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COLONIAL CONFERENCE

The Colonial Conference is to assemble in April. The British press is already talking about it, and the usual number of suggestions are made by people who are honestly out of touch with public sentiment in the outlying parts of the Empire. The writer thinks that the name of the gathering ought to be changed, because he thinks that the word "colonial" is not approved of by the British people beyond seas. He is quite wrong in this, what we object to being called "colonial" is not the word but the thing which it signifies. We do not object to the use of the word "colonial" as distinguishing anything from what may be properly called British or Imperial. As for the expression "conference," it is not a correct description of the nature of the gathering of Colonial Premiers, and it will be time enough to change it when the nature of the business to be transacted at such gatherings is changed. Speaking specially for Canada, we do not think that the people are quite ready for anything more formal than a conference, at which questions can be debated and yet left largely open. In the course of not very long time, we hope, the people of the United Kingdom, as well as those of the outlying parts of the Empire, will understand themselves and each other sufficiently to make something more than a conference desirable, but just at present it would be as well to leave things as they are. The Colonist very earnestly desires the consolidation of the Empire, and believes the process will be slow, and that haste will defeat any progress in that direction. It is quite true that the Empire is an anomaly. No one knows just what keeps it together; but the great point is that the stronger is the tie between all the parts. We may not be able to explain how this comes about, but it is just as hard to explain how it happens that there is a British Empire at all. Why is there not a French Empire or a German Empire? At one time the prospects of such things were far better than they are now, but we are not in a hurry to "improve" things. A good many matters, both within and without the United Kingdom, require to be worked out before we can hope to have a parliament representing all parts of His Majesty's dominions sitting at Westminster. For the present conference will do very well, and it is worth while, the more haste the less speed.

VICTORIA AS A TERMINUS

We print a letter from Mr. Edward Musgrave, illustrated by a map. Mr. Musgrave is careful to say that the distances given in the letter and on the map are only rough estimates, and as when corrected they do not materially affect his argument, we give them in his own words, and in our drawing. In the interest of accuracy we have added a foot-note giving a more nearly correct estimate of the distance from Otter Cove, the probable ferry terminus, to Winter Harbor, which is the possible terminus of a trans-Pacific oceanic steamship line running to Quatsino Sound, the distance is in the neighborhood of 174 miles and from Otter Cove to Victoria, the distance is about 268 miles, which gives substantially the same difference between the two distances as Mr. Musgrave estimates. The distances as given herein are taken from the reports of railway surveys. We are inclined to think that actual location of a line would reduce the estimate of the distance to Victoria and increase that to Winter Harbor. There is no likelihood whatever of a railway being constructed to the southern shore of the entrance to Quatsino Sound for several reasons, one of them being that the grades would be heavy and the line very crooked, and a still more important one that there is no harbor available on the coast. Mr. Musgrave's letter is an interesting one, because after stating the case as strongly against Victoria as it can be stated, he reaches the conclusion that our city, (and once more let us say that in considering Victoria as a terminus, we are not considering the point, some of which Mr. Musgrave points out, are so great that we need not fear any rivalry.

It is with some surprise that we have observed a tendency in some quarters to treat the present agitation as a revival of the old island vs. Mainland cry. Nothing could be more absurd. Do the persons who make this objection suppose that the people of Victoria ought to sit down with folded hands because, possibly, something which they may acquire will not be of special benefit to some point elsewhere in the province? There never was a time when the people of this city did not help as far as they could all projects in all parts of the province which seemed calculated to prove public benefit. This paper has time and again referred in strongly favorable terms to the V. W. & Y. railway project, which is distinctly a Vancouver enterprise. We hope that we are broad-minded enough here to be able to favor things that will benefit others besides ourselves, but this will not prevent our agitating those and taking which seem to be of special advantage to our own city.

THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION

We hope that the City Council will not be deterred from its proposed action in regard to the Tourist Association by the fact that a few people have written letters to the papers arguing against a grant of \$7,500 being made. A certain number of people object to everything. We do not see that an uncomplimentary sense, but only as

meaning that any proposal whatever of a financial nature will meet with some opposition. We dissent entirely from the view that any particular class of people in the city are exclusively the beneficiaries of the work of the Tourist Association. Directly, of course, the transportation lines, the hotels, livery stables and some of the merchants receive the most benefit, but the scope of the indirect benefit embraces the whole population of the city. Any increase of business is of general benefit. Of course those persons who are immediately concerned in the business itself, feel the effects sooner than others, but in the long run every person in the city is benefited by it. Suppose, for example, that in consequence of increasing business the number of employees is doubled its staff of employees. The new persons employed would be the first to feel the advantage of the improvement, but the whole community would enjoy added prosperity because of the increase in the number of people employed at remunerative wages. This principle holds good of every line of business. Whatever has a tendency to improve any one line has a good effect upon other lines.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Some people thought that the British ministry would not succeed in securing the assent of His Majesty to the inclusion in the Speech from the Throne of any reference to the existence of strained relations between the "colonial" and the mainland. They forgot that Edward VII is a constitutional monarch. The paragraph in the Speech is very significant, and that "serious questions affecting the working of our parliamentary system have arisen in this country, and it is the duty of His Majesty to see that they are properly dealt with." It is not surprising that His Majesty is prepared, as far as he can constitutionally do so, to permit his ministers to give effect to the popular will as they understand it. One is inclined to wonder if the situation may not be more strained upon the face of it, seeing that His Majesty was willing to adopt so strong an expression while only being asked to speak to Parliament according to the advice of his responsible ministers. While the present occupant of the throne makes him something very different from a nominal monarch, it would hardly be surprising if the initiation of steps of the grave character implied in the speech without having heard and understood their full bearing upon the condition of the kingdom. The British press seems to be preparing itself for something of a radical nature in the House of Lords. A leading Conservative journal lays stress upon the fact that the attendance at sessions is out of all proportion to the numerical strength of the House, except upon such rare occasions as the consideration of the Education Bill. It also notes that the House is not a debating chamber, and that the time of the Lords were little more than a body to give effect to his wishes. The House, except upon such rare occasions as the consideration of the Education Bill, it also notes that the House is not a debating chamber, and that the time of the Lords were little more than a body to give effect to his wishes. The House, except upon such rare occasions as the consideration of the Education Bill, it also notes that the House is not a debating chamber, and that the time of the Lords were little more than a body to give effect to his wishes.

WHAT IS BEHIND IT

A prominent Victorian asked on Saturday what is behind the agitation in regard to rail connection with the Mainland. It had not occurred to us that any body of this sort might be some people, who are in favor of the principle involved in such a project, to hesitate about advocating it, unless they knew just why it is being pressed upon public attention, but since the question has been asked, it may as well be answered. The proposal is more than thirty years old. Mr. E. Barnard told us in his letter to this paper last week, Messrs. Mackenzie and Main revived the idea at the time of the Prior-Bodwell election it had assumed a concrete form. Then it was dropped for a time, although it was subsequently formed a subject of letters to the press. When the Royal Commission on the subject was appointed, Mr. Paterson, D. E. Ken and H. Lugin prepared a memorial on the subject to be submitted to that body. This was done, and the Commission, after receiving evidence before the Commission on the subject. In the report of the Commission, it is stated that the project was made in favor of such a connection. Thus the project was endorsed by a body specially appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into new routes of transportation. Afterward Mr. Tompkins was asked by the Board of Trade to have the cost of connection by way of bridges investigated, and this was done as far as was possible from the data in the Railway Department. It seemed to the Colonist therefore, timely to agitate for a more complete investigation, and also to keep the subject constantly before the public. The advent of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Vancouver Island seemed to our humble judgment to afford an additional reason for keeping the proposed connection to the front. The Grand Trunk Pacific was shortly building its line in British Columbia, and one of the branches which it has taken power to build, is on Vancouver Island to Victoria. The Canadian Northern is extending its line, and we hope to see it reach the coast at an early day. There is a prospect that the Canadian Pacific will build from Edmonton west through the Yellow Head Pass. There is every likelihood that in the course of a few years there will be a railway extending north and south through British Columbia and far as Dawson. In view of these things, and knowing how long it takes to accomplish a project of the magnitude of the proposed connection with the Mainland, and knowing of what great importance such a connection would be to this city, if it can be accomplished, the Colonist decided to adopt the policy of pressing upon the consideration of its readers. We wish to be distinctly understood as stating that in what we have said, and what we shall hereafter say on

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this subject, we have not been and will not be acting, either directly or indirectly, as the spokesman of any railway company or railway promoters if the question ever takes that aspect. We will undoubtedly take one side or the other, but at present our great aim is, first, to arouse public opinion to the importance of the project, and second, to impress upon our representatives in Parliament and through them upon the Dominion government, the urgency of having the whole matter thoroughly investigated, with a view to the establishment of the most feasible connection with the Mainland by the Dominion government, so that it will be available to every railway that may desire to use it.

It has been objected that it is premature to speak of such a connection until some far-reaching investigation has been made, and that it signifies its readiness to make use of it; but we do not so look at the matter. It would be a waste of time to begin the construction of a line through the Coast Range and build bridges or establish car ferries until railway construction on the Mainland is further advanced, than it is at present. But the investigation to have the feasibility of such a connection thoroughly investigated, it is not too soon to have a far-reaching investigation, and that it may be very desirous of reaching Vancouver Island, both because of the business that it would do there, and because of the advantages offered by the island ports. By that time the plans of the Canadian Pacific will have been more fully developed. By that time the Grand Trunk Pacific will have been more fully developed. By that time the situation here far better than it can be expected to be now. We are seeking to have the project sufficiently advanced to be in a shape to be presented to the Dominion government a little before the time when themselves of it.

