospital, where he was treated for a chronic ailment. No motive other than mental distress is given as the reason for his suicide. He was about 35 years of age, and so far as is known he had no relatives in this city.

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