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BLAME ATTACHED TO CAPT. JOHNSON

Commission Fails to Understand Why Valencia Attempted to Enter Straits Without Ascertaining Position of Lightship

The commission appointed under the authority of the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa to inquire into the Valencia wreck sat this morning for the purpose of presenting the report agreed upon by them. The commission consisted of Capt. J. Gaudin, the British Columbia agent of the department, Capt. J. G. Cox and Capt. H. Newcomb, of the Dominion fisheries cruiser Kestrel.

The finding of the commission places the responsibility for the wreck upon Capt. Johnson, of the steamer Valencia, whom the commission held should not have attempted to enter the straits in the weather prevailing at the time without ascertaining exactly the position of the Umatilla lightship. He should have been positive of its location, either by seeing the light or by hearing the signal, and not have gone on mere supposition.

Various deficiencies in the way of boat inspection at San Francisco and with respect to the lack of discipline and drill on board are alluded to, and in conclusion the commission makes some recommendations with regard to vessel-plying in the coast trade.

The report is as follows:

The undersigned has the honor to report that he was on the 26th day of January last past appointed a commissioner for the purpose of making a formal inquiry into the cause which led to the stranding of the S.S. Valencia, under the provisions of section 5 of "The Shipping Casualties Act," 1. Edward VIII, chapter 35, and amending acts, and that John Graham Cox and Holmes Newcomb, commissioners appointed under the said act for the purpose of the said inquiry.

The undersigned and the assessors having been duly sworn to discharge their several duties in the premises, a court was duly convened under the provisions of the said act, and the court was in session examining witnesses for the period of twelve days, during which time

Thirty-Eight Witnesses Were Examined.

A verbatim report of their testimony being transmitted herewith, Charles H. Lugin, Esq., barrister at law, who was appointed by the minister of justice to act as special counsel to the undersigned, James H. Lawson, Esq., barrister at law, in charge of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, owners of the Valencia, and Albert E. McPhillips, Esq., K. C., barrister at law, representing the attorney-general of British Columbia, attended all the sessions of the court and took part in the examination of witnesses.

The findings of the court are as follows:

1. The Valencia, an iron steamship of 3,394 tons, of United States registry, built at Philadelphia in the year 1882, and belonging to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company of San Francisco, left San Francisco in charge of O. V. Johnson, a duly certificated master mariner, on January 29th, 1906, bound to Puget Sound ports by way of Victoria, British Columbia, having on board a crew of 65 persons and 99 passengers, including men, women, and children. She also carried a cargo of general merchandise. The Valencia was wrecked at Shelter Light, so-called, which is a little to the west of the 125th meridian, and upon the southwest coast of Vancouver Island, a few minutes before midnight on the 22nd day of January, and during that night and the following two days 128 persons, passengers and crew, and including all the women and children, were either drowned or otherwise lost their lives in consequence of the wreck. The vessel and her cargo were a total loss.

2. The coast where the wreck occurred consists of perpendicular, and in some places, overhanging rocks, from 60 to 90 feet in height above high water, at which time the sea breaks against the base of the cliff. Outside the cliff are numerous rocks, most of them submerged at high tide, but forming at all stages of the water a great menace to even the shallowest craft, because of the surf which continually breaks upon or over them. The coast at this point is exposed to the Unbroken Sweep of the Waves from the Pacific Ocean, on the south and from the Straits of Juan de Fuca on the east, and the name Shelter Light is not to be taken as indicating that vessels of any description can find shelter there under any circumstances. The land on the summit of the cliff is heavily and densely timbered, and although at no great distance back from the edge of the cliff, there is a rough trail following the line of the cliff, yet the point at which the wreck occurred is exceedingly difficult of access by land, not only because the trail is greatly overgrown by bushes, but also because it is crossed by deep ravines and by rivers, which during and after heavy rainfalls are almost impassable torrents. The beach along this part of the Vancouver Island coast is for many miles of such a character that it cannot be traversed

INDIAN RESERVE AGAIN DISCUSSED

BY CITY COUNCIL
YESTERDAY EVENING

The Mayor and Committee Empowered to Enter into an Agreement with Government.

The Indian reservation question was again before the city council last night, when it was decided to empower the mayor and a special committee to enter into an agreement with the provincial government for the acquisition of the reserve. For many years past this has been a troubled question with different city councils and provincial legislatures. The Indians are warlike of the Dominion government, and so far no agreement has been presented which proved acceptable to all parties. A couple of years ago it was proposed that other land might be provided which would serve the purpose of a reserve better than that now occupied by the remnants of a once powerful tribe—the Songhees—but the arrangement fell through, the lands offered not being acceptable to the Indians. Then a monetary consideration was suggested, but the right of the aborigines to dispose of their birthright was raised, and the efficacy of the conditions imposed was challenged. Private corporations have also made several attempts to secure the lands, which are practically in the heart of the city, and a great effort has been made by the city and its officers to prevent the same. It is now proposed that the reserve be changed hands, and that no individual corporation be given a monopoly. On this latter point Mayor Morley takes a very definite stand. His Worship is arranging for an interview with the government pursuant to the following report, which was adopted at the meeting last night:

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria. Gentlemen:—Your special committee appointed to deal with the acquisition of the Songhees Indian reservation beg to report that (1) the correspondence and resolutions on the subject have been laid before the council, and (2) that your committee, your committee is of opinion that in the interests of the city of Victoria it would be advisable that your committee, along with His Worship the Mayor, should be empowered to arrange and enter into an agreement with the provincial government dealing with the matter, subject to the ratification thereof by-law and the vote of the ratepayers thereon. We therefore recommend that we be so empowered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
J. STUART YATES,
LEWIS HALL,
JAMES A. DOUGLAS.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Several Buildings at Qu'Appelle Destroyed by Fire—Seeking Incorporation.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, March 28.—A destructive fire visited Qu'Appelle, Sask., this morning, destroying several buildings. Among the losses are Hardy's store, Lee Wing's laundry, Macgure's boarding house, Webster, blacksmith, and Qu'Appelle Furniture Co. The latter lost \$10,000, insurance \$4,000. Craven's store, the Macgure-Harris warehouse, and the Leland hotel were saved after great difficulty.

With Enlarged Powers.
Winnipeg, March 28.—Three Alberta towns will apply at the present session of the legislature for incorporation as cities, Wetaskiwin, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

Deserted His Wife.
Regina, Sask., March 28.—W. J. Stubbs, son of the former M. P. for Pelee, Que., has deserted his wife and three children, and left them in destitute circumstances.

RAIN IMPORTS.

(Associated Press.)
Liverpool, March 28.—Receipts of wheat during the past three days amounted to 23,000 cwt., including 135,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the past three days amounted to 35,000 cwt. The weather is dull.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Alfred Taylor, of Victoria, Receives Norwegian Patent on Automatic Fire Alarm.
The following patents have been issued to British Columbia inventors recently through the agency of Rowland Britain, patent attorney, of Vancouver:—
Alfred Taylor, of Victoria, a Norwegian patent on the automatic fire alarm to which reference has been made in previous reports, and which is at present being manufactured in Victoria for the provincial market.

A. M. Bullock, of Vancouver, a Canadian patent on an improved clothes drying device, in which a series of clothes hanging rods are carried on brackets secured to the wall of a room so that when the weather is unfavorable the clothes can be dried without unduly interfering with freedom of movement in the room.
A trade mark was also registered by the Pearson Soap Co., of New South Wales, Australia, on the word "Santop," associated with a figure and

ECHO OF THE WAR.

