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Kruger Must Come Down

British Government So Intimates to the Twenty-One Thousand Petitioners.

Significant Hint to Transvaal President on the Eve of Conference.

Report That Kruger Has Been Distributing Arms Privately to Farmers.

By Associated Press.

London, May 30.—The letter addressed by Conyngham Green, the British agent at Pretoria, to Wynberg, the president of the Transvaal Province South African League, with reference to the petition signed by 21,094 British subjects residing in the Transvaal, is as follows:

"I have instructions to inform your petitioners that their petition has been received with the serious consideration of Her Majesty's government, and without expressing an opinion as to the merits of the proceedings on the several allegations contained in the petition, Her Majesty's government cannot but express a general feeling of sympathy with the memorial, and are earnestly desirous of seeing a speedy and substantial change effected in their position."

"That the government refrains from further reply to the petition at this moment is due to the fact that an agreement is arranged between the high commissioner and the president of the republic, at which it is expected these questions, which others now at issue between the two governments, will be discussed in a conciliatory spirit."

"Her Majesty's government regards the agreement of the president and high commissioner to meet the high commissioner as an indication that both the veldt and the government of the Republic are sincerely desirous of arriving at a solution which will satisfy the reasonable aspirations of the unfranchised population."

KRUGER GOES TO CONFERENCE.

Bloomfield, Orange Free State, May 30.—Sir Alfred Miller, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner of the South African Republic, left Capetown and Pretoria, respectively, this morning for their meeting here to-morrow to consider the demands of the Uitlanders.

Great preparations for their reception have been made here. Triumphant arches have been erected outside the railway station, and addresses expressing hope for a successful result of the conference will be presented to the officials.

ARMING THE FARMERS.

London, May 30.—The Mail's Capetown correspondent says Sirs Secret, a member of the Cape parliament, having recently toured Barkly district, Cape Colony, reports that the farmers there have received Mauser rifles and scaled parcels of ammunition from the Transvaal government, and in return are pledging their allegiance to the Transvaal flag at Christiansia upon the signal from Transvaal. Secret also says a detachment of British soldiers has lately inspected a bridge across the Vaal river north of Kimberley, with a view to destroying it in the event of hostilities.

ANOTHER FRENCH RUMPTUS.

Defamer of the President Highly Excited on His Trial for Disturbing the Army.

Paris, May 30.—The session of the court of cassation engaged in the hearing of the case against M. Paul Deroulede and Marcel Habert, who were indicted for inciting soldiers to insubordination, resumed its sitting at noon.

M. Deroulede resumed his argument immediately upon the court being called to order, reiterating, amid applause, his had not desired the formation of a republic, but of a plebiscitary republic.

A number of witnesses were heard in favor of Deroulede, including Francois Coppee, Deputy Joseph Dasties and Francois Shreve and Lahnes, who paid high tributes to Deroulede as a Frenchman and praised his conduct in the war of 1870.

M. Chesnay de Beaupre, formerly president of the civil section of the court of cassation, in response to an appeal from M. Deroulede, addressed the court in support of Deroulede's charges against President Loubet.

M. de Beaupre said that as President Loubet had not denied the accusations he made against him with reference to the Panama Canal scandal on the morning of his election to the presidency of the republic, the charges must be true. M. de Beaupre delivered a glowing eulogy upon Deroulede's noble heart and declared that he was incapable of a wicked action. When M. de Beaupre had concluded, some one among the audience shouted "Let us stand up in respect," but nobody stirred.

The trial adjourned for the day without incident of any special note.

THE ITALIAN CHAMBER.

Rome, May 30.—Signor Chingaglia, the ministerial candidate, was today elected president of the Chamber of Deputies, receiving 223 votes against 193 cast for Signor Zaidenelli, who recently resigned the presidency owing to the re-organization of the cabinet.

PADEREWSKI NOT WEDDED.

Paris, May 30.—The agent here of Russian pianist, the celebrated Paderewski, declares that there is no truth in the report that he has married the former wife of Ladislas Gorski, the violinist. The lady in question, it is added, is Paderewski's sister.