These are the considerations that are behind the efforts which the Colonist is making to arouse public interest in this great project. In view of what has taken place in other parts of Canada, it cannot be said that we are at all behind the times. The Hudson's Bay route as an example, Mr. Hugh Sutherland worked apparently to no purpose for the Dominion government, and it is not surprising that the Dominion government should be interested in seeing the work done, and not a man of them ever made a mistake. The Colonist is not agitating until their labors were crowned with success.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND

There is no longer any doubt that a period of active development of Vancouver Island is about to be inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. A Vancouver despatch says that Mr. Marpole will be specially charged with this work. This is fitting, because it was through Mr. Marpole's instrument that the Canadian Pacific was induced to take over the E. & N. Railway. This new policy of the great Canadian railway company cannot fail to have a far-reaching effect upon the future of Victoria. It is true that the project apparently contemplates the utilization of a port on the West Coast. It is true that the project apparently contemplates the utilization of a port on the West Coast. It is true that the project apparently contemplates the utilization of a port on the West Coast.

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THE "YELLOW PERIL"

A despatch printed in the Colonist recently stated that Chinese competition in the coal mines of England, and in former despatches the Chinese dock laborers in Liverpool was noted. This appears to indicate that the Chinese awakening, about which we have talked so much, has taken place. It is at hand, not perhaps in very formidable dimensions just now, but like the cloud that hangs over the industrial sky, it may darken the whole industrial sky. The Chinese have begun to move, and naturally they will meet with the least resistance. At present that appears to be towards the United Kingdom, and the people there are making their minds that, if something cannot be devised to stop the movement, the increasing number of Chinese in every large city in Great Britain, and the army of the unemployed will be employment by the men of the Orient. It is one thing, however, to foresee a danger, and quite another to point out how it can be avoided. There is not very much that can be done with respect to the Chinese, when once they "get a move on." It would be about as easy to devise some plan to prevent the Chinese from slipping slowly into the sea and breaking up into icebergs. Great movements of population have taken place at other times in the history of the world. The migration of the people who called the Romans called "barbarians," completely altered the social and economic conditions existing in Europe, and it is far from probable that we may be on the eve of another change. If this is the case, the process will be a slow one, and so gradual that its effects may not be very noticeable at any one time; but in the final result they will be serious enough. In view of this, it is about time for the people of the Occident to set their houses in order. There are causes steadily at work which are producing incalculable mischief, so long as they are not stopped. If they are not removed, there will be nothing that can stop the ultimate domination of the Occident by the East. Europe and America have for generations been rendering themselves unfit for competition with races whose requirements are small, and whose industry is boundless.

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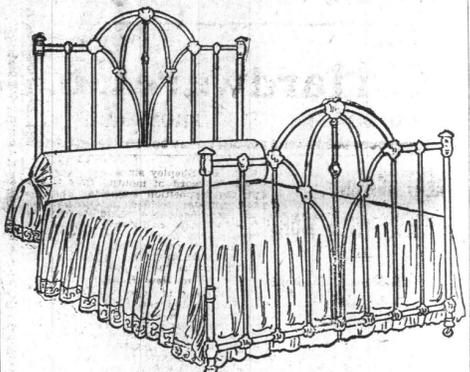
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Insurance Co. A somewhat peculiar committee to Parliament was formed for the purpose of investigating the insurance industry. The committee was composed of several members of the House of Commons, and was appointed by the government. The committee's report was published in the House of Commons, and was highly critical of the insurance industry. The committee found that the insurance industry was engaged in a series of practices which were calculated to defraud the public. The committee recommended that the government should take steps to regulate the insurance industry, and to protect the interests of the public.

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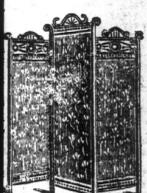
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PARLIAMENT MAKING PROGRESS WITH WORK

A Declining Industry—Insurance Commission Juggling—Insulted Senators

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Substantial progress has been made in the House this week. In fact it has been one of the best weeks of the session. It cannot be said that so far the government has been assiduous in pressing on its work. There have been influences at work since the tariff came down, which have entailed great firmness on Mr. Mealing's part to withstand this week there have been urgent appeals on behalf of the cotton and woolen manufacturers, but the general interests of the consuming classes were not the backbone of Canada and Mr. Mealing says the farmer must have as little taxation imposed upon him as may be. It is curious that while in the early part of the sitting of Thursday the view had been propounded by Liberal members, before the business of the day had been concluded there was talk in the very opposite direction from supporters of the government. It seems that on account of the low rate of duty upon wool it is difficult to grow it at a profit in Canada. The result has been that both in Ontario and the West farmers have been steadily going out of sheep raising. Several Ontario representatives have therefore been able to find today a decent flock of sheep, whereas ten years ago they had hundreds. The Hon. Mr. Mealing mentioned the fact that in Montana, with a territorial area one-fourth that of Alberta, the Hon. Mr. Mealing there were 4,300,000 sheep, as compared with but 240,000 in the prairie provinces. The farmer would not budge from the figures of duty upon wool which he has submitted and for the present, therefore, the sheep industry will have to linger.

On Behalf of Militia. During the course of the tariff discussion this week, Mr. Mealing made a strong appeal for the repeal of the duties on uniforms. He pointed out that these articles are consigned to officers and men of the militia. Unless these articles are consigned to officers and men of the militia, they are consigned to the use of the navy, for the personal use on board of ship, or to remain the property of the government. He pointed out that the member for the St. Anthony division pointed out that uniforms were very expensive and that they were bought in England, because they could not be made in Canada. The cost, with the duty added, was responsible for many men to join the citizen forces of the Dominion. He, therefore, urged that the sacrifices of these gentlemen made in the interests of the country were ample without having to pay the duties on uniforms. In this connection it may be mentioned that the cost of a complete outfit for an infantryman is \$21.00. The Hon. Mr. Mealing's Foot Guards runs as high as \$700. The minister of finance said that there was a duty on uniforms had opened the door to abuse of the privilege. He conceded that there was a duty on uniforms in charging a duty, but thought the point could be overcome in some other way. He promised that the minister of militia would endeavor to meet the views of the militia officers by departmental regulations.

Insurance Commission. A somewhat peculiar return was submitted to Parliament two or three days ago. It purported to be the correspondence which had passed between the Insurance Commission and the minister of justice regarding the making of an inquiry. Mr. Mealing, the well known Toronto politician, who acted for the commissioners, contracted the habit of sending a daily memorandum to Mr. Fitzpatrick upon the work accomplished and the facts brought out, but as soon as Mr. Fitzpatrick resigned his position as minister of justice the correspondence stopped most abruptly. As it is known that it was at the autumnal session of the commission that the names of Mr. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fox, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Lefebvre, and other well known Conservatives were dragged into the limelight, it would have been of special interest to have had Mr. Shepley's daily documents upon the evidence. It is generally believed that the Insurance Commission was brought into being chiefly for the purpose of blackening the character of the Hon. Mr. Shepley, but that the entire responsibility of the Commission, or in that direction, which that gentleman desired to procure all the correspondence that had reached the department of justice. When the correspondence of a duty on uniforms had opened the door to abuse of the privilege. He conceded that there was a duty on uniforms in charging a duty, but thought the point could be overcome in some other way. He promised that the minister of militia would endeavor to meet the views of the militia officers by departmental regulations.

from Mr. Shepley since last May had been by word of mouth. The leader of the Opposition suggested that the minister resignation Ottawa and the commissioners held most of their sittings in Toronto, their communications must have been by telephone, and the minister had exercised a very wise discretion in not putting the things he had to say in writing. The New Rules. Parliament is very tenacious in clinging to the law rules which were adopted last session. These rules are going to make quite a change in parliamentary procedure and promoters of private bills hereafter will have to pay strict attention to them or otherwise their principals will be mulcted in heavy penalties. One of the rules invoked for the first time this session provided that parliamentary agents, before they can take up any work before a committee, must receive their credentials from the speaker of the House. W. F. Maclean, who has challenged the standing of Clive Pringle, a Toronto lawyer, and his partner, Norman Guthrie, who have a large practice as parliamentary agents, the two lawyers, however, were on sure ground; both gentlemen having taken the precaution to file with Mr. Speaker a statement of their affiliation. Mr. Maclean was bowled out on this point, but had better success with Mr. Speaker's view had been propounded by Liberal members, before the business of the day had been concluded there was talk in the very opposite direction from supporters of the government. It seems that on account of the low rate of duty upon wool it is difficult to grow it at a profit in Canada. The result has been that both in Ontario and the West farmers have been steadily going out of sheep raising. Several Ontario representatives have therefore been able to find today a decent flock of sheep, whereas ten years ago they had hundreds. The Hon. Mr. Mealing mentioned the fact that in Montana, with a territorial area one-fourth that of Alberta, the Hon. Mr. Mealing there were 4,300,000 sheep, as compared with but 240,000 in the prairie provinces. The farmer would not budge from the figures of duty upon wool which he has submitted and for the present, therefore, the sheep industry will have to linger.

Senators Affronted. Before the New York Insurance Commission some time ago Mr. Eldridge, of the Mutual Reserve Life, deposed that he had been elected to represent Canada in the investigation held by a committee of the Senate of Canada two or three years ago. This was an insinuation of corrupt practice which was not pleased with the senators and this week Mr. McMullen moved for an order requiring the company to furnish names and detailed statements of accounts paid, if any, to senators and members of the Commons, or to law firms to which they belong. Senator McMullen made a strong attack upon the company, declaring that it had received from Canadian policy holders at least \$1,000,000; that one of its officials was in Sing Sing penitentiary, and that the company had employed as counsel by the committee, and as the mutual company had had in its service before the committee seven prominent lawyers, on the basis of Mr. Coater's account, their fees were \$21,000, or approximately the figure mentioned by Mr. Eldridge. After some further talk the motion carried, and as insurance companies doing business in Canada are subject to the will of Parliament, it is not surprising that the company to produce the information asked for. Probably Mr. Eldridge by this time regrets his kind reflection upon the integrity of Canadian legislators.

