

A Night Surprise

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Capetown, April 2.—Lord Kitchener has granted permission to three Rand mining companies, which latter will be increased to seven, to resume work with fifty stamps each, provided the maximum wages paid to miners be not more than five shillings a day, equal to the wages of the irregular troopers, to prevent discontent among the latter. The remainder of the Rand mining companies will be devoted to a fund for the benefit of the families of residents of the Rand killed in the war.

THE DUKE CONSENTS. Will Present the Medals to Canadian Soldiers.

Ottawa, April 2.—(Special)—The Governor-General to-day received a cable message from Mr. Joseph Chamberlain stating that on his approaching visit to Canada the Duke of Cornwall and South African medals to present the names of the several contingents. The medals in order that the medals may be properly engraved before presentation.

SEEMS SURPRISED. Senior Lopez Does Not Understand Why Aguinado Took Oath.

Boston, April 2.—Sixto Lopez was interviewed to-day that Aguinado had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States.

VILLIERS' CRITICISM. Has Not a Very High Opinion of Funston's Trick.

Winnipeg, April 2.—(Special)—Frederick Villiers, the war correspondent, who has been in the Philippines since the outbreak of the war, is in the city to-day.

FRENCH PREMIER. Operation on Him for Abscess Under Tongue.

PARIS, April 2.—The surgeon to-day operated on an abscess under the tongue of M. Waldeck Rousseau, the premier. He hopes to return to work on Thursday.

FENIAN RAID MEDALS. Veterans Must Make Their Applications Before July First.

Ottawa, April 2.—(Special)—Applications for Fenian Raid and Red River medals will not be received after July 1 next.

THE BRITISH IRON TRADE Lanarkshire Furnaces Closing Down Owing to the Eight Hour Strike.

London, April 2.—As a result of the disaffection existing among the Lanarkshire miners and engineers, 20,000 of which are idle owing to a strike for an eight-hour day, some of the iron masters took steps to dump down their furnaces tonight, and the steel-makers will stop their mills. The railroads, owing to the lack of iron, are sending engines to shunters to some of the mines. Some of the miller collieries have granted the eight-hour day demand.

PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON. His Visit to Paris the Subject of Criticism.

FOOLED UNCLE SAM. Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, April 2, via Hibernia cable.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion has been ordered to convey Mr. Francis Loomis, the United States minister to Caracas, Venezuela, to San Juan de los Rios, where he will embark on a steamer for New York. President Castro is personally hostile to Mr. Loomis, because the latter protested strongly against the non-payment of large sums to the United States minister. Mr. Loomis discovered that the President was secretly paying foreign claims.

LI HUNG CHANG. Returning to Shanghai and Will Arrive There To-morrow.

Tien Tsin, April 2.—Li Hung Chang, with his body guard, is returning to Shanghai. He is indisposed. Steamers are detained at his disposal. Steamers expected to arrive here Thursday.

THANG. Is asserted Chang will be the ally of China, replacing Li Yamen, and Nankin viceroys, and a dozen foreigners were captured thirty carts and a gun.

NANAIMO WATERWORKS. Trouble Between Company and City Over Improvements.

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Pittsburg, April 3.—From early morning Pittsburg has been in the coils of the worst snowstorms ever experienced in this region. At about 6 o'clock this morning a very heavy blinding snow began falling, and it was not long before the streets were completely covered with snow, and the telegraph and trolley service. The unexpected and severe nature of the storm caught the railroad officials by their guard, and the condition of traffic upon the eastern roads is imminent. The Buffalo and Erie Railroad is from 12 to 15 inches in depth, and so heavy that it brought down poles and wires along the road. Extra gangs have been required on all trains, and unless the snow fall ceases a blockade is imminent. The Buffalo and Erie system is in almost a complete paralysis. On the Western New York and Pennsylvania division, the snow is ten to fifteen inches in depth, the wires are down and the train schedule has been abandoned.

Formally Notified. China's Regrets at Not Being Able to Sign the Agreement.

All the Chinese Except Li Hung Chang Was Against It.