A DEMAND FOR PREACHERS.

Towns and Villages in British Columbia That Have Never Heard a Baptist's Voice.

Toronto, May 29.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Ontario and Quebec Baptist Union to-day, a report on Manitoba, the Northwest, and British Columbia missions was presented. The secretary, Rev. T. H. Davis, stated that the new Western Baptist missions were now well supplied with ministers, while in British Columbia the outlook was most encouraging. The need of a Baptist school for Manitoba was referred to, and he was glad to announce that a gentleman in Toronto had agreed to contribute \$3,000 yearly for five years towards maintaining a school there. The new college will be established almost immediately.

The estimate for the present year for British Columbia, Manitoba and the Northwest amounted to \$12,000, of which 20 per cent. will be devoted to British Columbia. In British Columbia there was no fear of an over supply of able, well-trained, consecrated ministers. There were twenty in British Columbia of more than 4,000 people that had never heard a Baptist preacher's voice, and from 200 to 1,000 population in the same condition.

C. P. R. PROSPERING.

Montreal, May 29.—The C. P. R. financial statement for April is as follows: Gross earnings, \$2,196,312; working expenses, \$1,278,000; net profits, \$920,300. In April, 1898, the net profits were \$1,171,091. For the four months ended April 30, 1899, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$7,923,833; working expenses, \$4,957,499; net profits, \$2,966,334. For the four months ended April 30, 1898, there was a net profit of \$2,409,619.

FORTY PASSENGERS MAIMED.

Motor Car in Chicago Gets Out of Control and Crashes Into Standing Train.

Chicago, May 30.—Forty people were injured this afternoon in a rear-end collision between a Harlem track special and a 48th street train on the Lake street elevated road. It is not believed that any of the injured will die, the most serious injuries reported being broken limbs. The motorman on the Harlem special lost control of his train as he was negotiating the Oakley Avenue station and the motor car with its two trailers crashed into the rear end of the 48th street train, which had stopped at the station platform.

MR. MARTIN SMILES AGAIN.

Evidence Produced at Ottawa That Dominion Owns Deadman's Island.

Ottawa, May 30.—The department of militia made a great find last night. A document which it is thought will set at rest for all time the question of Deadman's Island was unearthed in one of the pigeon-holes of the department. It appears that when British Columbia was a crown colony, Sir James Douglas, on being appointed governor, received instructions to set apart certain lands as military and naval reserves. Sir James Douglas duly carried out the orders of the crown, with the result that the present reserves at Esquimalt, Stanley Park and Deadman's Island, and other areas in British Columbia were taken over by the crown. In 1883 by a despatch from the war office, the naval and military reserves at Vancouver were decided over to the Dominion, and it is this despatch, with a plan of the properties, including Deadman's Island, which the militia department has just found.

Mr. Alex. Henderson, M. P. P. of New Westminster, who has been representing the Dominion department and justice in the Deadman's Island dispute, and Mr. W. J. Bowser, counsel for Mr. Langlois, who arrived from Vancouver last evening to examine the provincial records in connection with the case, were seen last evening by a Colonist representative. They had heard of the find at Ottawa through Mr. Ludgate's receipt of official information. It was quite possible, Mr. Henderson said, in view of the fact that the case does not come up again until June 7, that the Ottawa authorities did not consider it necessary to telegraph, but are mailing the contents of the document.

Mr. Cotton, chief commissioner of lands and works, said it was impossible to discuss the matter until the document arrived.

RUSSIA'S MISFORTUNES.

Drought Destroys Wheat Crop in South—Shipload of Cossacks Emigrating.

Odesa, May 30.—The winter wheat crop of southern Russia has been completely destroyed by a protracted drought. The spring wheat crop is also in jeopardy from the same cause. The steamer Moscow has sailed with 3,500 Cossack immigrants for Port Arthur.

A SORRY SIGHT.