Vacant Judgeship. There was a spirited debate in the House during the week on the government's delay in filling the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench of Nova Scotia, a vacancy which has existed now for ten months. Mr. Borden has repeatedly called attention to the matter, and each time it has been offered as an excuse that the legal business of the province was not suffering by the government's failure to fill the vacancy. There is a pretty general understanding in the House that the inactivity of ministers in this particular respect arises from the fact that they do not want to create a parliamentary vacancy in the middle of the session. Mr. Laurence, M.P. for Colchester, is selected on all sides as the prospective judge. Colchester is somewhat of a chosen constituency; in fact, for many years it was in the Conservative column. Should the government open the riding now, at a time when their hands are pretty well tied with parliamentary work, there is a possibility of the Conservatives making a break in the ranks of the government. Mr. Laurence, M.P. for Colchester, is selected on all sides as the prospective judge. Colchester is somewhat of a chosen constituency; in fact, for many years it was in the Conservative column. Should the government open the riding now, at a time when their hands are pretty well tied with parliamentary work, there is a possibility of the Conservatives making a break in the ranks of the government.

EVERY FARMER AND MARKET GARDENER

Should Read These Letters

From the President of the Richmond Farmers' Institute. Eburne, B. C., 24th January, 1907. The Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C. Dear Sirs:— In accordance with a request of your representative, I hereby send you a statement of the results of my two years' trial of Sutton's Seeds. In the season of 1905, I sowed Sutton's Mangel Seed alongside of other seeds purchased from a reputable firm in Vancouver, each having the same chance in every way, such as soil and cultivation, but the plants from Sutton's Seeds seemed to get the start of the other plants from the first and kept so throughout the season, showing greater vitality, and the results of the yield from Sutton's Seeds were fully one-third more tons per acre than from the other seeds sown. With these results before me, it is needless to say that in the season of 1906 I grew only Sutton's Seeds. I sowed Sutton's Prizewinner Yellow Globe, Yellow Intermediate, and Sugar Mangel, and from a field under five acres we harvested about 265 tons, or a little over 40 tons per acre, a yield which I consider very satisfactory, and in this lot we had no large, overgrown mangels, but all were of uniform size and solid, therefore, I think, of better feeding and keeping qualities than the large, overgrown rough varieties. So with my experiences with Sutton's and other seeds, I have no hesitation in recommending Sutton's Seeds to my brother farmers. The price may seem high compared with other firm's seeds, but the increased results fully warrant paying the extra price. For myself I intend sowing nothing but Sutton's Seeds, even if other seeds were offered me free of cost. Yours faithfully, W. M. E. BUCKINGHAM.

Lavington Ranch, White Valley, Vernon, B. C., November 26, 1906. The Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B. C. Dear Sirs:— The vegetable and root seeds which I got from you in the Spring of 1906 have given me every satisfaction and I have had far greater crops than in former seasons. From five acres of Prizewinner Yellow Globe Mangels I got 210 tons (weighed) of roots of first quality. I also obtained first prize for roots at Vernon Fair, and after visiting the New Westminster Fair, I regretted very much that I did not send these roots to that fair, as, in the opinion of several parties who visited our fair here, our roots were better than anything shown in New Westminster. The little extra cost of the seed should not be considered for one minute by anybody, as the germinating power of these seeds is way ahead of any other seeds being sold in this country. I gave about a 1/2-lb. of mangel seed to a neighbor of mine who planted them beside some mangel seed obtained from a well known Western firm, the variety was the same and the seed received the same treatment, etc. The row of Sutton's Seeds just gave almost double the amount of roots and roots of finer quality. I hope you will forward me your Catalogue for this season as soon as possible. Yours faithfully, JAMES T. BARDOLPHE.

THEN If He Desires to Make Large Profits He Will Write to Sutton & Sons', Sole Agents—The Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd. AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES: 125 Government Street 36 Hastings Street Front Street Victoria, B. C. Vancouver, B. C. New Westminster, B. C. And he will receive per return mail complete 1907 farm seed and vegetable price list of Sutton's Pedigree Seeds, the most reliable and most productive in the world N.B.—ORDERS OF ANY SIZE FILLED IMMEDIATELY FROM THIS SEASON'S STOCK—JUST ARRIVED

ROSES VALSELENTE By Ashley M. Bellow Very Fine for Dancing FLETCHER BROS. 93 Government Street

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to set and carry away timber from the following described lands situated in Rupert District, B. C. on the west shore of the No. 1.—Commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 106 dated January 28th, 1907; thence east 100 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 100 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement, being south half of sections 6 and 5, township 22, west of range 28th, 1907. No. 2.—Commencing on shore on township 22, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, staked January 28th, 1907. No. 3.—Commencing at a post on shore 100 chains east corner of section 2, township 22, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, staked January 28th, 1907. No. 4.—Commencing at a post on shore east corner of section 88, township 22, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, comprising south half of sections 36 and 35, staked February 1st, 1907. Dated at Victoria, B. C., February 14th, 1907. JAMES T. BARDOLPHE, Stakes marked Fletcher.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut timber from the following described lands: No. 22.—Commencing at a post on the Northwest shore of South Bay, Island, Queen Charlotte Group, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 23.—Commencing at a post about 100 yards south west of Creek on South Bay, and on West Boundary of Lot 4, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 24.—Commencing at a post near the North east corner of No. 22, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 25.—Commencing at a post near the North east corner of No. 24, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 26.—Commencing at the North east corner of No. 25, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 27.—Commencing at a post on the North east shore of Allford Bay, being North Boundary of Lot No. 4, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 28.—Commencing at F. M.'s location Post No. 16, thence east 60 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 29.—Commencing at a post on Graham Island in bay north of Lina Island, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains more or less, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 30.—Commencing at location Post No. 29, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains more or less, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. JOHN MACMILLAN, Registrar, Victoria, B. C., February 14th, 1907.

dove's wing. Fools have given them and the priests have made fortunes by actually charging commission upon the gifts. And then the smaller ikons which have been made sacred by a motion from the fingers of a drunken priest. They stand at every corner of every street, in every theatre, at every station, and in every public house. Wasted Years. And Russia has spent its years—the years in which it should have worked out freedom for its people, prosperity for its people, hope for its people, health and life and happiness for its people—these years have been wasted in kissing ikons and standing before them in an attitude of prayer, and in bowing heads down to the very dust of the floor. And the priests have charged a toll. They bless a shop before it is opened and then get drunk upon the wine and drink provided by the proprietor. They bless an engaged couple, taking care to visit the home of each of the parties concerned, this means two drunks instead of one. They will bless anybody at a price, and they curse anybody who does not, the influence of these drunkards—drunkards—has for years past, centuries, and which might for all time have prevented people from thinking for themselves.

OLD PENSIONS. While the present Liberal Government in Great Britain is far from accomplishing all its admirers hoped for, nevertheless it is causing much shaking of dry bones in some quarters, not least in regard to hereditary pensions. Several pensions granted by the State for services in the past are now paid to persons who had nothing whatever to do with the matter. The annual pension of \$10,000 granted by William III to Henry of Nassau is now paid to a Jew named Coen. The descendants of Lord Rodney have received \$125,000 and the descendants of Lord Nelson \$2,000,000 since these pensions were granted about a century ago. The Duke of Schomberg was granted a pension of \$24,000 per year. A good many years ago part of this was surrendered for a large cash payment by the government, but a pension of \$3,500 is still paid to a person who had no connection with the Schomberg family. There are many cases perhaps even more scandalous. It is expected that bills will be introduced to wipe out these pensions by a cash payment and to prevent any future granting of hereditary pensions. In Great Britain, however, the remaining sinecures and gets rid of these pensions the taxpayers not in the present. The money saved on these pensions would go a long way to provide for the aged and infirm. There are really need the money since one \$10,000 pension would provide 153 persons with pensions of five shillings per week. The Greek priesthood, sensual and brutal and drunken as they are, do not merely share with the savage Cosaques the glory of being the backbone of the autocracy. Incidentally, they make a little bit for themselves. In the Kazan Cathedral, which is situated about a mile from St. Isaac's and which occupies much the same position to it that Westminster Abbey does to St. Paul's, there are enough precious stones to pay a nation's debts. Inside are candles and lamps, and jewels worth millions—wonderful pictures which represent the art of a continent diamonds that would save a bankrupt State, masses of silver masses of gold, and wonderful piles of

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Gratifying Statements Presented and Pastor's Stipend Raised

Satisfactory reports were submitted at the seventeenth annual meeting of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, which was held on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of members. Rev. D. MacIntosh, president of the session, presided. After the transaction of routine business gratifying statements were received from the session, board of management, Ladies' Aid, Y. P. S. C. E., and Sabbath school. It was shown by these that the income from all sources during the year reached a total of \$2,923. The Ladies' Aid had to its credit, after meeting obligations and besides contributing liberally to missionary schemes of the church and to benevolent objects, the sum of \$143. Of the total sum raised the Ladies' Aid contributed \$68, the Sabbath school \$196, and the Y. P. S. C. E. \$75. All the reports were adopted, these present having expressed themselves as exceedingly pleased with the progress which had been made during the past twelve months. The following were elected to represent the church on the board of management for the current year: A. W. Semple, chairman; Donald Fraser, secretary; W. D. MacIntosh, treasurer; Thomas Watson and W. J. Macdonald.

NARROWLY ESCAPED

Japanese Fisherman's Adventure in Nanaimo Harbor

Nanaimo, Feb. 13.—A Japanese fisherman had a very narrow escape from being drowned in the icy waters of the harbor yesterday. He was running down the channel when a strong wind sprang up suddenly. Going forward he took a reef in his jib, and had just turned around to go aft when the boom swung heavily, striking him in the back and carrying him about 15 feet away from the boat. The jib turned around to go aft when the boom swung heavily, striking him in the back and carrying him about fifteen feet away from the boat. The boom dragged in the water, holding the boat steadily in her course. The Jap, heavily clothed and booted, started to swim after his boat, but could not make it. His struggles grew weaker and he would have assuredly drowned had it not been for a young lad named Smith, who, having witnessed the mishap, had got a boat and was rowing madly to the struggling man, arriving just in time to prevent a fatality. The Japanese was profuse in his thanks. In a few minutes he recovered from his exhaustion and sailed away in his boat again.