Kouroupatkin on Causes of Defeats—Losses in First Manchurian Army.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 28.—General Kouroupatkin's last order of the day, to the first Manchurian army, printed in the Ruzsky Invalide to-day, is a remarkable exposure of the cause of the Russian defeats, showing that they were due to lack of preparation and equipment and to the fact that there were no explosive shells for the mountain artillery, in the early stage of the war.

He does not shrink his own responsibility as minister of war (before the war broke out) but asserts that the causes of the defeats were deeper, namely, the morale of the troops and of the officers, who did not display initiative or enthusiasm, in spite of the iron nerves and heroic spirits of the soldiers. All this the general boldly announces is attributable to the oppression of bureaucratic rule during the last fifty years which in the case of the officers drove men of independence from the service, leaving only worthless drones. He congratulates the troops on their event of liberty and hope for the regeneration of the people.

General Kouroupatkin gives the entire loss of the first Manchurian army, which averaged a strength of 100,000 men and 2,000 officers, as 25,000 officers killed and 1,733 wounded, and 10,435 men killed and 56,350 wounded, and concludes with expressing the opinion that the army should be so strengthened in time of peace that victory will be certain in time of war.

MUNICIPAL CONVENTION.

Moscow Factory and Mill Delegates Select Representatives.

(Associated Press.)
Moscow, March 28.—The workers' convention of factory and mill delegates has completed its work with the election of 18 delegates to the municipal convention. These consist of nine Social Democrats, seven Constitution Democrats, one Socialist and one delegate whose politics are not defined.

ORDER PLACED FOR NEW GAME BIRDS

FIRST CONSIGNMENT
EXPECTED IN THE FALL

Six Dozen Capercaillie and Black Game to Be Divided Between Mainland and Island.

The importation of a new variety of game to British Columbia is now assured. Some days ago the officials of the Victoria and Vancouver clubs forwarded an order for six dozen capercaillie and black game, the number of each variety being about equally divided, and it is expected that the birds will reach here some time in October. Later on another lot will be brought out and distributed with the first on the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. The plan of securing them in separate instalments has been adopted for the purpose of lessening the risk of mortality. Immediately the first shipment is taken from the train at Vancouver it will be divided between the Mainland and the Island, and as little time as possible lost in freeing the birds in the wilderness, which they are expected to make their future home.

It may be of interest to local sportsmen to know that the game for which they have been asked to contribute is coming from Norway, the original home of the capercaillie, from whence they have been exported to all parts of the world. The British Columbia birds being handled by a Danish fancier, who makes a specialty of such transactions. He recently sent to pairs to the state of Michigan, out of which large consignments only three were lost.

It is needless to say that the project now under way is an exceedingly expensive one to carry out in a proper manner. At the present time the fund collected in this province totals some \$675. Of this amount \$275 has been subscribed by Victorians and \$400 by residents of Vancouver, New Westminster and points in that vicinity. An Old Country sportsman, unselfishly interested in the encouragement of sport, has guaranteed \$750, the money available amounts to, approximately, \$1,225. Secretary Musgrave, of the Victoria club, is anxious that at least \$100 more should be secured from the Island, and expresses the hope that the response will be liberal, as the cause is worthy of support. The object is a small part there should be, at least, \$275 or \$400 from this district.

No decision has yet been reached as to where the birds should be secured. Victoria will be placed where they will, of course, have to be let loose somewhere among the mountains where the conditions are as nearly similar as possible to those experienced in their native fastnesses of Denmark. Some will be freed at the Summit, in all probability, and at other points along the E. & N. line. But this is a matter which will have to be decided by the majority of members of the club.

Before the arrival of the birds the Victoria and Vancouver clubs will approach the provincial government and ask for an order in council protecting the imported game from wanton destruction. No difficulty is expected in

TOWN WRECKED BY A TORNADO

MANY PEOPLE REPORTED
TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Wind Attained a Velocity of Ninety Miles an Hour—Snowstorm in Wyoming

(Associated Press.)
New York, March 28.—A special to the Tribune from New Orleans says: "A dispatch received here announces that a tornado struck the town of Brooklyn, Mississippi, near Meridian, last night and wrecked it. Enormous damage was done and the loss of life was heavy, but no exact figures have been received."

The wind attained a velocity of 90 miles an hour and everything in the path of the tornado was raised to the ground.

"After smiting Brooklyn the tornado went sweeping across the country, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake."

Last Ten Days.
Big Pine, Wyo., March 28.—The most terrific snowstorm in the history of this section has just come to an end here, having raged continuously since the 19th of March. The snow is piled seven feet in depth in places and is two feet deep on the level.

Stage and mail service have been interfered with. It is feared that tremendous losses of sheep have occurred here, having raged continuously since the 19th of March. The snow is piled seven feet in depth in places and is two feet deep on the level.

EXPERIENCES OF MISSIONARY.

Travelled Two Thousand Miles by Boat—Had Narrow Escape From Drowning.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, March 28.—Miss Anna Coole, a young Baptist missionary, who has been in the far interior of China for the past two years, arrived yesterday on the liner Coptic on her way to Cleveland. Miss Coole, Mrs. Gustafson, and Katharine Whitwood, young daughters of Rev. Robert Whitwood, a missionary in Szechuan, not far from the border of Tibet, 2,000 miles up the Yangtze River from Shanghai.

The trip made by Miss Coole and her two young charges was one of the most unusual characters. Leaving Suifu on January 15th in a native boat, accompanied by a lifeboat in charge of Chinese soldiers, Miss Coole and the two little girls started down the river, travelling only by day. On the way down their boat was wrecked on a rock and the party had a narrow escape for their lives, finally reaching Shanghai in safety.

Miss Coole says there were no signs of trouble at Suifu when she left, and when the missionaries there received a cable from the state department advising them to be ready for flight they cabled back for an explanation.

MUTUAL LIFE COMPANY.

G. F. Tarbell Will Probably Be the Next President.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 28.—The Herald 65 days ago says: "Gage E. Tarbell is slated tentatively for the presidency of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. in the event that the forces now enlisted under the banner of Stuyvesant Fish should succeed in ousting from the Mutual the present board of trustees and executive officers. Mr. Tarbell is at present the second vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Society. While the present announcement may be accepted authoritatively it is no part of the plan campaign to have this portion of its plan prematurely revealed, and extraordinary efforts have been made to help keep it secret."

RAILWAY AFFAIRS.

Many Officials Attend Convention of Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., March 28.—The seventh annual convention of the Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association opened at the Auditorium hotel to-day. Practically the total railroad mileage of the United States is represented in this association and the discussions in papers are of such general interest to railroad men that railroad officials of Central and South America, from India and New Zealand, had it to their advantage to attend the convention.

MURDERED A "WITCH."

Three Men Condemned to Death for Killing an Old Woman.

Mexico City, March 28.—Three men are in Belen prison under sentence of death for having killed in Toluca, capital of the state of Mexico, an old woman whom they believed to be a witch. Belief in witchcraft prevails among the lower classes in the rural regions and many crimes have resulted from the supersti-

LEADER OF NAVAL REVOLT EXECUTED

LIEUT. SCHMIDT REFUSED
TO BE BLINDFOLDED

Did Not Fall Until Four Volleys Had Been Fired—Three Sailors Also Shot.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 28.—Lieut. Schmidt, leader of the naval revolt at Sebastopol in November last, who was tried by court martial and shot near Otchafok fortress, South Russia, yesterday with three sailors sentenced to death for mutiny, in being made a hero and a martyr by the revolutionists.