Coverack, Cornwall, May 30.—The position of the American liner steamer Paris remains unchanged. The weather is excellent. Numerous sight-seers have visited the shore in the vicinity of the stranded steamer.

A CHIEGO WOMAN MAKES HER LIVING BY WASHING CATS.

The Menonite church in this country is about to establish its first foreign mission. It will be located in India.

Boundary Issue Is Explained

Arbitration Offered by Americans Would Exempt Head of Lynn Canal.

Canada to Be Punished by Prohibiting Importation of Her Lumber.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 29.—In the exchange between the United States and Great Britain respecting the Canadian boundary controversy a statement has been issued by a prominent person which is in part as follows: "The Canadian boundary controversy is a prominent person which is in part as follows: 'Canada continues to be a land of surprises. The friendly protocol of Washington was signed on May 30, 1898, for the adjustment of all differences between the United States and Canada. The province of Ontario immediately discovered a chance to exhibit her idea of international equality, and giving their money to pass a decree prohibiting the export of logs with the result of causing some bankruptcies in Michigan. In British Columbia the authorities took the money of American miners who spend thousands of dollars constructing a railway to the scene of their interest and then proceeded to change their laws to confine all such mining privileges to British subjects and British corporations. 'After American nurserymen had taken contracts to supply stocks to the Canadian authorities prohibited any further importation of nursery stock. 'In respect to the boundary of Alaska the Dominion government protested indignantly against the conditions and it is right to Americans in the country to be arbitrated. Years ago the United States citizens without any question or protest against their right to do so occupied the headwaters of Lynn Canal and established never asserted claims there. Canada has never asserted claims there. The Americans built paths over the mountains and Lynn Canal beyond the mountains and established communication with the Yukon by interlocking locks and streams, this also without protest against their passing over the mountain summits. 'Under these circumstances the United States commissioners thought it right to withhold the water settlements from the arbitration jurisdiction and they were against this limitation the Canadian commissioners so vehemently protested. Now it seems that Canada is protesting with equal vehemence against arbitration unless the United States shall agree to leave them the Pyramid Harbor region which they have never occupied.'"

Washington, May 29.—Senator McMillan of Michigan had a long conference with Secretary Taft regarding the proposed imposition of a counter-duty on lumber imported from Canada. Senator McMillan, on behalf of the northern timber interests, urged early action, and if the Attorney-General's opinion holds, by section 105 of the tariff act the secretary can lawfully impose a practically prohibitive duty on lumber from the Canadian side. Such action almost certainly would be taken. The section in question authorizes the imposition of a retaliatory duty on lumber from any country or dependency which may impose an export tax on the United States. The lumber of all kinds imported, not from Ontario but from any other Canadian province.

London, May 30.—The Standard in an editorial this morning on the Alaska boundary dispute says: "Lord Salisbury would be justified in refusing to accede to the American demand that the umpire should arbitrate on a dispute should be chosen among the citizens of the two countries. It is to be hoped the American side at the Hague will establish a permanent arbitration tribunal, before which the United States could hardly refuse to plead its case."

ORANGE GRAND LODGE.

Clarke Wallace Warns the Brethren That School Question Is Not Settled.

Toronto, May 30.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of British North America opened here this afternoon, Grand Master N. Clarke Wallace in the chair.

The Grand Master in his annual address reviewed the condition of the order and declared it to be satisfactory. He condemned vigorously the movement set on foot by the Catholic Truth Society for the removal of what he regarded as a vital clause in the coronation oath, the promise to maintain the Protestant religion.

Referring to the Manitoba school question, the Grand Master said it remained in statu quo. It could not be said to have been disposed of, for the minority were not disposed to give up the fight to secure what it wished, but in the meantime the question was not before the public.

MARCHANT'S HOME COMING.

The "Hero of Fashoda" Lionized by the Citizens of Toulon.

Toulon, May 30.—Major Marchand arrived here this afternoon on board the French cruiser D'Assas. The hero of Fashoda was greeted with immense enthusiasm. The ship having by a large number of steamers. At the landing Major Marchand was received by the mayor of Toulon and several generals with speeches of laudation.