British Germans and Japanese Are Not Ready With Their Claims.

Pekin, April 3.—The Chinese government has formally notified Russia that China, owing to the attitude of the Manchurian convention.

It is China's desire," says the formal notification, "to keep on friendly terms with all nations. At present she is going through a period which is the most perilous in the empire's history, and it is necessary that she should have the friendship of all.

Li Hung Chang says the letter settles the matter definitely, and that Russia was informally notified to the same effect on March 29. Prince Ching asserts that every Chinese man except Li Hung Chang was against signing the convention.

As soon as the generalis of the position is notified the ministers as to what position is desired by the ministers, and practically concluded except the incoming British, German and Japanese. The Germans say they can be ready in two days, and the Japanese assert that they can be ready in two days. A majority of general claims are in favor of making a general claim so soon as the government claims are in, making allowance for a few thousands for possible future claims.

Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent to the court for approval a list of names presented by the ministers for punishment. The death list has been and is to be four names for degradation, and 91 for loss of office. No objection is registered in local communities.

Berlin, April 3.—The war office has received a despatch from the von Waldersee, formally reporting the capture of 31,000 Chinese soldiers, and also that the robbers are being pursued, at the request of the Chinese government. Li Hung Chang, has been sent from Tien Tsin to Hwang Sur and Lu Ting Kan, to protect the inhabitants from robbery.

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The Russians Are Preparing for More Trouble on the Frontier.

And Say They Do So Because Fearing Fresh Boxer Outbreaks.

London, April 2.—"The Chinese Emperor, I am officially informed, has instructed the Chinese plenipotentiaries," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, "not to sign the Manchurian convention even in a modified form."

Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Pekin March 28, says: "The Yangtze viceroys have carried the day. Li Hung Chang, who wired Tuesday, urging Emperor Kwong Hsu to reconsider his decision, in the presence of the unanimous advice of the chief provincial officials, was irrevocable, and that the Manchurian convention could not be signed."

In spite of her threats, Russia seems disinclined to elude the door. Negotiations between Li Hung Chang and M. De Giers were certainly proceeding yesterday, when M. De Giers agreed to several formal amendments of the text. Russia's cynical and bold diplomacy appears for once to have overreached itself.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—The Russian government publicists do not cease to emphasize the radical difference between the Russian position towards China and that of the other powers. The Novoye Vremya, developing this, says: "For other China is merely a market which Russia will exploit, and which she will not become unprofitable. Russia cannot leave China, because of their immense frontier. While recognizing the truth in this contention, the foreign merchants are less complacent than the Novoye Vremya in contemplating the possibility of their seeking a substitute for the China market."

Berlin, April 1.—The Berliner Tageblatt publishes the following despatch from Shanghai: "The German first-class battleship Weissenburg has started from Shanghai to Hankow, and her north, her purpose being to impress the Chinese and the allies that Germany means to preserve the integrity and prestige in the Yangtze valley. The German gunboat Tiger has relieved the Illis at Hankow, where the Illis stayed five months because of the shallowness of the Yangtze at that point."

A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg, dated April 1, says: "Robber bands, Boxers and Chinese soldiers have been causing fresh disturbances in the neighborhood of Chang Tu Fu. Gen. Kaulbars has asked the governor, Gen. Grodov, to send reinforcements, as a general revival of the Boxer movement is expected in the spring. The Russian garrison at Tsi Tsi Bar has been compelled to camp outside the city, owing to the presence of the decomposing bodies of those who were killed during the Boxer rebellion or who perished of hunger."

COMMENTS ON AGUINALDO. Madrid Views His Capture With Some Mixed Feelings.

Madrid, April 1.—The capture of Aguinaldo has caused much interest here. The press is divided on the subject. Some of the newspapers are delighted with the capture, and describe him as a black traitor to Spain. Others consider him a traitor to his own race, and declare he was bought with American dollars. Interviews are published with the director of the Filipino organ here, and also with the president of the so-called Filipino republic. They are both quoted as declaring that the capture of Aguinaldo will have no permanent effect on the war. They say he will be replaced, and that the Filipino spirit by the climate, will never be subdued.