The boys of St. Petersburg gymnasium struck in order to compel the offering up of prayers in school for the repose of the soul of the lieutenant.

The Russ prints a detailed account of the execution, from which it appears that when Schmidt received the news that the authorities had refused to commute the death penalty, he went for the three sailors, his companions, saying they were so young and honest and he would prefer to die alone.

The condemned men were taken to the small island of Borizian and were shot at sunrise. Schmidt addressed his executioners, sixty sailors of the cruiser Teretz, saying: "I die for the Russian people and the fatherland, and many of you doubtless will hereafter share my death for the same cause."

MOROS SIMPLY A BAND OF OUTLAWS

STATEMENT BY UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICER
Says Jolo Islanders are Glad Marauders Have Been Put Out of Business.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 28.—The Post to-day prints an interview with Major Hugh L. Scott regarding the recent Mount Dajo fight on Jolo Island, in which it has been charged there was wanton killing of women and children.

Major Scott is the officer whom Gen. Wood suggested be called upon if more information is wanted by the war department than that furnished in his dispatches.

Major Scott said: "The Mount Dajo fight is nothing more than the proper chastisement of a band of outlaws whose resistance to the authority of the United States, and their own chiefs never at any time rose to the dignity of a national or racial issue.

"I can speak from experience, for I have spent eight months trying to get the Moros to settle down. They are simply an outlaw band completely destitute of religious, racial or political significance, and I know the people of the islands are more than glad that these midnight marauders are at last put out of business.

"The members of this band were outlaws in the eyes of their own people. The Datones and chiefs wanted them brought to terms as badly as did the Americans.

TYPEWRITING CONTEST.

Result of Competition at Chicago—Miss Baker's Record.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., March 28.—In the speed contest on typewriters last night a woman made the record for the smallest number of mistakes in her copy. She was Miss Elizabeth Baker, and in half an hour she wrote 4,082 words, making mistakes in only 22 of them. This was sufficient to place her in fourth place, the first prize being carried off by Charles H. McGurrin, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who defended his title of champion "typist" of America by writing 4,827 words in thirty minutes, an average of 34 words a minute. H. Otis Blaisell, of Chicago, won second place with a record of 4,533 words, and third place went to Emil A. Theisner, of Peoria.

SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

Ministers Place Resignation in Hands of the Premier.

Madrid, March 28.—Premier Moret, having announced to his colleagues his intention to resign after the passage of the judicial reform bill, all his cabinet ministers to-day placed their resignations in his hand. The departure of King Alfonso from the Canary Islands has been deferred pending a settlement of the

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Sir Thomas Shaugnessy Referred to Increase in Business and Improvements to Line.

Montreal, March 19.—At a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to-day a resolution authorizing an increase in the company's ordinary capital stock from \$110,000,000 to \$150,000,000 was unanimously adopted.

The company's ordinary capital stock at present authorized is \$110,000,000, of which the amount of \$101,400,000 has been issued and sold.

Would Not Be Sufficient. To meet your requirements for any considerable period if your business continues to grow, and therefore, having secured the required approval of the governor in council, your directors decided to call this special meeting of shareholders to consider and act upon their recommendation.

The construction of the second track between Winnipeg and Port Williams, a distance of 425 miles, is well advanced and will be completed in 1907.

At the meeting of the directors subsequently held a resolution was adopted authorizing the issue of \$20,000,000 in accordance with the resolution of the shareholders.

TAKES HOPEFUL VIEW. British Foreign Officials Look For Settlement of Moroccan Question.

London, March 19.—In the opinion of the foreign office here the basis of an agreement on the Moroccan question will be reached at tomorrow's session of the conference at Algiers.

Germany's Attitude. Berlin, March 19.—The German attitude at Algiers is a passive one. She is ready to consider in a friendly spirit any proposition for the supervision of Moroccan police embracing the international principle.

MINERS' REPLY. Regret Operators Decline to Consider Demands and Suggest Another Conference.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 18.—President Mitchell sent the reply of the anthracite miners to the operators today. It is disappointment is expressed that the operators declined to give consideration to the demands of the miners and suggests that another conference be held before April 1st.

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WILL WITTE RETIRE?

Another Rumor That His Career as Premier Is at End.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—In high circles late to-night the rumor was current that Count Witte had definitely decided to retire from the premiership.

The Associated Press is unable to confirm the rumor, as Count Witte had retired and the chancellor was closed when the correspondent called, shortly after midnight.

A report for the solution of the agrarian problem by the purchase of lands from the nobles and other large property holders through the peasant banks, and their resale to peasants on long term installment payments was under discussion.

London, March 19.—A dispatch from Tokyo to the Daily Telegraph says: "Advices from Taihoku, the capital of Manchuria, state that the earthquake on that island was more serious than at first reported."

VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE.

Seventeen Hundred People Killed and Injured in Formosa.

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SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman's Reply to Questions in the House of Commons.

London, March 19.—The American ship subsidy bill is agitating British ship-owners and builders, and formed the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day.

ENDED HIS LIFE.

Suicide of Warrant Clerk in Chicago City Comptroller's Office.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 19.—Charles T. Lytle, warrant clerk in the city comptroller's office, shot and killed himself this morning.

TO BRIDGE NIAGARA RIVER.

New Structure to Be Erected by Railway Companies.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 19.—The News to-day says: The International Railway Co. of this city, and the Toronto Railway Company intend to erect a new bridge across the Niagara river below Niagara Falls.

RETURNING HOME.

The Prince and Princess of Wales Complete Tour of India.

Kurrachee, British India, March 19.—The Prince and Princess of Wales having completed a five months' tour of India, sailed to-day on board the British battleship Renown for Egypt.

ROD AND GUN FOR MARCH.

The variety of interests involved in Canadian outdoor life is well illustrated in the March number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, at Woodstock, Ont.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

Speeches by Messrs. Redmond, Dillon and O'Connor.

London, March 19.—At a St. Patrick's day banquet in London to-night, John F. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, reiterated the belief which he expressed on Sunday that England will, ere long, give to Ireland all that she could reasonably expect or demand.

THE PHILIPPINE FIGHT.

Cablegrams From Major-General Wood Regarding the Recent Engagement.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Secretary of War Taft has received two cablegrams from Major-General Wood at Manila relative to the Mount Dajo light.

Major Scott has been on leave of absence in the United States, and has just arrived in Washington in answer to the secretary's summons.

TWO FIRES.

Brandon, Man., March 19.—The loss by fire on Sunday to Alexander & Law of the Wheat City mills is greater than at first anticipated and will reach fully \$200,000.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Montreal Insurance Agent Wounded by Commission Man.

Montreal, March 19.—Alphonse Desrosiers, an insurance agent, was shot and seriously wounded this afternoon by Alexander Duclos, a commission man.

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A LONDON MOTHER

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 20—5 a. m.—A moderate depression moves on the Oregon and California coast, causing rain at Portland, Roseburg, Eureka and San Francisco. The pressure continues high in the Yukon and Altn districts, with a ridge of high pressure extending southward to the Gulf states, where low temperatures may be expected. The Rockies—the high area—is shifting slowly southward to the Mississippi valley, and a low area central in Manitoba covers the Northwest provinces, and higher temperatures are general.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Northerly winds, continued fair, with stationary or higher temperature.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 59; minimum, 28; wind, 11 miles N.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, 30; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Yankee Bay—Barometer, 30.07; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 6; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 3 miles E. S. E.; weather, rain.