PRIESTS ARE RUSSIA'S CURSE.

"When St. Isaac's is finished the House of Romanoff will fall."

The Russian people believe it, for, alas, they believe almost anything and the priests, whether they believe it or not, are afraid of its significance, and so, although St. Isaac's has been finished for years, workmen are always pretending to add something to its glory. "When St. Isaac's is finished the House of Romanoff will fall." Such is the prophecy which a nation's superstition has engraved upon the gilded dome of St. Petersburg's wonderful cathedral, says Hennen Swaffer in the Daily Mirror. The Russian people believe it, for, alas, they believe almost anything and the priests, whether they believe it or not, are afraid of its significance, and so, although St. Isaac's has been finished for years, workmen are always pretending to add something to its glory. They move a scaffolding sometimes and pretend to paint. They take a few boards down and put them up again, and because of their playing at work, the wonderful outline of St. Isaac's is eternally marred by a semblance of industry. Beautiful and Barbarous. Inside are candles and lamps, and jewels worth millions—wonderful pictures which represent the art of a continent diamonds that would save a bankrupt State, masses of silver masses of gold, and wonderful piles of

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The eye becomes sick with admiration and the stomach almost revolts at the thought of so much glory. It is all so beautiful, and yet all so barbarous.

Right in the middle of the wonderful dome is another bogus scaffolding. Two or three workmen are pretending to do something. They are doing something. They are bolstering up the idea that St. Isaac's is not yet finished. Priests know that the moment the wonderful pile has reached the completion the superstitious Russian who believes anything will believe the annihilation of the Romanoffs to be only a matter of weeks. The Greek priesthood, sensual and brutal and drunken as they are, do not merely share with the savage Cosaques the glory of being the backbone of the autocracy. Incidentally, they make a little bit for themselves. In the Kazan Cathedral, which is situated about a mile from St. Isaac's and which occupies much the same position to it that Westminster Abbey does to St. Paul's, there are enough precious stones to pay a nation's debts. Inside are candles and lamps, and jewels worth millions—wonderful pictures which represent the art of a continent diamonds that would save a bankrupt State, masses of silver masses of gold, and wonderful piles of

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"BANKRUPT" Author of "Saddle and Sabre"

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"You are right, dear—you might bring destruction upon him. Yes, we must pack him quick. I see it all now. And with streaming eyes Mrs. Ellerton hurried from the room.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Courts at Westminster.

Mr. Laroom is especially jubilant. The day of his revenge draws near—the day which is to blast the name of Ellerton, and to put him virtually bankrupt. He has seen Miss Fielding's estates; while she shall sit rocking herself in agony at the loss of her hands, the disgraced and ruined friends. So Mr. Laroom plots her.

Mr. Laroom has stepped into bankruptcy in the most unbecoming and finished way. He still, we must recollect, belongs to the firm, so that it is his interest to see that insolvency is proclaimed on most orthodox principles.

Ellerton & Co. are in the Gazette, and amongst the London world to whom the Ellertons are known, there is much gossip and speculation of such disaster. "Pooh, bless you! it's a mere nothing," says Sir John Drumblin; "a sort of business getting broke is to these big city swells. They rise like the what-dye call 'em, from a mere nothing."

"What a fool the man must have been not to see that his own countenance," exclaims Lady Mandrake. "She had money, I know, and he, well, he had brains. I should like to see herd provided for now. I wonder whether Mrs. Ellerton has a good thing."

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secute. Rolf Laroom rages inwardly at this plot in his game justice. Ellerton had equally overlooked this contingency. Suddenly Mr. Laroom receives a note to him, too, in a most mysterious shape. It is simply a notice of action of law, regarding the Fielding estates, and couched in that young lady's gentle terms.

"What can that mean?" mutters Rolf Laroom. "What the devil can it mean?" he asks himself angrily, getting more emphatic in his self-communing the more the puzzle appears insoluble. He goes down to see the solicitors from whose office the notice has been served, but obtains nothing from them but the driest politeness.

He mused a good deal on this. Can there be a weak place anywhere in his schemes? Impossible! Yet every thing he has been able to raise, is invested in this affair. He may well feel that he has been a fool, but he has no other resource. He has seen Miss Fielding's estates; while she shall sit rocking herself in agony at the loss of her hands, the disgraced and ruined friends.

There is some languid excitement observable around the Law Courts this morning. The day is a busy one, and considerable, but when the thermometer stands close on eighty in the shade, the air is not very inviting. There is some languid excitement observable around the Law Courts this morning.

Two men are pacing up and down Westminister Hall, engaged in deep and earnest conversation. One is a sandy-haired, wiry, wizened man, with light eyes and a keen, intelligent expression. The other is a younger man, with a more refined and polished appearance.

"Do I understand you, then, to say that his signature is not his own?" "Certainly not," replied the younger man. "It is a forgery, in fact?" "Yes," replied the older man. "Now, Mr. Ellerton, I am going to ask you a very serious question, and the answer to it will determine whether your father's signature was a forgery."

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herited from her father, William Fielding, who ten years ago, and left a somewhat singular will. He appointed as trustees to his daughter, Ellerton's son, whose recent commercial misfortunes are probably still fresh in your memories. Mr. Fielding, in the last year or two of his life, was strongly impressed with the idea that land paid a most undue proportion of the taxation of the country. He went the length, indeed, of declaring that he would sell his estate, and invest the proceeds in divers ways, but the most decidedly he would have no more to do with land, which returned him but very small interest on his capital, and which he deemed so heavily and unfairly burdened, compared with other property. Keeping this fact in view, when, in his last illness he made his will, he had a clause inserted, by which he left to his trustees the power to sell or otherwise deal with the estate. I am afraid, gentlemen, he little dreamed that the power would be used in such a manner, but unfortunately the result has been the mortgaging of the property."

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A bright scorching August sun pours down upon the stone quarries of Portland, well-nigh as fiercely as the sun of the tropics. The air is hot and oppressive, and the ground is parched and cracked. The quarries are a scene of desolation and decay.

He stands there, one of a party of close upon a score, all attired in the fashion of the day. He is a man of middle age, with a strong, athletic build. He is looking towards the sea, where a small boat is visible in the distance.

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possessed of some education, and more than average intelligence; but, having once tasted blood, seem to be conscious of no moral obligation regarding the spilling of it—taking the life, indeed, of their fellows with as little compunction as they would that of a rat. Their only counterpart is "the almost simultaneously class on the village-killer," that scourge of an Indian man. Every phase of crime is represented in that quarry—larceny, arson, forgery, felony, burglary, swindling, manslaughter, murder, etc.

A great feature of this searching in the discipline of our government prisons. The authorities are incessantly searching, and yet, with all their vigilance, is perfectly surprising what the prisoners will continue to smuggle in and conceal in their cells, though the latter are constantly overhauled while their occupants are at work. The prisoners lift off their caps to show there is nothing in them; then stand with uplifted arms, as the warders, with their rifles fixed over their shoulders, pass from knee to arm-pit. This ceremony over, they are marched off to their respective haunts, continuing their labors, he is greeted with a quiet nod from a man busy shaping a rough block with mallet and chisel. A countenance worth looking at that, albeit the prison barber, and the sun, and the dust of the quarries have assimilated it much, at first sight, those around it. A high forehead, with hair precisely worn away at the temples, very straight black brows, under which gleam long, deep-set dark eyes, high cheek-bones, a large full mouth, with a heavy jaw, and underjaw—not a pleasant face to be seen in figure, it is a face to be seen in figure, it is a face to be seen in figure.

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driven of crime continue their task with brick-dust-hued cheeks. The very warders move their brows and fumble at their collars, to loosen the stiff military stocks which their uniforms entail upon them. Suddenly the prison clock strikes the half after eleven: a most auspicious hour, when the recall bell, the signal for all working parties to withdraw. The men fall by squares, upon gaining the parade ground within the prison gates (for he it clearly understood that the quarries lie outside the prison walls, and are perfectly free for the public to pass through), draw up in double ranks to be searched.

The universities of learning, in so much that they also are divided into colleges, or as they are here termed, halls. (Is there not a St. Catherine's Hall at Oxford?) These halls are built in the form of a parallelogram. Spacious double entrance doors at either end open upon a broad corridor, the centre of which is flanked by a light iron staircase, running up the three tiers of cells—Lilliputian apartments, about seven feet by four, and some seven or eight feet high, which constitute the homes of the unfortunate. Such light as they receive comes from the window in the wall of the window in the door, or from the lamp let into the panel beside the door.

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yards together, and indulges in unlimited conversation. No restriction is placed upon how they pair off; for as free to consort with each other as it pleases them.

These unfortunates are classified into three grades, such classification being noted always by that dread medal, the black medal, which is pinned to the sleeve of their jacket. It not only notes the number they are known by, the punishment they are condemned to, but the color of the detainee's class to which they belong. They all commence in the third class, symbolized by the black medal, and are promoted to the second class, as they are here termed, Ellerton and Carnoul, who were awarded a certain period transmits them into a yellow one, and certain privileges accrue to that grade. Further time and good conduct changes this badge to blue, with yet further privileges attached to it. For instance, the third class is accorded but one hour of this liberty of converse, to the second, two; to the first, three. This privilege is allowed only on the Sunday, and limited to one hour at a time. Maurice Elerton, however, has a black medal, because time has not yet allowed of promotion to the second class. It is not likely to find a man tiger is not likely to find a man tiger is not likely to find a man tiger.

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Charles Smith, who has just returned from the coast, gives an account of his impressions of the situation, and the state of affairs in the various points of view.