The Price of Money is now prospectively 600,000, and has more in prospect. The price takes \$250,000 from the gambling tables at Monte Carlo.

Scheming to Keep the Peace.

Italy Would Amend Arbitration Proposal and Keep Prepared for Action.

Disarmament Committee Debate With Small Prospect of Practical Result.

By Associated Press.

The Hague, May 29.—The drafting committee or sub-committee of the arbitration conference met to-day and discussed the Russian scheme adding slight modifications to the first six articles.

Count Nigra, chief of the Italian delegation, submitted a proposal of mediation and arbitration, consisting of six articles in the form of an amendment to the Russian project.

The Americans also submitted an amendment providing that in the event of a dispute between two nations, each should choose another nation, each of the two so chosen should act together as arbitrators to settle the difference without bloodshed. This must not be confused with the arbitration scheme proposed by the American minister to the Netherlands, Mr. Henry Howard, gave a grand reception to-night, at which all the delegates and the leaders of Dutch society were present.

Washington, May 29.—The President and Secretary Hay are gratified at the precedence given by the conference to the subject of arbitration, which is regarded as the chief object in view. The detailed scheme of arbitration which is to be proposed by the United States is the state department before the commissioners sailed from New York. It will be laid before the conference probably tomorrow. It differs materially from what is known as the Olney-Pauncefote treaty which failed of ratification, and it provides for a permanent tribunal of arbitration.

The news from The Hague that the British and Russian representatives are conferring with a view to reconciling points of difference in their two schemes of arbitration gives satisfaction here, for the reason that it promises well for an easy amalgamation of opposing schemes with the American project, the latter being very similar to the British plan.

THE FRASER'S FLOOD.

Still Many Feet Below High Water Mark and No Unseasoned Felt.

Special to the Colonist.

Spence's Bridge, May 30.—The river is no higher than at this time last year, and not so high as it was this time in 1894. There is still from twenty to thirty feet of snow in the mountains, liable to come in with a rush if weather turns warm suddenly. The highest temperature so far has been ninety. The highest temperature by June 1st last year was 102, and in 1894.

The large slide which came down on the morning of January 3, damming the river, is now cutting considerably, and the water which was held by it has dropped about four feet, thereby saving from destruction one or two large farms in this vicinity.

Asherott, May 30.—The river at this point is probably about ten feet below the high water mark of 1894. Much snow is reported in the mountains, but the general opinion of the men best informed as to the water in the Thompson will not be much if any higher than last or any ordinary year. The temperature is about 85.

Yale, May 30.—There is no rise in the water to-day.

Lilloet, May 30.—The river is slightly higher in the morning. The weather is clearing and windy.

A CONVENT'S CENTENNIAL.

A Thousand Devoted Women From All Parts of America Engage in Celebrating It.

Washington, May 30.—Cardinal Gibbons, the papal delegate, Monsignor Martini and other prominent Catholic churchmen took part to-day in the second day's celebration of the centennial of the Georgetown convent. At least a thousand women, representing every state in the Union and many of the Latin-American countries, took part in the ceremonies.

Solemn pontifical mass was celebrated this morning, Cardinal Gibbons officiating, and Monsignor Conarty, rector of the Catholic university, preaching the sermon, which was a review of the history of the venerable institution of Catholic education, and a tribute also to the saintly character and noble activities of the nuns.

BIRKENHEAD TO TORONTO.

Toronto, May 29.—Rev. Armstrong Black of Birkenhead, Eng., has definitely accepted the call to St. Andrew's church, Toronto, in succession to Rev. W. J. McCaughan. The Liverpool presbytery to-day sustained the call and notified the Toronto presbytery.

Cruel Wrong To Dreyfus.

Convincing Evidence That the Exile Has Suffered for Another's Crime.

Bordeaux Now Officially Declared to Have Been Written by Esterhazy.

By Associated Press.