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pointment of an outside auditor was an important question, too much so to warrant the delay of decisive action until the next election. In his opinion the selection of an auditor should be left to the Lieutenant-Governor in council, his appointee to inspect the books of all municipalities. If his proposal was not adopted the people should make the matter in their own hands and submit a petition to the authorities.

In a brief, forceful address, Ald. Stewart expressed his determination to support Ald. Yates' suggestion with respect to the referendum. It didn't make any difference to him whether an independent auditor was appointed, he said, found itself facing a deficit amounting to about \$25,000. His argument was that all municipalities should share as nearly alike as possible in the economy that would necessarily have to be exercised in order to reduce the deficit. He acknowledged the magnanimity of the trustees in cutting down their estimates to the extent of \$1,000, but he believed that the amount first fixed by the council, namely, \$2,000, should be insisted upon. He knew that the former sum could be saved if a proposed extra tax on the Stock Bay school was not appointed. In his opinion the pupils attending that institution could be so graded as to make more than two instructors unnecessary. Furthermore, he believed the council had power to compel acquiescence on the part of the school board. Therefore he moved that the matter be referred back to that body.

The motion carried.
A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Light Company, asked permission to place poles upon certain streets for extending the system.
Ald. Yates moved and Ald. Goddard seconded that the matter be referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. The former explained that this would allow the city to look into the respective powers of the corporation and the company. He pointed out that in Vancouver very similar conditions had been attached to privileges granted the B. C. Electric railway that the latter finally turned around and offered 2 per cent. of the gross receipts to a city, something which amounted to a considerable sum. The moral the speaker drew was "never give anything away without first finding out whether any advantages can be derived therefrom."
The motion carried.

Thos. I. Worthington wrote, asking when the Birdege Walk extension by-law would be enforced. All the improvements in his property hinged upon that work, and he thought it should be started at an early date. Laid on the table.
Mrs. S. M. Tuck asked that a certain section of Blanchard street be included in the pavement work according to the local improvement system. This was referred to the city engineer and city assessor for report.

Thos. C. Sorby, secretary of the North Ward Municipal Association, wrote enclosing a number of resolutions passed by that organization. They recommended the appointment of an auditor and the city engineer and assessor reported that the following buildings were in an unsanitary condition, and should be destroyed: Three wooden sheds near the city hall, two wooden buildings rear of 32 Store street, belonging to L. G. Quaglotti; No. 45 Store street and store in rear, belonging to J. Crandall; shed in rear of No. 45 Store street, owned by the Long-Hal Wong Company.
Upon motion of Ald. Stewart it was resolved that the occupants or owners of these structures be asked to give reasons why they should not be destroyed.
The building inspector submitted

plans and specifications of the new B. C. Electric Railway Company's headquarters to be erected on Fort street. It was recommended that they be approved. Adopted.
The appended report was submitted by the city engineer upon the system in vogue in his department:
Victoria, March 20th, 1906.
C. H. Topp, Esq., City Engineer:
Dear Sir—Referring to our conversation in connection with your report to the Mayor and board of aldermen, and in answer to their request for suggestions in regard to the simplification and manner of keeping the accounts of expenditures incurred in the different departments under your supervision, I may state that on my own behalf I see no cause for alterations in the system I have for keeping the several details, notwithstanding Mr. Hellwell in his report to the Mayor remarked that he saw no less than 19 books in my office, which, if he had made a closer inspection, would have shown several of these 19 to consist of accounts pertaining to similar items, but, kept in the end for reference at various times, when questions concerning expenditures for years past are asked for. At the same time he himself, also his assistant, complimented me on the manner of keeping the several books explained, and on finding that I had no assistance, remarked that I had too much to do, which fact I have not been ignorant of for several years past, in proof of which I may call your attention to the annual expenditures from pay rolls and vouchers passing through my books from the year 1901 to 1904 having increased from \$28,000 to \$68,000. Therefore, if a controller is appointed I should be pleased to be relieved of my share in connection with the waterworks accounts.
I might suggest also, as a portion of my work consists in keeping details of all expenditures in the several departments, an account pertaining to same should pass your office, and not a portion of them, as has been the case heretofore.
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Mayor Morley proceeded to open them, when the question of the authority of the council was introduced.

Ald. Stewart, although he didn't know what power the council had in the matter, wanted to register a "kick" against the expenditure contemplated by the police commissioner. He thought Victoria was too small a place to make such a thing, as he understood was suggested necessary.

Ald. Yates recommended that the commissioners look into their power under the act before they took definite action.

The Mayor summarily curtailed the discussion by stating that the question was not properly before the council.

Tenders for the supply of hose for the augmentation of the equipment of the local department were received from Peter McQuade, J. H. Warner and the Canadian Rubber Company. They were referred to the purchasing agent and Chief Watson for consideration.

The special committee upon the question of the acquisition of the Indian reserve reported that all information on the subject had been considered. It was recommended that His Worship the Mayor and members of the committee be empowered to come to an agreement with the provincial government involving the transfer of the Sotheby's reserve property. It was explained that the terms of settlement should be subjected to the ratification of the ratepayers by by-law.

The electric lighting committee recommended the granting of Miss Van Tassel's application for a light on Edmonton road. Other requests were not allowed for various reasons. This was adopted.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee submitted the appended recommendations:

Another recommendation from the same committee asking for the appropriation of \$25,000 for sewer construction took the same course.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee submitted the appended recommendations:

That Government street, from Esplanade street to the Fountain, be macadamized, and surface drain laid there. Estimated cost for macadamizing, \$4,000; for drainage, \$1,607.

That Cook street, from Pandora street to Caledonia avenue, be macadamized. Estimated cost, \$2,800.

That Pandora avenue, north side, be macadamized from Amelia street to Rebecca street. Estimated cost, \$1,800.

That Fairfield road, from Cook street to St. Charles street, be macadamized. Estimated cost, \$2,000.

That a section of the new combination curb and gutter be laid, providing the property owners will agree to pay two-thirds of the cost, and that the city engineer endeavor to arrange for this being done, with a number of property owners, and report.

That the sum of \$100 be expended on Burdette avenue in improving same at its western end.

That Quebec street and Superior street be macadamized. Estimated cost, \$2,700.

Ald. Yates moved that the report lay over for a week in order that it might be considered by the council as a whole.

Ald. Fullerton objected to the proposed delay. He said that laboring men were idle in the meantime, and his suggestion was that aldermen, outside the committee, should attend the latter's meetings. Then they could arrive at a good idea of what was being done and there would be no delay. As a general rule the committee's report was accepted, and he didn't know why the council should not be adhered to in this instance.

Chairman Vincent of the committee, when called upon for an explanation, said that the city engineer's report had been taken, and the most important work upon trunk roads had been approved. The only way to do was to take up the improvements systematically, and that was what was being done.

Considerable informal debate ensued. Ald. Yates insisting upon the delay.

Ald. Vincent dryly remarked at this juncture that the committee would soon "dwindle down," because there wouldn't be much money left to spend after the intended expenditure.

The resolution carried.

Ald. Hall, rising to a point of order, objected to Thursday evening meetings. He said there were too many sessions. He said that gatherings held during the week were special, and notice of motion for all business dealt with was necessary.

His Worship did not concur in that opinion, and ruled accordingly.

The reports laid over at the opening of the proceedings were then considered. The first was that of the committee upon street sprinkling, which em-

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WEAKNESSES EXPOSED.

"The truth is that an expose of the local Liberal regime during the late election campaign has rendered it necessary in some way to effect a counter."

they were so anxious to place in the field. The Chief Commissioner made a fighting speech at the closed convention and then he prudently retired into the obscurity which becomes him so well, and is waiting for him in the not remote future, to watch results.