In point of situation, it is difficult to compare. Nature has done her best to make it a beautiful spot, and it remains yet to be seen what the future will bring. The climate is one of the best in the world, and it is well adapted for the health of the people.

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### C. P. R. ISLAND WORK MEANS MUCH TO VICTORIA

#### Mr. Marpole's Statement Regarding Extension to West Coast

#### ERA OF DEVELOPMENT OPENING

Necessity of Terminal Facilities Being Improved at Victoria. Commerce a Chance

The construction work on the projected railway from Nanaimo to the west coast of the island will probably be commenced this year, according to an official announcement made by Mr. Marpole, who has just reached Vancouver after a lengthy visit to Montreal. He states that it has not yet been decided whether the line will touch at Alberni, the points which will be included in the route of the road descending directly upon topographical conditions. The reports of survey parties, several of which have been in the field for some time, will determine the location of the harbor to be chosen as the western terminus of the extension to the E. & N. Mr. Marpole has been appointed general executive assistant to the C. P. R. and will take control of the administration of the E. & N. land grant. Assisting him will be H. J. Cambie. Mr. Marpole is expected to visit Victoria in the course of a few days.

He has received orders from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to investigate conditions prevailing on Vancouver Island and to devise the most profitable method for the exploitation and development of the illimitable wealth of this section of British Columbia. Mr. Marpole, from what can be gathered, intends doing so along much the same lines as J. S. Dennis, whom he replaces, are. The news which Mr. Marpole brings from headquarters as to the intentions of that great railway corporation regarding the building up of Vancouver Island is very gratifying to Victorians. All those having an interest in the city at heart believe that anything done by that railway towards opening up the island will redound directly or indirectly to the benefit of British Columbia's capital. Those who have followed railway development in this section for the past several years agree that the C. P. R. intends establishing an inland route to the coast, by which it would be possible for the Empress to transport their Oriental mails to the island, thus saving the time of their journey one or two days at least. The trip across the island to the mainland, under present conditions, would not consume much time if it were arranged. This is borne out by the report that the C. P. R. contemplates improving the works at Nanaimo and operating its ferry from that point to Vancouver daily. It has been asserted by some that these works would not help Victoria, but that is not the consensus of opinion among the majority of local business men. They contend that anything which tends towards the settlement of the island, the development of its resources, and ultimately the establishment of lucrative industries, must have considerable influence upon the commercial growth of the centre which occupies a site of strategic value upon the most southerly point of the island.

A short time ago an interview with H. G. Wilson, who is identified with one of the largest wholesale concerns of the city, was published in the Colonist. In his remarks he dealt with the situation which would arise when the C. P. R. started railway construction from Nanaimo to the west coast. He emphasized the importance of such a move would be to the commerce of this city. In his opinion it would mean an increase of thousands of dollars daily here, in providing the men employed by the contractors with food and other necessities. He said only natural, he said, to expect that the merchants of Victoria, the nearest city of importance to the scene of operations, would obtain the bulk of the trade. But it was imperative that they should be prepared when the opportunity arrived. He thought they would, and that it would simply be a question of whether the C. P. R. would be in a position to handle the number of cars which would have to be sent from the local depot to the interior every day. The whole thing, he contended, slurred down to the question of whether the E. & N. local terminal facilities would be augmented in time to allow the merchants to secure their fair share of the work to be done in the way of supplies. As it would be equally to the advantage of the C. P. R. and the local business man that the city should be made what may be termed the headquarters of the construction commissariat, he was convinced that the local depot would be enlarged before the work on the new railway was commenced. The announcement having been made that the latter will start this year, it must be assumed that the accommodation of the E. & N. freight yards will be made more adequate in the near future.

#### DIVIDENDS DECLARED BY CANADIAN PACIFIC

Three and a Half Per Cent. on Common Stock—Substantial Surplus Left

#### VENEZUELA REVOLUTION

General Parades Reported to Be Making Headway

#### HONOR FOR MR. BRVCE

London, Feb. 11.—King Edward conferred the order of merit upon Mr. Bryce today.

#### RESIGNS FROM EQUITABLE

New York, Feb. 11.—Gage E. Tarbell, second vice-president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1 next, the date of the annual meeting.

#### SURGEON MOODY FROZEN

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—Word was received here tonight by Hudson Bay courier from Fort Churchill to the effect that Surgeon Moody, of the R. N. W. M. P., had been frozen to death near the fort on Nov. 3. He was lost while hunting about 12 miles in the forest.

#### A BRANTFORD FIRE

Brantford, Feb. 11.—Fire in the Gold-Shapley-Muir factories here caused \$200,000 damage. Bull insured. The flames were stopped by fireproof walls.

#### BRIDGE PLANT AT SAULT.

Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 11.—The bridge trust is about to invade Canada, and will establish a big plant here under the name of the Algoma Bridge Company.

#### BURNED TO DEATH

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 11.—Edwin F. Reldner and his four children were burned to death tonight in the fire which destroyed their home.

#### FISH TRAP OPERATORS PREPARE FOR BUSINESS

#### Firms That Expect to Engage in Industry—Comparatively Small Run Expected

Already there is considerable activity apparent among those interested in the fish trap business on the coast of Vancouver Island. Those who are expected to engage in this industry, during the forthcoming season, are H. Todd & Sons, Malcolm Macrae, Bell-Irving, the Capital City Canning company, and the British Columbia Fish Trap Corporation. Several of the firms finding that accounts did not balance favorably after the capture of the last fish, they do not intend entering into the undertaking upon the same scale this spring. Those who have made a study of the statistics of the salmon run assert that this year's run will not be quite as large as that of 1906.

Although there may be fewer traps this year than heretofore, it is not the intention, by any means, to allow the fish to languish. For C. Meese, two or three days a number of local firms, among them Findlay, Durham & Brodie, have applied at the land and works department, and been granted their licenses. The majority will commence work without delay. Findlay, Durham & Brodie have had men employed for two or three weeks.

#### HARD LABOR FOR LIFE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—Kilimova and Teretiva, implicated in the plot to blow up Premier Stolypin on Aug. 29, 1906, were today sentenced to hard labor for life.

#### HAMILTON POWER MERGER

Hamilton, Feb. 11.—The Cataract Power Company has been absorbed by the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, which was incorporated recently by the latter company. This takes in the radial railway here, which will be extended to various towns.

#### U. S. ARMY EXPENSE

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate today passed the army appropriation bill, carrying \$21,600,000. The amendment to permit the government to accept reduced rates on army supplies and to permit officers and enlisted men to accept reduced transportation was defeated on a point of order by Senator McCumber after the day had been spent in its discussion.

#### EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

Many Messages of Condolence Sent to Viceregal Household

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Telegrams and cables of condolence to their excellencies, Lord and Lady Grey, have been received from all parts of the empire, the United States and other countries. From the King and Queen came the following: "The Queen and I feel deeply for you and Lady Grey in your sorrow and offer you our deepest sympathy." (Signed) EDWARD REX.

### SUFFERING IN RUSSIA FROM SCARCITY OF FOOD

#### Failure of Crops in Many Provinces Reduces People to Starvation

#### FAMINE THREATENS A MULTITUDE

#### An Appeal for Assistance Made to England and America—Russia's Crippled Condition

Montreal, Feb. 11.—The Gazette publishes an appeal from Nicola Shipoff to the English and American people for assistance to sufferers from the famine in Russia. He states that in more than twenty-five provinces crops have been far below the average, and in eight or ten there has been virtually no harvest whatever. He states that the grain gathered during the summer would just about keep the people alive for five and a half months, or until the first of this year. After that they must subsist on government or private assistance.

The present famine is more widespread and intense than that of sixteen years ago. The harvest is twice as bad and the crops have failed for two consecutive years. Owing to the recent war the Russian people have been crippled. An appeal to England and America is necessary.

#### HAMILTON STRIKE

Toronto, Feb. 11.—A Hamilton despatch says the street railway employees are talking strike again. The company has also engaged eight conductors and car men prominent in the last strike, for taking fares from passengers and putting them into the box, instead of allowing passengers to do so. The men say the company is needing them out to break up the union unless stopped. Three employees were arrested on charges of robbing fare boxes.

#### AT GERMANY'S DEMAND

#### Fehmi Pasha to Be Banished From Constantinople

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—The special commission of inquiry ordered by the Sultan to examine into the charges against Fehmi Pasha, chief of the secret police of the palace, who was alleged by the German embassy, recently caused the arrest of a ship's cargo destined for Hamburg, has concluded its work. The German embassy, the Sultan's request, waived public trial, whereupon Fehmi Pasha is banished, which it is understood will be done, because the Sultan is convinced that Fehmi Pasha is strongly backing up the German embassy's demand for the banishment of the Pasha.

### LARGE CONTRACTS ON GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

#### Construction of Five Transcontinental Divisions and for Branches to be Let

Montreal, Feb. 11.—While there was a general belief that five contracts on the transcontinental division of the Grand Trunk Pacific would be arranged, the matter was not actually settled until Saturday. The Hon. Frank W. Horne, vice-president and general manager, announced that the Grand Trunk Pacific had been decided the giving out of contracts for five divisions of the road. This means an expenditure of several million dollars, probably more, as there are several subsidiary lines to be built to increase the magnitude of the enterprise. One of these will be an entirely new road of about 200 miles, which will connect Montreal directly with the transcontinental line. It is pointed out by the board of trade committee, that if Montreal does not make up its mind to use the line, Quebec and Winnipeg will benefit. Quebec will be in direct communication through the La Tuque branch, which 160 miles is already built and tenders called for another 160 miles. Toronto will reach Quebec direct through the Abitibi branch, which, with an extension of only 40 miles, will be at the transcontinental line. Winnipeg, with its 200 miles built by J. D. McArthur, will join the road direct. The Eastern provinces will have Moncton as the Terminal, so that all Canada will be in practically direct communication except Montreal.