Paris, May 30.—A striking sign of the public opinion which has come upon the people generally to show Dreyfus the wrong done to him by the Dreyfus case is the detailed scheme of arbitration which is to be proposed by the United States. The state department before the commissioners sailed from New York. It will be laid before the conference probably tomorrow. It differs materially from what is known as the Olney-Pauncefote treaty which failed of ratification, and it provides for a permanent tribunal of arbitration.

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Killing the Labor Law

Ottawa to Deal This Week With the Legislation Hostile to Japanese.

Gerrymander of Ontario Urgently Needed—Grand Trunk Haul Coming Up.

Yukon Commissioner Reports How the Investigation Has Been Staved Off.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 30.—The anti-Japanese legislation of British Columbia was under consideration to-day. It is expected that the announcement of disallowance will be forthcoming by the end of the week.

Hurry for Gerrymander.

At the opening of the house to-day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that the government would not acquiesce in Sir Charles Tupper's suggestion that the gerrymander bill be withdrawn.

A caucus of the opposition has been called for Thursday, when the attitude which the party will take in view of the government's declaration to-day will be determined. A caucus was held this morning, but pending the Premier's announcement nothing could be decided.

Over a Barrel.

This afternoon was devoted to the discussion of two bills from the inland revenue department, one relating to distillery regulations, the other defining the size and character of app barrels. Sir Henri Joly got much involved in his explanations of the last mentioned amendment, and the committee rose without getting through it.

Grand Trunk's Haul.

Mr. Blair moved the second reading of the Drummond railway contract bill, but on the suggestion of Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster the motion was withdrawn, the proprietors of the Grand Trunk bill, of which notice was given last evening. The opposition leader preferred that the two bills relating to the same transaction should be dealt with together.

The Quebec harbor bill occupied attention this evening. The house adjourned at midnight.

A Great Investigation.

Commissioner Ogilvie's report on the Yukon investigation is not a long document. It sets forth that the commissioner believes the beginning of the hunt for evidence relating to events subsequent to August. When this decision was announced, the miners' committee then in session at the Nugget newspaper withdrew from court and refused to prosecute. Mr. Ogilvie investigated only three cases.

One of these relates to a claim said to have been improperly given to the woman Koch, whose case was discussed in the debate on the address. Mr. Ogilvie finds that the claim should not have been allowed, but says Mr. Pawcett allowed it under a mistake as to the facts. The other cases in which it was alleged that government officers compelled miners to take them into partnership, Mr. Ogilvie thinks were not proved.

DECORATION DAY WHEELING.

Crack Riders on Exhibition in the Ottawa of the East.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 30.—The feature of the meet of the associated cycling clubs of Philadelphia at Woodside to-day was the five mile pursuit race between Eddie McDuffee of Boston and Church of Philadelphia. Church had a handicap of a hundred yards. Neither man caught the other but Church was declared the winner, he having made better time, which was 11:16.

New York, May 30.—The first race meet of the season on the Asbury Park athletic grounds, now managed by former champion runner A. Zimmerman, brought a large crowd of bicycle enthusiasts. Zimmerman's exhibition behind the Frenchman's machine was the star attraction. The mile was covered in 1:52.25.

Boston, May 30.—Major Taylor proved to be the star of the associated club race meet at Charles River park this afternoon. He won the one mile open profession from Tom Butler and Frank Butler in 2:31, and the two mile handicap from scratch in 4:34.

WARNING TO VICTORIA.

Vancouver is Securing Control of the Trade of Comox District.

The last issue of the Comberland, Comox News contains an editorial note which is in form of a warning to Victoria merchants. The News says: "Dealing with our trade relations we can not ignore the fact that Vancouver has secured a hold here which not long ago Victoria possessed. This is due, we believe, to the fact that the Vancouver wholesale merchants send their travellers here regularly. The hotel registers show that for one night of the grip hailing from the capital, two came from the Terminal City. It remains for Victoria to wake up and compete with Vancouver."

"Why, grandpa, you used to say that you killed six Indians with one shot; then you cut it down to five; now you say it was four."