THE BRITISH STANDARD.

Sir Charles Dilke, one of the ablest men who ever sat in the British House of Commons, a man with an uncommon grasp of Imperial affairs, a man who in the natural course of events would have been one of the leading members of the present Liberal government of the United Kingdom, was irretrievably blasted in his career by reason of the dark scandal that settled upon his name in consequence of revelations that need not be particularly alluded to here.

THE KAIEN ISLAND AFFAIR.

Government organs, particularly the Victoria Colonist, take exception to the use of the word "adventurers" in the minority report upon the Kalen Island affair.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. Annual Convention of Victoria District Branch International Association. The fifth annual convention of the Victoria district branch of the International Sunday School Association will open this evening in St. Andrew's Sunday school.

7.30-Singing, praise and prayer; N. Shakespeare, leader. 7.50-Greetings from president. 8.00-Reports of Departments: 1. Home department; 2. House to house visitation; 3. Cradle roll and primary; 4. Normal department.

Crabbrook Herald: Now that the legislature has adjourned Jimmy Anderson will have 12 months to work up another \$40,000 commission with salary and expenses for the good of the people of British Columbia.

In reference to the question of street paving, which is at present engaging the attention of our municipal council, the opinion of the city engineer of Seattle, who has just returned from a tour of investigation, which included some of the leading cities of the east and the continent of Europe, may be of interest.

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The 24th of May celebration will be given a start at a public meeting to be held this evening in the city hall. A large attendance is assured, and it is the intention to make the celebration this year even more attractive than in the past.

"Scottish Covenanters" was the subject of an interesting address by Rev. W. Leslie Clay at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Sunday school last evening. The lecture was under the auspices of the Young People's Guild.

Capt. J. C. Voss, of Tillicum fame, will open the Hotel St. Francis this evening, and extends a cordial invitation to all to join in the ceremony. The new proprietor will give a brief description of his trip around-the-world in the little Indian craft. Light refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Boswell D. Hitchcock, well known in Victoria, intends, according to advices received from New York, to dispatch another expedition in search of the supposed hidden treasures of Cocos Island. Mrs. Hitchcock is also well known as the author of "Two Women in the Klondike," descriptive of her trip to the frozen north in 1897 with Miss Van Buren. While in Victoria Mrs. Hitchcock tried to interest Capt. Fred Hackett in her scheme for the discovery of the treasure, and is now said to have secured an expedition to start from New York for Cocos Island.

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The last appearance of the amateur production of "All the Comforts of Home" recently produced under the auspices of the Jubilee hospital at Victoria theatre to-morrow night.

The local court of the Ancient Order of Aryans will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in their temporary quarters, over the W. C. T. U. mission on Yates street. The order is rapidly growing in Victoria.

As will be seen by advertising columns Messrs. Maynard & Sons, auctioneers, will sell the furniture and effects of B. B. Seabrook, on the Gorge road. The house and grounds are also to be sold, as well as a very valuable collection of tools and machinery.

The large crowd at the Victoria theatre last night did not seem to make any difference in the attendance at the Grand, which opened the new week of the usual big house. Manager Jamieson's offering this time comprises a greater number of acts, and is a much stronger show all through than any he has presented in a number of weeks. Miss Marie Laurens, prima-donna and comedienne, scored a distinct hit. Her classical and popular numbers are rendered in excellent voice that stamps her as a vocalist of exceptional ability, and her imitation of a child making its first attempt at singing before an audience is extremely clever and most laughable. Muller and Chung give an exhibition of hoop rolling that has never been equalled, and which must be seen to be appreciated. Stoddard and Wilson have a very funny musical act entitled "The Rat Catcher," for which they carry special scenery, and in which they introduce a variety of instruments. D. C. Brodebeck, character humorist, tells stories in a witty way, and keeps the audience laughing for fifteen minutes. Jessika is a jolly little soubrette, full of vim and with a sweet voice. Her songs and stories were one of the hits of the evening. Frank Smith is singing the illustrated song, "Back Among the Clover and the Bees." Mr. Raper's overture is the "Valse Fantaisie," by J. H. Rogers, and a good line of moving pictures conclude the performance.

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The week of prayer in the W. C. T. U. hall on Yates street has been postponed until March 27th.

See "All the Comforts of Home" at the Victoria theatre to-morrow (Wednesday) night. Special features will be added in the way of singing.

The total clearing at the Victoria clearing house, for the week ending March 20th were \$211,456.

The Hon. Mrs. Hood and Mr. C. W. Rhodes will sing a duet at "All the Comforts of Home" to-morrow night in the Victoria theatre.

Owing to the public meeting to be held to-morrow evening in the city hall the practice of the Victoria Musical Society will be held in Waitt's hall. The conductor, requests that every member be present. A meeting of the committee will be held at the close of the rehearsal.

The subject of telephone service and charges will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in the city hall to-morrow evening. The meeting is called by Mayor Morley at the suggestion of many who claim that more satisfactory arrangements can be made.

"The Poets of the Day" is the subject of a lecture to be given under the auspices of the Alexandra Club at their rooms on Government street this evening by Rev. H. H. Gowen of Seattle. His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor will preside, and a large attendance is assured, as the lecturer is most competent to deal with so entertaining a subject. The lecture begins at 8.30.

In the police court this morning James Hamilton was brought up on remand, charged with having on the 17th February, at Fairfield road, maliciously and indecently assaulted Beatrice Frederica Eden. The case has been before the court on several occasions, and Hamilton was out on bail. An application will be made to a Supreme court judge this afternoon for a renewal of bail.

At the meeting of the local bar held yesterday afternoon to nominate benchers for the ensuing year, it was decided to have the same ones as chosen last year, except for Rossland, the local bar for that place having filed a memorandum with Sydney Child, secretary for Victoria branch, nominating J. A. Macdonald, K. C., and asking that the association endorse this change, which was assented to.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon touching the death of Evelyn Maud Newberry, whose body had been found in Goodacre lake, under circumstances fully detailed in the Times. The girl had been missing since February 3rd, and there was always a strong suspicion of suicide, as she had been acting peculiarly and claimed to be under some hypnotic spell. A verdict of "found drowned" was returned. The question was asked the mother of the deceased if the girl had been hypnotized, and the answer was that she had attended spiritualistic meetings. The opinion was expressed by the coroner and endorsed by the jury, that harm is done subjects hypnotized by public performers.

The usual rehearsal of the Margherita Mandolin Club will be held this evening, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. hall.

The Northwest golf meet, to be held in Seattle, is arranged for May 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and not later in the month as was reported last evening by mistake.

Members of the local post, Native Sons, wish it announced that their military five hundred tournament will be held next Tuesday evening. The preparations are in the hands of an energetic committee, and a pleasant time is assured all attending.

John Charles Sparrow, of Salt Spring Island, died last evening at the Royal Jubilee hospital. He was 65 years of age and a native of Norway. His remains were removed to the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and will be sent on Thursday morning to Salt Spring Island for interment.

Two summonses have been issued in connection with the Sunday closing edict recently promulgated. One directed the proprietor of the Colonial Metropole with a breach of the law by supplying liquid refreshments over his bar on the Sabbath. The other offender is charged with selling without a license. Both cases come up to-morrow morning at the police court.