#### DEATH OF AN M. P. P.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—George N. Kidd, M. P. P. for Carleton County, died of typhoid fever on Saturday night at his home at Carp. He was confined to his room for four weeks.

#### STARTLING EXPLOSION AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL

Woolwich, Eng., Feb. 11.—A huge hole in the ground is all that marks the chemical research department of the Woolwich arsenal and the cordite magazine, which exploded this morning with such terrific force that the concussion was felt in towns forty miles away, and the whole countryside was thrown into a panic owing to the belief that a violent earthquake had occurred. There was no loss of life, but buildings for miles around were wrecked to a great degree by the explosion.

### MAN YARIF CHANGES PROPOSED BY MINISTER

#### Government Influenced by Criticisms Offered in Parliament

#### LUMBER COMBINE INVESTIGATION

#### Imperial Federation Discussed—Grand Trunk's Proposition in Regard to Station

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Mr. Fielding tonight gave notice of over a hundred and twenty changes in the tariff resolutions as originally submitted on Nov. 28. Some of these are important, as indicating the extent to which criticism in the House has influenced the government in its action. The amendment covers a wide range of articles. The fruit grower, the agriculturist, the oil refiner, have all been looked after. With regard to the preferential rate on raw sugar, it is provided that to secure the lowest rate of duty the importation must be direct by British ships to a Canadian port. Many changes have been made in the duties on iron and steel, not less than twenty items having been altered. An important item provides for a 99 cent drawback on the duty on bituminous coal when imported to be converted to coke for smelting purposes.

#### CHARGES CROOKEDNESS AGAINST VENEZUELAN

#### American Consular Agent Says Company He Represented Was Robbed

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 9.—(via Willemstad 11)—Rudolf Polge, the American consular agent here, director of the Orinoco corporation and secretary of the United States commission on Venezuela, has filed with the Venezuelan government a complaint against the Orinoco corporation, claiming that the company has been robbed of \$1,500,000. He complains that the company has been robbed of \$1,500,000. He complains that the company has been robbed of \$1,500,000.

#### RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The return of the Russian elections in the big cities yesterday are arriving slowly. Only Moscow, Odessa, and Rostov have been reported. They all record opposition victories.

#### THE TERRORISTS

Moscow, Feb. 11.—Another search for bombs at the Moscow female university has resulted in several more ones being found. It is reported that eight girls arrested on account of the plot to assassinate the Czar, were sentenced to execution by the military court.

#### PATENT MEDICINES

#### New Bill for Regulation Introduced in the House

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Hon. Wm. Templeman will introduce his bill respecting proprietary and patent medicines. It provides that no medicine shall be sold unless a sample has been sent to the minister for registration, accompanied by a certificate as to whether it contains alcohol or poisons, and stating their percentages. None can be sold unless it is of the same composition as the standard sample. A registration fee must accompany each sample. Every bottle or package of medicine for sale must have an inland revenue stamp attached to it. If analysis discloses that the sample is not of the same composition as the statement that accompanies it, or if the minister considers the medicine unsafe, he may order the sale of the medicine to be prohibited. The penalties provided reach a maximum of \$5,000 and imprisonment of 12 months.

#### SIR WILLIAM RUSSELL DEAD

London, Feb. 11.—Sir William Howard Russell, editor of the Army and Navy Gazette, died at his home in Grosvenor place, London, at the age of 86 years old. He was a famous war correspondent, and in that capacity served the London Times at the battle of Bull Run.

#### HISTORIAN McMULLEN DEAD

Brookville, Ont., Feb. 11.—John M. McMullen, the Canadian historian, died here yesterday afternoon, aged 87. He spent the greater part of his life in Brookville. He published a paper named the Monitor, and also had a bookstore for half a century. His wife and a large grown-up family survive him.

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**Difference With Lords and Changes in Ireland Chief Items**

**DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS BEGINS**

Leaders of Opposing Parties Set Forth Views on the Main Questions at Issue

London, Feb. 12.—In the later part of the King's speech at the opening of parliament today he said: "I have seen with satisfaction that the King's emergency has been met by the governor and his officers with courage and devotion and by the people with self-control."

The occasion has called forth many words of praise and commendation from all parts of my empire, and I recognize with sincere gratitude the assistance shown by the people of the United States and the assistance promptly offered by their naval authorities, and by several of the guards. Another witness said a man named Hood had offered him money to give evidence that Van Zant had patronized the East End of London, which was an immoral thing to do, but he refused, as he knew Van Zant was respectable.

**RAILWAY WILL BUILD FROM COAST IN SPRING**

**Signs That Point to Early Construction of Grand Trunk Pacific**

**CONTRACTS LET FOR MATERIALS**

Significant Moves of Politicians—Victoria Carefully Excluded From Benefits of Expenditure

There are many facts that tend to prove that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company intends to commence construction work in this province with the opening of the coming spring in the central interior.

It is well known, on the authority of R. E. Loring, government agent at Hazelton, that a contract was let some months ago for a large number of ties and other construction material on the Skeena river. In confirmation of this evidence of activity, C. W. D. Clifford stated, on his last visit to this city, that a similar material had been made in the vicinity of Babine lake. In another column appears the statement of Alex. C. Murray, Hudson's Bay agent at Fort St. James, that orders have been received to transfer all supplies at present at that post to Fraser lake, which is at that point the new transcontinental road as shown in the map recently deposited with the chief commissioner of lands and works.

Though the company, as usual, is endeavoring to keep its intentions secret, as far as possible, already there is considerable activity displayed in the central interior along the line of the road east from the bend of the Fraser river where strikes south from the divide at Summit lake.

The B. C. Tie & Lumber Co., also, is showing itself a very live concern. This corporation is allied with, if not subsidiary to, the Grand Trunk Pacific, and a large number of men are already at work on its timber limits abutting on Observatory inlet, the most accessible point from which to obtain construction material in the vicinity of the terminus at Prince Rupert.

These facts, with the calling for tenders for the construction of the big hotel at Prince Rupert, go to show that the company intend to commence work from the Pacific coast at an early date. Nothing has yet been made public as to the obtaining and shipping of rails to the coast, but it appears evident that something definite will shortly be done, especially in view of the announced intention of the F. R. and the Canadian Northern to enter the province the Yellow Head pass at the earliest possible date. Reports from Ottawa state that the cent advance from Ottawa to the plans have already been filed by the government, and the line was surveyed west from Edmonton last fall.

A group of Liberal politicians, in which were the Grand Trunk Pacific officials in this province, has also incorporated, covering the provision of public utility works, such as water and electric light and tramway installation at Prince Rupert, in addition to the usual mercantile enterprises. Strange to say, not a single dollar of this expenditure, more than it is important to avoid, is coming to Victoria. It is stated, on absolutely reliable authority, that one small order given in this city caused quite a disturbance and declaration made by the most prominent Grand Trunk Pacific official here that nothing was to be purchased except in Vancouver.

**WHOLESALE HOUSES BURNED IN MONTREAL**

**Building on St. Paul Street Gutted, Causing Loss Amounting to \$200,000**

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Fire on St. Paul street, in the centre of the wholesale district, this morning caused damage to the extent of \$200,000.

The firms burned out are: Swift, Copeland & Co., wholesale furriers, \$125,000; J. H. Waideman & Co., wholesale cloak makers, \$50,000; the Albion Hotel, located at the corner of St. Paul and McGill streets, \$60,000.

The structure, which was a stone and brick building, was gutted by a wreck, and today, with the thermometer 12 degrees below zero, it is a sheet of iron from top to bottom. The fire, which started in the basement, spread rapidly, and the roof, which was made of iron and brick, fell in places, and the structure was completely destroyed.

The loss is well covered by insurance.

**FROM REMOTE PART OF THE PROVINCE**

**Hudson's Bay Agent Tells of Crops at Fort St. James**

**SUPPLIES FOR THE GRAND TRUNK**

Indians Celebrated Centenary of Pioneer Fort in the Central Interior

Midway between the 54th and 55th parallels of latitude, at the east end of Stuart lake, is situated Fort St. James, the oldest Hudson's Bay post in British Columbia. After continuous occupation for more than a century it remains an important trading station, the single source of livelihood for a large number of Indians.

Episcopal Bishop Murray, the agent there, arrived in Victoria a few days ago on a business visit. Having been stationed at St. James, off and on, for thirty years he is competent to express an opinion regarding the noble red men in that vicinity. In the course of an interesting conversation he gave two items of more than passing interest. The first is, that orders have been given by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to transfer all supplies at present at his station to Fraser lake, and the second, that the centenary of St. James, last July, was fittingly celebrated by the Indians with Episcopalians, and the other, Bishop of Dootenwill, of New Westminster officiated, in the church built by the Indians themselves in the village just by the fort.

"It had a pretty rough trip out," said Mr. Murray when seen yesterday. His appearance did not belie the statement. His nose is most severely frozen, the result of severe cold encountered on the trail, and something near 50 below, while snowshoeing between Quesnel and 150 Mile House. He states that the present winter is one of the most severe he has ever encountered in the long time he has been in the central interior.

"Yes, it was pretty tough," he continued. "Such exceptionally cold weather gives outsiders an erroneous impression of the country. We have generally a mild climate. Though we have had a success of winter wheat growing, oats and barley do extremely well. All kinds of vegetables grow here, and the success of the potatoes, cabbages and onions particularly so. As for fruit, we get raspberries, strawberries, and other fruit, and they produce large crops every year."

"Most people are entirely at sea as to the climate of the north part of the Cariboo district and the southern portion of Cassiar. Generally the horses remain all winter in the open, and do not require shelter, there is plenty of hay and pea-vine available for their feed, and all that has to be done is to cut it."

The country round Fraser lake and in the Nechaco, being so well acquainted with. He states it is extremely fertile and that the settlers in their location. They are looking anxiously forward to the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which will pass north of Fraser lake as it will give them the outlet they require for their goods. Only a few are wintering inside, nearly all having secured leave of absence for the winter from their homes, and they intend to earn money to buy implements to improve their farms.