IN PARLIAMENT. Canada's Advice Asked About Changes in the House of Commons.

Ottawa, April 1.—(Special)—In the House today Sir H. B. Halliday was asked to know what arrangements had been made for appeals from the appellate court constituted in the Philippines. He referred the question to the Minister of the Interior, but his appeals will be to an appellate court, whose decisions will be final.

Mr. Hughes was told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the government is asked by the Imperial commission to send a representative to England to consult in reference to a change in constituting the judicial committee on the Privy Council. No representative has yet been appointed.

THE MANITOBA RAILWAY CONTRACTS. Opponents Have Still Hopes of Killing Them.

Winnipeg, April 1.—(Special)—J. H. Brock, one of the Manitoba delegates who went to Ottawa to oppose the endorsing of the railway contracts, returned today. In conversation he said: "The opinion of Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, who is acting as counsel for the delegation, is that the Dominion parliament cannot legalize the contracts entered into, and even if the bills are passed the contracts can still not be legally entered into. I am of the opinion that when the whole case is presented, the bills will not be passed."

PRINCE OF CANADA. Suggestion That Duke of Cornwall's Eldest Son Should Bear Title.

London, April 1.—It is understood that a suggestion that the Duke of Cornwall and York should be created Prince of Australia, has been considered by King Edward and the cabinet, but rejected on the ground that the other colonies had an equal right to be honored in this fashion. An alternative suggestion is that the Duke of Cornwall and York, the Prince of Wales and the Prince of Australia respectively, is to be further considered.

TODD'S TRIAL. Prisoner Gives Evidence on His Own Behalf.

Winnipeg, April 1.—(Special)—Donald Todd, charged with the murder of John Gordon, took the stand on his own behalf at the assize today. He gave a general denial of the evidence adduced against him, and made a good impression. A severe cross-examination followed to shake his testimony.

NANAIMO NEWS.

Inspecting Mining Methods—Union Meetings at Extension.

Nanaimo, April 1.—(Special)—J. D. Lynch, New York, C. H. K. Smith and J. M. McLaughlin, Vancouver, representing a big United States mining syndicate, inspected the New Vancouver Coal Company's works today, and made elaborate notes of the same. They expressed admiration for the manner in which work is done here, and suggested that the syndicate should be allowed to work in the same manner in which work is done here, and suggested that the syndicate should be allowed to work in the same manner in which work is done here.

Secretary Hammett instructed to communicate immediately with all the miners' unions on Vancouver Island, with a view of holding a joint mass meeting in Nanaimo open to all the miners, to consider labor questions generally, especially in regard to the proposed action as to the rate of wages.

A donation of the New Vancouver Coal Company amounting to \$1,675 was placed in the Royal Bank of Canada this afternoon.

BOERS IN LISBON. Story From Spain That They Were Warmly Welcomed.

Madrid, April 1.—Despatches received here from Lisbon are endorsed, but letters which have reached here say the Boers were warmly welcomed in Lisbon. They were met by a large crowd of Portuguese and were escorted to their quarters in the forts in the vicinity of Lisbon. The Boers offered to pay 100 reis daily for each man and five for each horse. The Boers offered to pay 100 reis daily for each man and five for each horse.

The authorized capital stock of the United States Steel Corporation has been increased to \$500,000,000 of preferred stock and \$500,000,000 of common stock.

The corporation has appropriated and has agreed to issue \$425,000,000 of such preferred stock and \$425,000,000 of such common stock under the contract referred to in the circular of March 1901, and it proposes to issue the remainder of such authorized capital stock for future requirements and acquisitions, including the acquisition of the stocks above mentioned.

RETROSPECTIVE BILL. Mr. Labouchere's Point Ruled Out by the Speaker.

London, April 1.—The measure known as the retrospective bill, rendering retrospective of office unnecessary, in consequence of the demise of the sovereign, passed its second reading in the House of Commons today by a vote of 180 to 82.