A series of Lenten meetings are being held in connection with the Seaman's Institute. The speaker at this morning's gathering was Rev. Stanley Ard. To-morrow's meeting will be addressed by Rev. E. G. Miller, a Longfield presides at the organ on these occasions, and his services are much appreciated. All men, whether members or not are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

"All the Comforts of Home" will be again presented by local amateurs at the Victoria to-morrow night. On its presentation last week the comedy attracted crowded houses for the two nights for which it was billed, and those who had not the good fortune of securing a seat on either of these occasions should not miss the opportunity to-morrow. The performance is expected to be even better on its next presentation as the amateurs will have benefited by the experience of their previous efforts.

Assistant Fire Chief Macdowell celebrated his birthday on Saturday evening last. About a score of Mr. Macdowell's friends sat down to a sumptuous dinner at the residence, Cormorant street, and the cloth having been removed Irish wit and humor flowed freely and stories of the Emerald Isle were narrated. Appropriate songs also enlivened the proceedings and a most enjoyable party broke up with best wishes for many happy returns of the day and compliments to Mrs. and the Misses Macdowell, who provided ideal hostesses.

Mr. Hays, of the Bank of Commerce, of Nanaimo, while returning from Victoria on Sunday, and while trying to board the middle coach of the train at Duncan after it had had a good start, was thrown on his face on the 15th. Just as he was falling under the wheels the protruding steps of a coach struck him in the hip, throwing him into the ditch. The conductor, who had witnessed the miraculous escape, stopped the train and assisted Mr. Hays aboard, who, with the exception of several scratches, was little the worse for the hair-raising episode.

The fire brigade was called out three times to-day. The first alarm was sounded at 10.55 and took the firemen to the house of Mrs. Murphy on Rock Bay avenue. There, the fire was found to have started in the roof, and before it could be checked considerable damage was done. The next alarm was sounded from a Cormorant street box. The fire was in the Chinese laundry of Lung, but was a trifling affair. At noon a fire on the roof of the house occupied by M. Wilkenstein, on Yates street, between Quadra and Blanchard, threatened to prove serious for a time, as a stiff breeze was blowing, but the prompt action of the firemen averted the danger.

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No distinction is made as to the kind of Piles that Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid cures. The names Internal, External, Bleeding, Blind, Itching, Suppurating, etc., are simply names of the different stages through which every case will pass if it continues long enough. Piles are caused by congestion or stagnation of blood in the lower bowel, and it takes an internal remedy to remove the cause. Leonard's Hem-Roid is a tablet taken internally. It is a permanent cure and no case of Piles has ever been found it failed to cure. Money back if it does. A guarantee with every package. Price \$1 at any drugstore, or the Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara, Falls, Ont.

THE MARIECHEN EXPECTED SHORTLY

SALVAGE OPERATIONS ADVANCING RAPIDLY

Queen City Will Be Heavily Loaded When Sailing For West Coast To-Night.

Telegraphic advices from Alaska report that the salvage operations being conducted by the British Columbia Salvage Company, of Esquimalt, on the German tramp steamer Mariechen, ashore in False Bay, are advancing rapidly, and it is the expectation of those engaged in the work that an attempt to float her will be made in a few days. This is the vessel on which the wrecking plant aboard the steamer Sator is being used, and for the salvaging of which special permission had to be obtained from the United States government. The owners have entered into a contract with the local company whereby if the latter raise the vessel they will receive something like \$25,000, the money to be paid only in event of the work proving a success. To a company not so well equipped with appliances the undertaking would be a very risky one, but, notwithstanding the difficult position in which the steamer lies—the British Columbia Salvage Company feel confident that the steamer can be lifted clear of the rocks. They have a wrecking plant capable of any kind of work, and will, it is expected, bring into service for the first time—some extra large pumps which were lately imported from the "Old Country." The Mariechen rests on the rocks high out of the water at low tide.

UNIQUE EXCURSION.

The local agent of the Great Northern Steamship Company has been notified of a new Pacific Ocean tour that will make Seattle the starting point for a trip through the Oriental countries: Australia, the Samoan Islands and the Hawaiian group.

The traffic agreement formed by the Hill line with steamship companies in the South gives the Great Northern Steamship Company its first opportunity to share in the Honolulu call.

Under the new excursion agreement passengers will be carried from Seattle to Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong, in Japan and China, by the Hill liner, the steamer made by the Hill liners in ports of the two countries give plenty of time for short runs into the interior and a visit to the more important cities of Japan and China. From Hongkong the tourists will be sent by either the Eastern or Australian, or China Navigation Company steamer to Sydney, via Torres Straits and Queensland. From that point the traveller will go on the Oceanic line to Auckland, the Samoan Islands, Hawaii and San Francisco. The run from San Francisco to Seattle or Victoria can be made by either the rail route or the steamers of the Pacific Coast Company.

IN COLLISION.

The British barque Don, which sailed from London with cargo for Victoria and Vancouver on March 18th, is reported to have been in collision with an unknown vessel off Star Light and to have been towed to Plymouth for repairs. The collision occurred at night, and it is said, her port bulwarks, lower rigging and topmasts were carried away, also that three of her crew were injured. As a result of this accident it would appear as if a hoodoo was pursuing the cargo laden fleet setting out from England for this port. The Beacon Rock was overtaken by storm in the Southern Atlantic and was damaged to the extent of \$10,000, the repairs having recently been effected at Port Stanley a month or so ago; the Baroque had to put back to Glasgow with three broken plates and a damaged frame, and now comes the news of the Don's mishap, happening just four days after she had sailed.

SAHS TO-NIGHT.

Steamer Queen City will sail for West Coast ports this evening. The vessel has taken aboard 20,000 feet of lumber to be used in furthering the work of constructing the new shingle mill at Mosquito harbor, Clayquot. She will also load a large shipment of barrels for the whaling station at Sechart. These have been coming from as far East as Toronto, two carloads of the hard wood kind to be utilized for holding of oil having recently arrived from that city. Other barrels, also destined for Sechart, have been imported from Vancouver and the Sound.

ACCIDENT TO OTTER.

When coming to Victoria from Ladysmith with a cargo of coal on Sunday last, the steamer Otter, of the C. P. R. Company's fleet, struck a rock said to be uncharted at the end of Thiels Island. The amount of damage sustained has not been learned. A small leak was noticeable after the accident, and it was considered necessary to dock the steamer. As all the shipyards here are busy, the steamer was taken to Vancouver, where repairs are now being made. The steamer will return to Victoria towards the end of this week and will leave at once with a party for Quatsino.

REACHED DURBAN.

A cablegram received at Montreal on Monday from Durban, South Africa, announces the arrival there of the Canadian Pacific steamship Montague on its way to Hongkong. Master Fred Shanksness, is one of the passengers making the around-the-world trip under the Canadian Pacific railway flag, and reports all well.

OVERDUE SCHOONER.

A dispatch from Aberdeen, Wash., dated March 19th, says: The schooner Annie, Captain Speller, left San Pedro thirty days ago for this port and has not arrived.



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You Cannot Equal It For Bread CALGARY HUNGARIAN

"The Pride of the West," "On Earth the Best." Ask Your Grocer For It.

There is uneasiness here concerning the vessel's fate. The barkentine Benca, Captain Sam Termino, left San Pedro the same day with a bet of \$200 on first reaching port, and wired the holder of the stakes. The Benca reached here nearly two weeks ago and Captain Termino has received the money.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The ship Ganges will be loaded from the ways of the Victoria Machinery Company to-morrow. This ship and the Celtic Monarch, the latter in the Royal Roads, have received a lumber charter. The lumber laden ship Glenalvon leaves Vancouver to-morrow.

TARTAR RELEASED.

Vessel, With Captain and Engineer, Was Allowed Out of Quarantine To-Day.