"Well, well, my child, I suppose that's because my memory's a little little better year."—Chicago Democrat.

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Government Should Help.

Sorby Committee Urge Dominion to Draw on Victoria's Appropriation.

Originator of the Project to Explain it in Detail at Ottawa.

For a second time, and finally, the preliminary investigating committee of the Sorby scheme for the improvement of Victoria harbor decided yesterday that Mr. Sorby shall go to Ottawa without delay to explain in detail for the benefit of the ministers and do what may be taken for its accomplishment. At the same time the committee of investigation have put on record their desire to have part of the \$10,000 appropriated last year for improvement of the harbor (but which was expended) devoted to the payment of other preliminaries for the "proving" of the scheme.

This latter point of action comes in consequence of the discovery that the preliminary inquiry into the engineering features of the scheme will be much more expensive than had been anticipated. It is earnestly hoped that the government will assume a portion of this expense, and as Mr. T. B. Hall pointed out yesterday, that an appropriation of \$10,000 was last year left unemployed, the hope has a substantial basis.

The resolution in connection was introduced at yesterday's meeting of the general committee of the Sorby scheme, and that gentleman had presented a verbal report of the business transacted by the engineering sub-committee at a morning session. Mr. W. Pearce, who was instructed under the general committee's authorization of May 12, he said, to proceed with the work of boring in five different designated sections, this being in accordance with the instructions received by the sub-committee from the general committee. He stated that the developments presented themselves no further or more formal report seemed necessary—the sub-committee would simply proceed with the work and complete it as far as possible.

Parentally Mr. Pearce mentioned that in the work which has been done with regard to the boring apparatus which it had been thought could be borrowed from the provincial government, but that it was found to be scattered over all parts of the province, and was difficult to get at present how the work in hand could be performed without the borrowing of tools. As soon, however, as it was known that the sub-committee would report and seek further instructions, their report might well be deferred until Mr. Pearce had got his work and Mr. Roy arrived in the city.

With reference to the preliminary work, it was certain that when the claim of the Sorby scheme depended largely upon the accuracy of Mr. Sorby's estimate on the rock quantities, and one of the first things which the committee would therefore be undoubtedly the report of these borings. The committee should not be called upon to bear a part of this preliminary expense, and he therefore suggested that the government should pay for this preliminary expense, and he therefore suggested that the government should pay for this preliminary expense, and he therefore suggested that the government should pay for this preliminary expense.

There was no opposition to this resolution, copies of which were ordered to be sent to Messrs. Prior, Earle, McInnes, Maxwell, Bostock and Morrison, the members of the House of Commons from British Columbia, to Sir Herbert Tupper, and to Senator Templeman, Macdonald and Reid.

Then the question of sending Mr. Sorby to Ottawa was taken up, and Mr. Mayor Redfern explaining the circumstances in connection with the reopening of the scheme, Senator Templeman, it would be remembered, said that legislation could not be secured this year in connection with the scheme, and he had then suggested that a telegram be sent to Ottawa, and that the government should secure an opportunity to lay the proposals before the ministers. To this Mr. Sorby assented, and he then proposed that the government should send Mr. Sorby to Ottawa now can ministers give him sufficient time to lay scheme fully before them and explain all details in connection with the scheme.

Mr. Higgins Suggests.

Advantages of Railway Connection via Sooke or Beechey Bay.

Port Angeles Company Will Await an Answer From Victoria.

Mr. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., has suggested to the promoters of the Port Angeles Eastern railway company that they might give Victoria railway connection by means of a ferry from Port Angeles to either Sooke or Beechey Bay, and a line of railway from Vancouver Island to connect with the B. & N. and the Langford. He believes that the owners of land at either Sooke or Beechey Bay would give a land subsidy to secure the connection. Here is the letter to the President of the Port Angeles Eastern:

Dear Sir,—As you prepared to consider a proposal for the establishment of a car ferry between the Pacific coast of Vancouver Island and the mainland of British Columbia, and to connect either of those harbors by a line of railway with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station? Langford station is situated about seven miles from Victoria, and the line from that point from Port Angeles may be made to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station. The distance from the point to either of the points mentioned is only from 11 to 13 miles, and the line from that point may be made to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station.