In the course of the debate on this bill it was pointed out by Mr. W. O'Doherty, Irish Nationalist, that a penalty was incurred of a £500 fine for each day that the bill was not passed. Mr. O'Doherty said that he would not support the bill unless the penalty was removed.

MR. OLIVER DINED. Rossland Bank Manager Highly Appreciated by the Citizens.

Roseland, April 1.—A citizens' banquet was tendered last evening to Mr. W. T. Oliver, who for the past five years has been manager of the Bank of British North America in Roseland, and who is leaving here to take the management of the bank in London, Ontario.

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Gen. French's Operations Force Them to Retire to the Eastward.

In Attempting to Flee North They Lose Three More Guns.

Botha and Dewet Reported Gathering a Large Force in Transvaal.

Dundee, April 1.—It is reported that as a result of Gen. French's operations, the Boers are retiring eastward, hard pressed by Col. Dartnell, of the Natal police, and Col. Anderson. Some of them endeavored to break away for the north, but were headed off by Col. Anderson, who captured a 15-pounder and two pom-poms.

Capetown, April 1.—The bubonic plague is increasingly virulent in Capetown. Five deaths—two European and three colored—were reported today. Six new cases were officially reported.

London, March 2.—Despatches from Capetown and the Cape Colony, and the town guard has been called out to defend the place.

BILLION DOLLAR TRUST. Circular Issued Stating Steel Syndicate Stock Increased.

New York, April 1.—Circular issued from the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. to-night, and addressed to the stockholders of the American Bridge Co. and the Lake Superior Consolidation Iron Mines, announces that the transfer to preferred stock of the American Bridge Co. has been accepted by more than 98 per cent of the holders of stock, and the plan proposed has become operative.

The authorized capital stock of the United States Steel Corporation has been increased to \$500,000,000 of preferred stock and \$500,000,000 of common stock.

MR. OLIVER DINED. Rossland Bank Manager Highly Appreciated by the Citizens.

Roseland, April 1.—A citizens' banquet was tendered last evening to Mr. W. T. Oliver, who for the past five years has been manager of the Bank of British North America in Roseland, and who is leaving here to take the management of the bank in London, Ontario.

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NOVA SCOTIA ESTIMATES. Premier Murray Expects the Province to Come Out Ahead Even.

Halifax, April 1.—Premier Murray today estimated the province's coming year at \$1,084,000, and the expenditure at \$1,026,000. The mine royalties are expected to yield \$400,000.

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MY LADY OF ORANGE

(By C. H. Baller)

(Continued from Last Edition.)

CHAPTER XV. THE JUSTICE OF DIEDRICH SONOY.

The very morning after the town of Dieplich, Sonoy, governor of North Holland, and summoned certain people to attend on him at once—Col. Van Cornput, Gaspar, the burgomaster and two worthy aldermen.

"I have called you together, gentlemen, to take into consideration the case of John Newstead, accused by Col. Van Cornput of treason," said Sonoy.

"And accused, I think, gentlemen?" "Who assisted at the trial may perhaps inform me," said Sonoy, dryly.

"But, sir, I am at a loss to understand why this trial is to be repeated," said Cornput.

"No; but I am a man set in authority," "And a man under authority," quoth the burgomaster, "I have no quarrel with any man. You are those who judged John Newstead. I learn that you did not think it his guilt, but differed as to the sentence."

"Ach, we were of one mind," grunted the burgomaster.

"So I have heard. And now, gentlemen, I recognize this letter," he tapped it with his finger—"that this letter is evidence of the strongest. So far, well—or ill, but this is all."

"And enough," cried Cornput.

"You take it lightly, gentlemen. I gather that you do not care to further inquire, Col. Van Cornput?"

"What need of more?" cried Cornput.

"Because I mistrusted the man from the first, and I have seen in this man a traitor, found out, stealing by a second trial, was I not right?"

"Silence!" said Sonoy sharply.