The late Mr. Murray laid orders were given to have a large amount of supplies, taken in to Fort St. James, and the stores and lake route for the Grand Trunk Pacific, removed to Fraser lake, where there is an excellent wintering post. In his opinion the latter will, very likely, be made the headquarters for his district in the first employment of the Indians he has to deal with. Mr. Murray was highly opinionated, "They are very saucy sometimes," he admitted, "though of late years we have had no serious trouble with them. They are plentiful and come in and out of the post all the time. We have to open up the stores every day. You ask if they are civilized; well, just about as much as they are when I see them here, very little more. You see they are roving bands. They can get lots of fish in the lake, there are no less than four kinds of trout and plenty of whitefish. You know that it was catching fish there that constituted the first employment of St. James Douglas."

The district to the northeast of Stuart lake, between St. James and Fort McLeod will never, in any Murray's opinion, become of any value until the present time, and the present time of 400 feet from the lake bottom, which makes the altitude too high for successful growing of crops. He gave some interesting information about it, however. Much of it, he states, is thought by old miners to resemble the gravel beds of California, that are produced, and are producing, large quantities of gold by hydraulic mining. If this opinion is, on examination, found to be correct it will form the link missing at present between the gold-bearing deposits of Cassiar and Cariboo.

As was generally stated at the time, the centenary of the establishment of St. James occurred last July. Until now no account of its celebration has been made public. Bishop Dootenwill, of New Westminster happened to be paying a pastoral visit at the time, and he was present at the ceremonies commemorative of the occasion, and he was accompanied by the Rev. Father Ballot and Coccolli. The former is now at St. James, but the latter is expected to return to Ottawa, having come out for the purpose of laying the case of the Babine Indians before the authorities at Ottawa. The natives came from all parts of the interior, particularly from the North, to receive the ministrations of the Rev. Father Ballot, and a solemn high mass of thanksgiving was celebrated as near as could be ascertained on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the fort.

The Indians profess the Roman Catholic faith," said Mr. Murray, "they are the greatest church-goers I ever saw." As the actual effect of religious teaching on them he was discreetly silent. From an educational standpoint, at least, the priests are doing good work. They travel all over the vast northern interior, holding ser-

**DISLIKES MORMONS**

Toronto, Feb. 12.—At a meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Young People's society today Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick addressed the women of the church in Western Canada, who, he said, were happy with their husbands and children, and were doing good work in the world.

They were all optimistic. The greatest grief in Alberta was the Mormon settlement. These people were Mormons first and Canadians afterwards. It was not enough to say they grew sodden with their own good, but that they were a great deal of good to the world.

**CASTRO OPERATED UPON**

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Venezuelan legation today received this cablegram from Trinidad: "Dr. Revenga performed the day, in the course of an interesting operation on General Castro. Sure of radical recovery."

**EX-GOVERNOR HIGGINS**

Olean, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Former Governor Higgins died at 8:40 this morning.

**COSTLY PICTURES LOOT OF LONDON BURGLARS**

Canvases by Gainsborough and Reynolds Carried Off—Jewelry Stolen

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So roughly were the pictures cut from their frames, that they have been ruined, even if they are recovered.

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Toronto, Feb. 12.—Sheriff David Haldimand county, dropped dead in Cayuga.

**SANTO DOMINGO DEBTS UNDER NEW TREATY**

**President Roosevelt Sends in Another Proposition to the U. S. Senate**

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Tourist Association to Distribute More Beautiful Booklets

More literature advertising the beauties of Victoria, from a climatic and scenic standpoint, will be issued by the Victoria Development & Tourist Association for distribution during the spring and summer months. This was decided at a meeting of the executive held yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the Mayor the chair was occupied by A. W. McCurdy. Among those present were H. Lawson, R. Ald. Vincent, John Nelson, Dr. Rowe, H. Kent, H. G. Wilson, R. J. Hime and A. Coldwell and Secretary Cuthbert.

The principal business was the consideration of a report from the printer of the booklet entitled "Impressions." After due consideration the proposal was adopted, and 10,000 copies of the former and 25,000 of the latter will be ordered immediately, so that they may be ready for the spring. It was decided also that fifty large photographs of local scenery be obtained, and that the literature be distributed through tourist offices at the different important centres of Canada and the general masses of the country. It is intended, will be augmented every year.

The general programme for the season was discussed at length, but no decision was reached. The matter was left in abeyance until the next general meeting of the committee of the association.

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The victims were Mrs. Elliott Terwilliger and Miss Sarah Hilladay of Joyce City, and Timothy Healey, the driver.

**DANGER OF BLOCKADE AT LAKE SUPERIOR**

Conditions Would Be Bad if Another Snowstorm Came at an Early Date

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 12.—It is asserted that if another snowstorm comes at an early date, the Lake Superior division that has ever taken place. The snow on each side of the divide is piled high, and if another storm happens along the tracks will fill in to such a depth that it will take days, if not weeks, to clear them out again. The snow in many of these places is over the tops of cars.

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Bakhat, Russia, Feb. 12.—The coal mine here caught fire today while the 100 miners employed there were at work. Forty bodies already have been taken from the shaft.

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VARIETY OF VIEWS ON LABOR QUESTION

Members of Board of Trade Discuss Means of Securing Toilers

COMMITTEE TACKLES PROBLEM

Will Investigate and Report on All Phases of the Vexing Situation

The scarcity of labor in British Columbia and the best means of solving the problem were the subjects discussed at a general meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon. While the opinion that the development of the province was threatened because of the extreme difficulty everywhere experienced in procuring workmen was unanimous, the views expressed as to the most advisable policy to adopt in order to bring about the desired relief were varied. The majority appeared to think that it would be unwise to lower the poll tax upon Chinese, but all were united in the belief that the agricultural industry, the operation of the factories already established and the further exploitation of the natural resources of British Columbia, would be retarded unless something were done to induce large numbers of laborers to come here during the present year.

Finally a special committee was appointed to investigate the question in all its phases, to interview the provincial government, and to submit a detailed report to the board at the next meeting as possible. Resolutions also were moved, one proposing that the Dominion government be requested to take the matter up and the other providing that the federal authorities should be petitioned to reduce the head tax upon Orientals from \$500 to \$100. These, however, were a quorum, a number having left during the discussion.

F. A. Parline, the vice-president, occupied the chair. The secretary reported that at the last meeting a committee had been appointed to wait upon the provincial government in regard to the best policy for overcoming the difficulty being experienced throughout the province owing to the lack of labor. Owing to the dissolution of the legislature, it had been impossible to arrange the proposed interview.

Ship-Building Subsidy A communication was read from the Toronto branch of the Navy League, asking that the board support a measure for the appointment of a royal commission to look into the conditions of the shipbuilding trade that something might be done to encourage that industry.

H. R. Bullen stated that he had interviewed the minister of marine while in the East. The minister had stated that a deputation from the Atlantic coast had waited upon him in reference to shipbuilding. It was his intention, he had told Mr. Bullen, to consider the advisability of arranging for a bonus to Canadian shipbuilders as far as he was concerned, the government heretofore had not appeared to thoroughly understand the conditions clear, he thought. He had been pointed out that vessels built in the

Old Country could be brought to the Dominion free of duty. Therefore there was little inducement to those who were bringing ships to the coast, constructed by Canadian firms. In his opinion something might be done to induce the federal government to take such action as the granting of an appropriate bonus for building ships, building firms.

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And your petitioners, as in duty bound, signed a petition of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade.

F. H. MATHIESON, President. GEO. HADRIAN, Secretary.

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W. J. Pendray had nothing particular to say with respect to the Chinese undoubtedly laborers were needed and he did not know what was going to be done during the summer. The indications were that there was going to be a rush of business during the next few months. Personally he was not in favor of Oriental immigration, preferring, if possible, to obtain white employees. But it was absolutely necessary that hands should be available in order that all industries should be maintained.

Factories Throttled Mr. Bullen remarked that if nothing was done the situation would become even more serious than at present. He contended that many of the units were taking advantage of the conditions and forcing the hands of the employers to such an extent that the factories were being throttled. He was of the opinion that a committee should be appointed to investigate and to wait upon the government in order to discuss the situation and endeavor to come to some understanding likely to bring about the required relief.

Another Question Raised T. W. Paterson stated that if a committee was appointed it should be instructed to go to the foot of the situation. It should find out why living

was as expensive in British Columbia now as was the case in 1885. Also, he thought it should be ascertained, how it was that those coming to the country did not, as a rule, remain.

Mr. Bullen suggested that the fact that there was no immigration rate over the C. P. R. to British Columbia. If this could come, west during the busy season and return with the advent of "allegk times."

Mr. Bullen proposed that a committee be appointed to investigate and report fully upon the matter. This committee was composed of Mr. Bullen, Mr. T. W. Paterson, Anton Henderson and J. W. Pendray.

Mr. Thomson suggested that some action might be taken without delay by communicating with the Dominion government.

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Nothing was done, however, along this line.

Resolution and Amendment Mr. Thomson moved and Mr. Thomson seconded that the appended resolution be forwarded to the Dominion government:

That the scarcity of skilled and unskilled labor in British Columbia is a serious matter, and that the Dominion government be requested to take such action as may be necessary to secure relief from the present situation.

Mr. Sayward, seconded by Mr. Davis, moved in amendment: "That the Dominion government be requested to reduce the head tax upon Chinese from \$500 to \$100."

When the chairman came to place the latter before the meeting, it was found that the departure of some members had left the meeting without a quorum. The amendment, therefore, could not be voted upon.

The meeting then adjourned.