Two lines of railway have been chartered to cross the island (one from Nanaimo and the other from Esquimalt) and to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station. The distance from the point to either of the points mentioned is only from 11 to 13 miles, and the line from that point may be made to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station.

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Advantages of Railway Connection via Sooke or Beechey Bay.

Port Angeles Company Will Await an Answer From Victoria.

Mr. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., has suggested to the promoters of the Port Angeles Eastern railway company that they might give Victoria railway connection by means of a ferry from Port Angeles to either Sooke or Beechey Bay, and a line of railway from Vancouver Island to connect with the B. & N. and the Langford. He believes that the owners of land at either Sooke or Beechey Bay would give a land subsidy to secure the connection. Here is the letter to the President of the Port Angeles Eastern:

Dear Sir,—As you prepared to consider a proposal for the establishment of a car ferry between the Pacific coast of Vancouver Island and the mainland of British Columbia, and to connect either of those harbors by a line of railway with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station? Langford station is situated about seven miles from Victoria, and the line from that point from Port Angeles may be made to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station.

Two lines of railway have been chartered to cross the island (one from Nanaimo and the other from Esquimalt) and to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station. The distance from the point to either of the points mentioned is only from 11 to 13 miles, and the line from that point may be made to connect with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway at or near Langford station.

With reference to the preliminary work, it was certain that when the claim of the Sorby scheme depended largely upon the accuracy of Mr. Sorby's estimate on the rock quantities, and one of the first things which the committee would therefore be undoubtedly the report of these borings. The committee should not be called upon to bear a part of this preliminary expense, and he therefore suggested that the government should pay for this preliminary expense, and he therefore suggested that the government should pay for this preliminary expense.

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DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE. Vice Chancellor Sir W. Page Wood stated publicly in court that Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the inventor of Chlorodyne, that the whole story of the defendant Freeman was literally untrue, and he is regretted to say that it had been sworn to in evidence, July 13, 1894.

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Civic Business Of the Week.

A Brief and Practical Session of the Aldermen—Mr. Croft's Bridge Proposal.

Eastern Misrepresentation Calls for Comment—Permanent Walks for Broad Street.

A brief and business-like session of the city council was that of last evening, which was brought to a close in less than an hour and a half, with all work of the week disposed of. Just prior to the adjournment it was arranged to meet Mr. Henry Croft, with reference to the proposal made by him for a long lease of James Bay in return for a long lease of the reclaimed mud flats at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) morning. It is also probable that a special meeting of the council, in committee, will be held very shortly, to take the matter of public works under advisement, the finance committee reporting the appropriations considerably eaten into already.

After routine business had been disposed of last night, the correspondence file for the week was taken up, with all members of the council present. Dr. E. H. C. Hanington wrote to say that the swans had arrived safely at St. John, N. B., and the corporation of the city greatly appreciated the courtesy shown. This semi-private communication was disposed of with the observation by the mayor that it was most satisfactory to know that the swans had got through safely.

L. H. Fullagar, in behalf of St. James' church, wrote for a determination of the basis of assessment upon which the church in question is taxed \$69.50 instead of \$36, which amount the church board believe to be correct. It was suggested that a friendly inquiry be made, without costs being charged on either side. The matter being clearly one for determination by the court of revision and appeal referred, the letter was referred to the city solicitor for his opinion for the guidance of the council.

Frank Higgins, in behalf of clients who have recently established a barber shop in the old post office building, asked permission for them to place a barber's pole in front of their premises. This communication elicited the objection by the mayor that under existing by-laws all such poles are forbidden, and are to be removed as soon as a pole is given by the city engineer.

The finance committee and Ald. Humphrey thought the engineer should take the by-law for his instruction and make pole with the removal of objectionable poles.