"The care, Col. Van Cornput, that you do not mistake your own desires for God's, I ask you to be silent, and to give no further evidence among the soldiers? Why did you not question Zonch, the quartermaster, the traitor?"

"The traitor!" cried Gaspar, "the traitor himself! He sent the Spaniards to the gallows. He taught Vitelli to write this letter."

"Your evidence, my mistress Gabrielle de St. Troand, and the Yellow Pig."

"Not a word," quoth Gaspar. "And then he told them the tale, there, in the big hall, with the town hall, rolling it out with strange words, and a paper of speech, flourishing his fist under the burgomaster's nose, and craning his head, and flapping his wings, and the windows rattled, and the papers flew, and he said, 'he's all ready for hanging!'"

"Gott! He won't stretch the rope far," grunted Gaspar at last.

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Farming in Okanagan

Messrs. Anderson and Hodson's Visit to South-Eastern B. C.

Farmers' Institute Organized at Vernon Agriculture Industry Flourishing.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, who has just returned from Okanagan in company with Mr. Hodson reports the weather in the in that section, fully two weeks, he thinks, in advance of the usual time, and seeding is in progress with the heavy plows. There is no snow on the lower lands, but a great deal still lies on the surrounding mountains.

At Vernon an enthusiastic meeting was held, in conformity with the notice given by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, on Saturday, the 23rd inst, when the Okanagan Farmers' Institute was formally organized.

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THE SEASON'S PROSPECTS.

The prospects for the coming season of the mining country, in whose progress Victoria is specially interested, are very good. The field is widening steadily. There were many people who thought that the Klondike diggings would be exhausted in a very short time, and after that the Golden North would become a memory.

Coming nearer home, the mines of the West Coast, which have been steadily increasing trade with Victoria for several years, will during 1901 be more actively worked than ever. One might almost feel justified in saying that from what is now in sight there is good ground to expect a one hundred per cent gain in the importance of these mines during the next twelve months.

The importance of the Mount Sicker mines is steadily advancing, and in short, taking the Island as a whole, we feel very confident that its mining interests will contribute more to the business of this city this year than they ever have during any season in the past.

We have no reason to suppose that there will be any less activity in coal mining this year than last. We regret to have observed that Mr. Zlobins, of the New Vancouver Coal Company, not long ago notified his men, when they asked for an advance in wages, that they might be asked to accept a reduction. This suggests that there is likely to be a drop in the coal market, but we have no other information on the point.

We pointed out yesterday that the miners expect a good season for fishing, and there seems to be no reason to expect any decrease in activity in the lumber trade. It is too early yet to say whether there will be any railway construction during the year that will contribute to the business of this city. We look for a good tourist year, although the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo may serve to divert a good deal of western travel eastward.

and his rulings were undoubtedly sound, but it would have done no harm to have given Mr. Curtis all the rope he needed for the more he had the more likely he was to hang himself, so to speak, by showing that under the guise of a simple motion for papers, he was really asking the house to vote want of confidence in the government.

It is hardly necessary to say why the government could not bring down the papers asked for. More than one minister has already declared in the house that circumstances prevented a declaration of policy on the railway question at the present time. It is immaterial to inquire as to the sufficiency of those circumstances. The ministry deem them sufficient, and that is all that at present any one has a right to ask. It was hardly necessary for Mr. Turner to explain that no policy could be announced in the absence of a reply from Ottawa.

The house has full confidence in the ministry, and that being the case, it was really unnecessary for anything more to be said than that it was not deemed expedient as a matter of public policy to bring down the papers at the present time. But Mr. Turner, with that desire always favored by the present administration to take the house into its confidence, went further than this and suggested two most cogent reasons why the papers should not be brought down. One of them was the fact that application for the building of the road had been advertised for, and the time was not yet up, and the other, that no reply had been received from the Dominion government on the several matters relating to railways submitted to them.

MR. ELLIS SUGGESTS.