The C. P. R. steamer Tartar, Capt. Davidson, which upon her arrival here from China and Japan on Saturday was quarantined, was to-day released. All but two members of the crew have been held, as also the passengers. Capt. Davidson and Chief Engineer Gould have not been detained for the reason that they have previously had smallpox, and the quarantine officers considered that in their cases there is no danger of a further outbreak. All their personal effects have, of course, been disinfected, and the ship has been fumigated in every quarter. From Victoria the Tartar will proceed to Vancouver. A part crew has been obtained here to take her to the Terminal City, where she will be discharged and loaded for the outward voyage, by which time those still in quarantine will, it is thought, have secured their freedom.

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all of whom must be young men. The party will be outfitted here.

Princess Patricia, who is now touring in South Africa with her father, the Duke of Connaught, celebrated her twentieth birthday Saturday. She was born in Buckingham Palace on St. Patrick's Day, in 1886, and was named in honor of Ireland's patron saint. She made her debut a little over two years ago, and is regarded as one of the prettiest princesses of the reigning house.

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Sporting News

BASEBALL. A NEW LEAGUE. Yesterday a league was organized embracing teams from Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith and Nanaimo.

BASKETBALL. TWO GAMES. The Y. M. C. A. tournament continued last evening, two matches being played in the gymnasium.

ORGANIZED BOARD. Which Will Have Charge of McGill College to be Established in this Province.

The board of governors of the McGill University College, which it is proposed to establish in Vancouver under the act passed at the last session of the legislature, held its first meeting in the Terminal City yesterday.

The act as it went through the House named the governors of the institution as follows: Dr. F. Carter-Cotton, treasurer; Mr. Creighton, president; Hon. F. J. Paton, minister of education; Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, president of the council; Alex. Robinson, superintendent of education; Mr. Creighton and A. C. Flumerfelt.

These have, in compliance with the powers given them, appointed the following additional members of the board: Campbell Swenney, Dr. Tunstall, David Robertson, J. A. Shaw, principal Vancouver High school; W. P. Argue, superintendent of schools; all of Vancouver; Col. F. H. Gregory, and F. E. Eaton, superintendent of schools, Victoria; and Ralph Smith, M. P., Nanaimo.

In addition to these three members of the Vancouver school board were appointed, viz. R. P. McLennan, Jas. Ramsay and J. B. Ferguson.

ARRANGING FOR CONCERT. Anti-Tuberculosis Society Expect to Bring One On in April.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society held its regular quarterly meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, presided.

Dr. Fagan addressed the meeting, alluding to some of the cases which had come under his notice. He incidentally referred to the small attendance at the meeting, which, he said, contrasted adversely with the gatherings held on the Mainland.

The question of a tuberculosis Sunday was considered, and Dr. Fagan was appointed to wait upon the Ministerial Association with the object in view of trying to arrange for the setting apart of a Sunday in the near future, when all the citizens of the city should give attention to this movement.

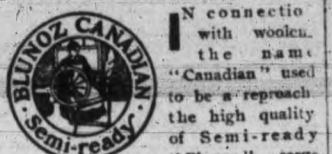
The arrangements for the annual tuberculosis concert were reported by the committee in charge to be progressing. Mr. Stewart had kindly offered the Victoria theatre for the purpose, and it was expected that the concert would be brought on about the latter part of April.

In the hope of awakening greater interest in the meetings of the society, it was decided that meetings should be held monthly until June 30. The dates for these meetings were fixed as the third Monday of each month.

Mrs. Stuart Robertson was appointed to represent the society on the Women's Council.

A nephew of the late Russian Imperial Minister Sipiaguine, and a leading candidate for election to the National Assembly, has been expelled from Odessa.

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Nowhere is the value of a good household liniment so apparent as in the country. The aid of a doctor is not easily to be had, so "Nervine" is kept handy and serves in many an emergency.

"PIFF, PAFF, POUFF"

A Big Spectacular Show at the Victoria. Another for Thursday.

That well advertised show, "Piff, Paff, Puff," held the boards at the Victoria last night. Everybody knew what they expected to see in "Piff, Paff, Puff," and no one was disappointed.

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The Crimson Blind

By FRED. M. WHITE

Lord Littimer sat on the terrace, shaded from the sun by an awning over his deck chair. He was waiting for his visitor, at peace with all the world. His brow, his eager face had lost its usually keen, suspicious look.

"Really, you said," he exclaimed, "I'm blind still." "My dear young lady, I admit that you are making out a pretty strong case. Indeed, I might go further, and say that you have all my sympathy. But what you say would not be taken as evidence in a court of law. If you produce that ring, for instance—but that is at the bottom of the North Sea."

"I do," Chris said, gently. "It is because unaccountably you yearn for sympathy. And you fancy you are in no way to blame; you imagine that you acted in the only way consistent with your position and dignity. You fancied that your son was a vulgar fellow. And I am under the impression that Lady Littimer had a motive."

"What found most it wouldn't?" "I am obliged to you for conceding the point. Your son's wife could have and he robbed you of the asking from his mother."

"Sounds logical," Littimer said, diplomatically. "Who had the money?" "The same man who stole Prince Rupert's ring—Reginald Henson."

"Now you are talking nonsense," Chris said, with a touch of color in his cheeks. "I say, and I am going to prove when the time comes, that Reginald Henson was the thief. I am sorry to pain you, but it is absolutely necessary to go into these matters. When those foolish letters, written by a foolish girl, fell into your hands, your son vowed that he would get them back, by force if necessary. He made that rash speech in hearing of Reginald Henson, and he was probably looked upon until he saw the robbery committed. Then it occurred to him that he might do a little robbery on his own account, seeing that your son was open, and so he walked off with your ring and your money."

"My dear young lady, this is all mere surmise."

"So you imagine. At that time Reginald Henson had a kind of home which he was running at 218, Brunel Square, Brighton. Lady Littimer had just relinquished a similar home at Huddersfield. Previously Reginald Henson had a home at Huddersfield. Mind you, he didn't run either in his own name, and he kept studiously in the background. But he was desperately hard up at the time in consequence of his dissipation and extravagance, and the money he collected for his home went into his own pocket. Then the police got wind of the matter, and Reginald Henson discreetly disappeared from Brighton just in time to save himself from arrest for frauds there and at Huddersfield."

"What an interesting girl you are," Littimer murmured. "Always so full of surmises. Our dear Reginald is ever greater rascal than I took him for."

"Well, he took your money, and that saved him. He took your ring, a facsimile of which he had made before for some ingenious purpose. It came with a vengeance. Then Claire Fairfax committed suicide, thanks to your indiscretion and folly."

"Go on, Rub it in. Never mind about my feelings," Chris said, coolly. "I'm not minding," Chris said, coolly. "Henson saw his game and played it boldly. I could not have told you all this yesterday, but a letter I had this morning cleared the ground wonderfully. Henson wanted to cause family differences, and he succeeded. Previously he got Dr. Bell out of the way by means of the second Rembrandt. You can't deny there is a second Rembrandt now, seeing that it is locked up in your safe. And where do you think Bell found it? Why, at 218, Brunel Square, Brighton, where Henson had to leave it seven years ago when the police were so hot upon his trail. He was fearful lest you and Bell should come together again, and that is why he came here at night to steal your Rembrandt. And yet you treated that man blindly all the time. He was a rascal, suffering on mere surmises. How blind you have been!"

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Excursion rates in effect between all points good going Saturdays and Sundays, returning not later than Monday.

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Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 3 and 25, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

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Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 20 acres are acquired by one individual or company.