Ald. Williams, on the contrary, held that clearing out the barber poles was against the spirit of the law. He moved, in amendment to a motion to file the request that it be granted.

The amendment failed, however, for the want of a second, and the original resolution prevailed.

Applications from James Owens and Michael Drayton in position of inspector of permanent sidewalks were referred to the city engineer for his consideration.

City Clerk W. J. Dowler submitted his report of communications dealt with during the past week, which was filed, as usual, on the agenda.

From Lucy Edwards—Re. box drain on Harris street.

From W. Jackson—Requesting that a box drain be put down on the corner of the street on the north side of the street. It is proposed to lay the drain along the north side of the street from the corner of the street to the corner of the street. The drain is to be laid on the north side of the street from the corner of the street to the corner of the street.

From J. H. Lawson and thirteen others—Requesting that a sidewalk be laid on the south side of Simcoe street, from the corner of the street to the corner of the street.

From the city solicitor came the following report with regard to the North Pembroke street drain:

"With reference to the proposed drain on the north side of the street, it is intended to lay the drain along the north side of the street from the corner of the street to the corner of the street. The drain is to be laid on the north side of the street from the corner of the street to the corner of the street."

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As for Messrs. Heisterman & Co.'s application for a refund of the proportionate cost of permanent sidewalk in front of the premises of H. H. Croft & Co., the city engineer commented that no statement of actual cost had been filed in the engineer's office, of which fact the firm interested will be notified.

A second report from the engineer was as follows:

"In accordance with instructions regarding certain communications which were referred to me at your last meeting, I have the honor to report, respectively, as follows: (1) From A. P. Gibson, regarding an appeal in the case of the drainage of the street, this would require 1,000 feet of box drain, at an estimated cost of 12 cents per linear foot, therefore a total of \$120.00. I recommend the above to be done at present, as bad condition at more central parts of the city which I consider should have first attention. (2) From Wm. J. Dowler, with respect to damage done to property by the street inspector and myself have examined the property in front of house No. 216, mentioned in the communication, and find the damage is not worthy of mention; it would be better to recommend that no action be taken. (3) From Thomas Speed, re after due execution of box drain Speed avenue, I recommend that no action be taken."

This was adopted, and still another report from an official presented to the following tenor:

"I would respectfully ask your honorable body to take steps towards passing the by-laws re my appointment here, with earliest convenience, and defining my duties, as mentioned in a letter of instruction received from you. I may say I can secure should you so desire, an understanding of the duties of the position in Ontario. I am leaving at the end of this month, and my duties will be at once increased, and I will be required to complete the duties of the position in my appointment. I therefore thought that now would be the proper time to have this matter settled, thereby giving me a fair chance to serve you as an efficient servant in every particular. I would also like to have the matter of appointing an assistant in my department be considered at your convenience, as most of my time for the future will be taken up at Beaver lake and in outside of the city, the result being that plans, office work, etc., would be neglected."

In connection with the above, the mayor observed that while it was not necessary that a city engineer should be appointed by by-law, such action should be taken as to proper definition of his duties of engineer and street superintendent.

City Librarian Goward suggested that some recognition should be made of the services of his daughter and assistant librarian, his letter going to the finance committee for a report.

S. Hocking and thirteen others petitioned the council for an increase in their wages as miners in the employ of the corporation during blasting operations.

The street superintendent and city engineer will report upon the justice of the request.

In this connection Ald. Williams thought that hand drilling should be done away with and the city's steam drill again brought into service.

The finance committee presented accounts for the month ending \$4,350, which were duly passed.

From the fire wardens came a report recommending that the old chemical engine be put in good condition and a span of hoses purchased at a cost of more than \$300, for the Yates street fire engine. The committee also enclosed the following report from Chief J. H. Dowler:

"I have the honor to report an alarm of fire on box 61, at 4:50 o'clock Sunday afternoon, on the corner of the street and the street. The fire was extinguished by the fire engine and the fire was extinguished by the fire engine and the fire was extinguished by the fire engine."

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TIMELY TOPICS.

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