Mr. W. H. Ellis was a witness before the Chinese Commission yesterday, and made a suggestion that is well worthy of consideration by the federal authorities. He pointed out that the real objection to Chinese and Japanese immigration is that they cannot and will not assimilate with the white population, and he did not think it desirable that they should do so. Before speaking of his practical suggestion, some observations may be made in regard to the matter of assimilation. Most of the witnesses who have spoken of this phase of the question have treated it as though it meant that the Oriental immigrants would adopt our methods of life, and by and by demand the same rate of wages as white people do. We think that assimilation means very much more than that. When a Scandinavian or an Italian or a representative of some other European nationality comes to Canada, his individuality soon becomes merged in the population, and if he himself does not become like the rest of us, his children do so. The European races under favorable conditions actually assimilate, so that in a generation or two it is not possible to tell what the descent of their progeny has been. We have in Canada people who have within a few generations back had ancestors representing several very distinct nationalities. This sort of assimilation is wholly the result of the question in respect to the Chinese. That race has no desire, as a rule, to intermarry with the white race, neither has the white race any desire to contract matrimonial alliances with the Chinese. The few exceptions to the rule only make its universal character the more evident. It is very true to say whether there is any disposition on the part of the Japanese to intermarry with the white race or vice versa, but we think the evidence is all the other way. Neither do we think it at all desirable that there should be any such amalgamation of races. As a rule such intermixtures of blood do not produce good results, as is shown in the case of the Eurasians of India. We think, therefore, that the assimilation of the Oriental and white races is not a subject which can be considered at all at the present time, with the slightest advantage.

THE FISHERIES.

We print this morning a memorial presented by the Salmon Cannery to the provincial government. The facts there stated are of the utmost importance. We fancy that comparatively few people have an adequate idea of the value of this industry to British Columbia. The yield of the fisheries is second only to that of the mines, and far ahead of that of the sawmills. It is a million and a quarter dollars are paid out of the Fraser river alone for fish, and the amount of the necessary supplies for the province is to the value of \$3,000,000 in a good year, not including what is sent out of the province for tin plate and other material. Surely an industry of this magnitude and importance deserves the best treatment that can be given. We regret to learn that salmon fishing is on the down grade, and that the cannery on the Fraser expect only one more good year. Practically nothing is being done to replenish the stock of fish. We shall say nothing further at present, but will take the matter up again. In the meantime we invite perusal of the memorial.

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MANUAL TRAINING.

(By Principal Dunnell of the B. C. Manual Training Schools.) The following paper by Mr. D. Dunnell, principal of the B. C. Manual Training Schools, was read before the Victoria Teachers' Institute, at its last meeting.

The Japan Daily Mail tells of a landing by Russian forces at Chinghai, 600 men having been landed with 14 guns, and a parade in the city.

In Korea things are in a worse state than ever, for serious political complications have arisen, and Japanese complications have arisen, and Japanese complications have arisen.

The correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury at Seoul writes on March 18 that the Japanese have arrested in connection with the Korean revolution, a number of persons.

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The centres are filled up with single benches each with a provided with planes, chisels, try square, ruler, marking gauge, tenon saw and bench hooks.

Nothing is done for the boy that is not capable of doing or finding out how to do for himself, and all new exercises are developed step by step from the boy's own observation.

Working drawings of every model are first made, full size or to scale (metric measurements), showing such details as plans, etc., as are necessary to the execution of the model.

In the report of the royal commission of national education in Ireland, 1898, we find the following extract:

"We must at once express our strong conviction that manual and practical instruction ought to be introduced as far as possible into all schools where it does not at present exist, and that it should be so introduced that it ought to be largely developed and extended."

"We are satisfied that such a change will not involve any detriment to the literary education of the pupils while it will contribute largely to their development, and to quicken their intelligence and to fit them better for their work in life."

"We regard it as a very significant testimony to the value of manual training that wherever it has been introduced it has had a beneficial effect on the general character of the school."

"The commissioners visited 110 schools and took the evidence of 188 persons while in Ireland, England, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, France, Switzerland and Holland."

Now is Canada's chance, let her seize it, and she will be able to do so. At the end of its three years' trial, it has proved itself beneficial, it has come to the aid of the child, it has raised the standard of the child's education.