FRENCH CHURCH CONTRACTS Civil Authorities and Bishops Are Near an Agreement

Paris, Feb. 14.—M. Briand, the minister of education is silent relative to the negotiations between Mr. Amette, the coadjutor bishop of Paris, and the French government, but it is known that the contracts, practically

upon arrival. These were points which, he thought, should be borne in mind. Galicians Suggested C. H. Lagrin suggested that the committee to be appointed should investigate the desirability of the masses which come from the North-west from southern Europe being brought to British Columbia. J. Obed Smith of Winnipeg could give as much information upon this point as anyone else in Canada. He had been informed that the reason why these people had not come west of the Rockies was because of the heavy transportation rates. He had been told that the Galicians were excellent laborers, the women being splendid domestic servants, and the men hard-working. The Scandinavians also were industrious and of good habits. Personally he did not think it would be advisable to bring out large numbers of the unemployed of England. The "unemployed bread unemployed" in regard to the Galicians and the Scandinavians, he thought, the present situation should have been foreseen when the prohibitive tax was imposed. It is in preparation for the contingency which now had to be faced.

Winter Employment Mr. Paterson wanted to know what would be done for the laborers in the winter. If sufficient were imported to meet the summer demand, he thought that only one-third could be employed throughout the year. Unless this phase of the question could be overcome, it would be practically impossible to cope with the situation.

Mr. Sayward was not of the opinion that Orientals were a cheap number employment in clearing land. "Yes, but you don't think the winter the best time for clearing land, do you?" asked Mr. Paterson.

Mr. Sayward replied that it was not the best season, but that it was by no means impossible to do such work at that time.

RAID BY PULJANES

Two Towns Burned and Members of Constabulary Killed

Manila, Feb. 14.—Puljanas attacked and burned two towns in the province of Occidental Negros yesterday and killed six members of the constabulary. Two American teachers were reported missing.

No cause is known for the uprising. The bad and ugly. These are ten miles and schools were attacked and burned in both instances.

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Some people have a genius for seeking out the disagreeable, the crooked, the bad and the ugly. These are the destroyers; they travel in schools, they herd together for they love their kind, and have the nothing to do with them.

And why is it that so many peddle disaster knowing that the same time that they do their lives will be ruined? Some people cannot help it, for pessimism, usually comes from a defective constitution, and this cannot always be prevented. The stomach, for instance, is the most common cause of distress, sour face, nervousness, distrust and lack of ambition. A bad stomach—there is the secret of many a failure.

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INBOUND SHIP

Two Vessels Reported Yesterday on Way

Two steamers were reported to be on their way to the Victoria wharves yesterday. The Japanese steamer, the Aburahi, from the Aburahi, for the Victoria wharves, and the Canadian-New Zealand steamer, the Canadian-New Zealand, from the Canadian-New Zealand wharves.

MINERAL

Certificate of Intention to Claim

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TO TEACH MUSIC IN CITY SCHOOLS

Decision Arrived at by Board of Trustees at Last Night's Meeting

THE SUB-HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Trustee Huggert's Request—Teachers' Salaries, Monthly Reports and Other Questions

After April 1 the study of singing will form a part of the curriculum of the Victoria schools.

A motion was made to this effect by Trustee Huggert at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees held last evening, and passed without a dissenting voice.

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Teachers' Salaries A petition from the principals of the Victoria schools regarding the raising of salaries was received by the board some time ago.

An increase of \$5 a month was granted to Miss Williams, the principal of the Girls' Central school, pointing out that although her salary was every bit as good as that of the male teachers, and asked for a raise.

A letter was received from J. J. Douglas, the secretary of the Teachers' Institute, asking that the Victoria board send a member to the coming meeting in Nelson, or appoint a proxy.

On motion of Trustee Riddell it was decided to increase the salary of the assistant superintendent of schools to \$50 per month.

Trustee Lewis, who had been appointed chairman of the finance committee without his knowledge, resigned his position.

Satisfactory reports were received from Superintendent Eaton as from work of the newly-appointed art and sewing instructors for the schools.

London, Feb. 13.—A great crowd of friends gathered at the Euston railroad station this morning to bid farewell to James Bryce, the ambassador of Great Britain to the United States.

At Liverpool they boarded the White Star liner Oceanic, and sailed for New York.

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Facts

FROM the sworn tabulated statement of champagne imports for the year 1936 one fact stands out clear and distinct; it is the UNDENIABLE FACT that—twice as much—G. H. Mumm & Co.'s champagne is consumed as any other brand, and out of some fifteen recognized brands—one third of the whole quantity consumed is from the house of G. H. Mumm & Co.

No other wine in the world can show such strong proof of its superlative quality and popular appreciation.

When banquets, public functions and connoisseurs' tastes are taken into consideration, the endorsement is still stronger, as, practically no other champagne but G. H. Mumm & Co.'s is used.

THE HOLD-UP GAME TRIED NEAR NANAIMO

Raid Made on a Roadside Inn—Would-be Robbers Interrupted at Work

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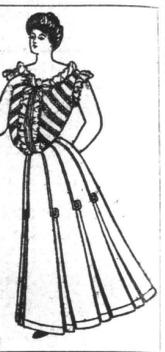
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500 Skirts in Black, Blue and Colored Tweeds

THE styles offered are in most instances designed after high class New York, London and Paris models and are exclusive with our store. The assortment of these handsome, stylish skirts is the most comprehensive to be found in Western Canada.



Effect a Saving of from 25 to 35%

We give below a few descriptions of these handsome skirts

- LADIES' TWEED SKIRTS, in light and dark grey, and blue and brown checks, seven gored skirt with full flounce, regular \$2.50; Friday's sale, each \$1.65
LADIES' TWEED SKIRTS in greens, light and dark greys and blues, over check effect, full flare, seven gored with trimmed seams, regular \$3.50 Friday's sale, \$2.50
LADIES' TWEED SKIRTS, in black and white checks, also green, brown and grey mixtures, seven gored with pleat at each gore; regular \$4.50; Friday's sale, \$2.50
LADIES' BLACK AND NAVY BLUE SKIRTS, double box pleat back and front, with stituled straps and buttons, regular \$7.00 Friday's sale, \$4.50
LADIES' BLACK AND NAVY BLUE SKIRTS in ladies' cloth, seven gored with wide box pleat at each seam, finished with stitching, regular \$7.00; Friday's sale, each \$4.50
LADIES' PLAID SKIRTS, in red and green mixture, fourteen gored with returned pleat at each gore, stitched and flaring at bottom, regular \$7.00; Friday's sale, \$4.50
LADIES' PLAID SKIRTS IN GREY AND BLUE MIXTURE, double box pleat, back and front, three rows of stituled straps around bottom of skirt; regular \$8.75 Friday's sale, each \$5.75
LADIES' LIGHT GREY HOME-SPUN SKIRT, two box pleats in front finished with stituled straps and buttons; regular \$8.75 Friday's sale, each \$5.75
LADIES' TWEED SKIRT, SMALL CHECK, brown and grey mixture, five gored with returned pleat at each gore to form double box pleat at back, trimmed with stituled straps and buttons; regular \$9.00; Friday's sale, each \$5.75
LADIES' SKIRTS IN BLACK AND NAVY BLUE, in good quality of box cloth, seven gored with four clusters of tucks from knee, giving very full effect, regular \$4.75; Friday's sale, each \$2.90
LADIES' DARK GREY LUSTRE SKIRTS eight gored with deep tuck at each seam, full flare from knee, finished with buttons; regular \$4.50; Friday's sale, \$2.90
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The longer these Stylish Skirts are worn, the more will they give you pleasure—giving that well dressed air not easy to obtain, whilst the exceptional tailoring and extra good materials constitute special bargains that cannot be eclipsed anywhere!

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In consequence of the extraordinary values given in the Great Whitewear Sale Now Proceeding.

"Buying Enthusiasm" keeps busy hands continuously moving! It is inevitable! Everybody looks and waits for our Under Muslin Sale, it being universally admitted that the store carries the broadest and best assortment of ladies' whitewear in the west. Yet few are prepared for the surprising values that await them. There are instances where values are altogether without parallel. We quote just for illustration a few of the "Money-Savers" now selling:

- Ladies' White Lawn Skirts, from \$2.25 down to \$1.00
Ladies' White Lawn Gowns, from \$1.90 down to 75c
Ladies' White Lawn Corset Covers, from 75c down to 25c
Ladies' White Lawn Drawers, from 50c down to 25c
Ladies' White Lawn Chemises, from \$1.50 down to 35c
Ladies' White Lawn Comb. Skirt & Corset Cov., 3.50 to \$1.50

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In anticipation of the rise in the price of cotton, we purchased "thousands of dollars" worth of stock—therefore, whilst we offer these splendid goods at such phenomenal sale prices, buy all you can, although your wants may be months ahead! You will thereby save money, and be much gratified.

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New York, Feb. 13.—A car electric train of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, in the bringing either dead nearly sixty of its passengers.

The train, No. 25, Central station at 62nd street, New York, was loaded with a matted mass of baggage and five passengers stopping at 125th street.

At Woodlawn road, a sharp curve. When the curve, according to the estimate, was about a mile an hour. Both sides of the car were crowded, but the cars, rails and plunging of a terrific crash, and after sliding a hundred feet, the cars were mangled beyond balance and support.

Responded to hurry call engine coming from the injured were from the wreckage, taken out for some seriously injured, while the charge of the dead bodies were recovered.

LADIES' BLACK AND NAVY BLUE SKIRTS, very fine quality of Panama cloth, four clusters of fan pleats from knees, finished with six rows of stitching and buttons; regular \$11.00; Friday's sale, each \$7.50
LADIES' BLACK AND NAVY BLUE SKIRTS, extra good quality of broadcloth, plain yoke effect with panel front, clusters of tucks from yoke; regular \$11.00; Friday's sale, each \$7.50
LADIES' BLACK AND BLUE VENETIAN CLOTH SKIRTS, double box pleat in front with four rows of stituled straps to form yoke effect, pleated with very full flounce, regular \$12.00; Friday's sale, each \$7.50
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