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Provincial Legislature

Radical Amendments Are Proposed for All Railway Legislation.

Many Bills Reported and Passed Committee—House Adjourns Till 16th.

Legislative Assembly, 27th Day, Wednesday, April 3. The Speaker took the chair at 2:10 p.m. Rev. W. E. Allen offered prayer. Mr. Helmcken moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Houston: That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor asking him to cause to be laid before the house a copy of the memorial presented by the commission of the salmon canning industry of British Columbia to the government.

In moving the resolution, Mr. Helmcken said the importance of the memorial, dealing as it did, with one of the chief industries of the province, should be brought to the notice of the members in such a manner as to permit the house to deal with the memorial.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Eberts, an Act to amend the Companies Act, 1897, was introduced and read a first time. On motion of Hon. Mr. Eberts, an Act to amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, was introduced and read a first time.

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Chinese Commission

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3. Major Dupont yesterday morning gave evidence before the royal commission while disclaiming any antagonism to white laboring classes, he expressed the opinions he held on the presence of the Orientals in this province and their desirability under conditions as they exist. His testimony occupied almost the whole morning session.

Major Dupont said he had come to this province this year after consideration and at that time there were very few Chinese in the province. When the construction of the P. V. R. brought a large number of them here, some 15,000 or 14,000 remained in the country and had drifted into other occupations. He had employed Chinese as domestics and some of them had been with him for many years. He had found them honest and reliable in every way. He had been absent from the country eighteen months on one occasion, and they had cared for his house in the most satisfactory manner. He had employed Chinese as domestics and some of them had been with him for many years. He had found them honest and reliable in every way.

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LADYSMITH FOUNDRY.

Land Being Cleared for the New Industry of Mining Town.

The Ladysmith Iron Works Company, which is establishing a foundry at the growing town up the B. & N. line, is now clearing the ground secured for the site of the foundry and iron works. The work of erecting the necessary buildings and making the arrangements for the foundry has been added to those tributary to Victoria. The commission adjourned, to meet again at 10 this morning. It is the intention at present to adjourn to-day (Monday) next, owing to Good Friday intervening.

The company which has the project under way has been formed for the purpose of erecting a foundry and kindred iron working business, and the principals are men whose long experience in the iron and steel industry has made them thoroughly practical and competent men. The buildings to be erected will be of a substantial character. The main building will be about seventy feet long by about fifty feet wide, and the building will be attached to other buildings, forming a part of the works of the trades in connection with the industry.

Permanent land has, too, been secured to allow of the expansion of the works in the event of the business increasing in extent, as is hoped by the promoters. The site is a very desirable one, being situated on a level, and the buildings will be attached to other buildings, forming a part of the works of the trades in connection with the industry.

The attention of purchasers is directed to the fact that in this issue of the Colonist, the names of the members of the Hardness Clark, examination of will prove beyond the shadow of a doubt the advantages of purchasing for cash. He believes in small profits and quick returns.

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Temporary D. O. C.—Lt.-Col. Benson D. O. C., accompanied by his family, left this morning for Montreal, Quebec, to attend to the duties of his command of that military district. Until the arrival of Col. Holmes, who succeeds Col. Benson, the duties of the command will be performed by Lt.-Col. Gregory, who will act as D. O. C. This is Col. Holmes' second appointment to this district.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. IN PROBATE. In the Matter of the Estate of Harry Anderson, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Harry Anderson, late of Becho Cove, Nass River, in the Province of British Columbia, who died at the City of Victoria, are hereby requested to send particulars in writing to the executor of the estate of the said Harry Anderson, at the office of the said executor, at the City of Victoria, on or before the 30th day of April, 1901, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, and will not be bound to take notice of any claims or demands against the estate of the said Harry Anderson, after the said date of the 30th day of April, 1901. BOWDEN & DUFF, Solicitors for the said Executor.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE CASHIAR DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown land situated in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District, British Columbia, and dated 13th December, 1898, is hereby cancelled. W. G. WELLS, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

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