Municipal Notice.

Sewer Rental and Sewer Construction Tax. Public notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Act...

Sheriff's Sale

In the Matter of the British Columbia Cattle Company, Limited Liability, vs. R. L. Cavston. Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia...

NOTICE

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A public meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., to take into consideration the rates charged for the use of telephones in the City of Victoria.

TENDERS

Sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 p. m., on Monday, the 2nd April, 1906, for the supplying of certain Water Meters, as per specification, copies of which can be obtained at the office of the purchasing agent, City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we have deposited with the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, and the Registrar-General of Titles, Victoria, B. C., plans and descriptions of site, of works proposed to be constructed by the Victoria Chemical Company, Limited Liability, of Victoria, B. C., in Victoria harbor, immediately fronting Lots 1267, 1268 and 1269, and further take notice that we have, on behalf of the said Company, applied to the Governor in Council for approval thereof.

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BLAME ATTACHED TO CAPT. JOHNSON

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When San Francisco and Puget Sound he only ever passed the Umattila lightship once without observing it or hearing it and then the ship was in Seattle. The United States government having established and maintained an excellent guide to the entrance to the straits as this lightship is, the court finds it impossible to discover any justification for a prudent navigator to...

Attempt to Enter the Strait from the south in thick weather without definitely ascertaining his position in respect to that lightship. Although the crew of the Valencia, at the time of the wreck had, for the most part, been made up for the voyage only, there had been no boat drill and some of the crew did not know their boat stations.

Some of the life-preservers supplied to the Valencia were filled with a material composed of minute particles of cork and some kind of cement. In one of them shown to us the cement matter had completely crumbled to pieces, and the court strongly deprecates the use of such material in life-preservers.

Very shortly after the vessel struck the rocks, she began to fill very rapidly, and an order was given from the bridge, and presumably by the captain, to lower the boats to the saloon deck rail. While the evidence as to what occurred in this respect is necessarily somewhat obscure, it warrants the assumption that Captain Johnson's intention was to hold the boats in readiness for any emergency that might arise. The second officer and the first assistant engineer went to their proper stations and saw that their boats were properly brought to the rail, but there is little or no evidence as to what the other officers in charge of the boats did.

It does not appear that the captain or any officer reported to have been on the bridge issued any general call to stand by the boats, or that any action was taken by them or either of them to signify to the passengers which boat they were to occupy if an emergency arose requiring the passengers to leave the ship suddenly, but on the contrary that the boats were lowered into the water without instructions—it is not clear whether by the passengers or by some of the crew, and in such a manner that two of the boats were upset in the lowering and all their occupants precipitated into the sea, all of which with one exception, were either drowned or killed along side the ship. It is evident that in thirty minutes after the ship struck six of the boats had been sent away, in no case properly manned and with only a part of the complement they were certified to accommodate, and that two of them were, shortly after their departure, dashed upon the rocks in the vicinity of the wreck, only nine of the occupants of these two boats reaching the land, which they did in a dazed and stunned condition. These are the only persons who entered the boats who are known to have escaped. Boat No. 2, on the port side of the ship was last seen at some distance from the ship with a number of people in her and apparently making some progress, but what became of her or her occupants is absolutely unknown.

From these facts it is unfortunately only too apparent that there was not sufficient discipline that discipline on board a ship carrying many valuable lives in addition to those of her crew, and the court most strongly urges upon the owners and upon the others responsible for the management of vessels engaged in carrying passengers, that every effort should be made to establish and maintain the highest degree of discipline possible.

If, in the apparent intentions of the master to secure the boats at the deck rail had been carried out, and they had been carried there until daylight, it is probable that a large number of people on board would have been saved, as the sea was less violent on the morning of the 23rd, than at the time of the wreck, and the remaining boats got safely away. Doubts were expressed by some of the witnesses as to whether the sea would not have carried the boats away, but there was a

chance that they might have been saved, and if there had been, the master would have had some means at his command by which he could have made an attempt to have saved the lives in his charge.

After the first shock was over there was no panic among the passengers, who were cared for by the officers and crew as well as circumstances would permit, all on board being inspired by hope of escape or rescue owing to the proximity of the land. After daylight on the 23rd, unavailing attempts were made by one of the crew to reach the shore with a line, and after the failure of his efforts, Captain Johnson dispatched the remaining boat, manned by a volunteer crew with instructions to make a landing if possible, and follow the top of the cliff to a point opposite the wreck, and there secure a line that would be shot ashore from the ship with a line gun. We think this course of action was the only one open to Captain Johnson.

At that time, and that it was not successful was due to the absolute impossibility to discover any justification for a prudent navigator to enable the plan to be carried out.

A line was shot ashore from the Valencia, but was entangled among the wreckage and broken. The shore end was found by Logan, Daykin and Martin, who went by land to the scene of the wreck and who witnessed the breaking up of the vessel. The evidence shows the line to have been new, strong and in every way suitable for the purposes for which it was intended.

On the morning of the 24th the two life rafts were sent away from the ship. The women remaining on board were invited to go upon the rafts and given every opportunity of doing so, but absolutely declined. The first of the rafts to leave the ship was the one on Turtle Island with four survivors on board; the other with eighteen people on board was picked up by the S.S. City of Topeka.

Not Discernible From the Ship. Logan and Daykin expressed it as their opinion that such boats carried by coasting steamers could not have reached the wreck.

The court desires to express its deep sympathy with those who have suffered loss through the death of relatives or friends through the disaster. The court desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Patterson, telegraph operator at Beale, by the officers of the Bamfield cable station, by the lightkeepers at Beale and Curmanah, by D. Logan, E. C. Daykin and Messrs. Martin, McWha, McKay, and other residents of the west coast for their unremitting attention to the shipwrecked people and their care of the bodies recovered from the sea.

The court recommends that in future all new iron or steel vessels navigating this coast and having a license to carry upwards of fifty passengers shall be constructed with double bottoms and water tight compartments. That in the event of a change of crew there shall be a call to quarters as soon as possible after leaving port in order that each member of the crew shall know his boat or fire station in case of emergency; also that there shall be a boat or fire drill at least once a week. They also recommend that the compasses shall be adjusted and the ship swung by a competent adjuster at least once a year; also that the chart should be supplied by the owners for the navigation of the vessel instead of the supplying of them being left to the captain, as in the case with the boats of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

The court has in a separate memorandum expressed its views as to the safeguards to navigation needed on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and a copy thereof is hereto annexed. Dated at Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, this sixteenth day of March, A.D. 1906.

JAMES GAUDIN, Commissioner. The undersigned, being the assessors appointed to sit and act in the above inquiry, hereby certify that they approve and endorse the several findings and recommendations above made. Victoria, March 16th, A.D. 1906.

J. G. COX, HOLMES NEWCOMBE, Assessors. After the reading of the report by Captain Gaudin, J. Lawson, representing the F. & C. Co., called attention to the reference to that part of the report saying that four survivors had reached Turtle Island on a raft. He said that the evidence showed that 10 left on the raft.

The report was amended so as to include the statement that ten persons had left on the raft. Mr. Lawson also referred to the point made that the Queen had not returned to the other vessels that there were persons alive on board the Valencia. He said that according to the evidence it was called out from the Queen and that although those on the Salvor and Czar did not hear it, it was reasonable to suppose on the Queen that this had been heard.

The commissioner and Capt. Cox pointed out that it was not heard, however, according to the evidence. It was finally agreed to insert in the report on the point the following: "Although it is in evidence that some one called out to the Czar that there was, but this was not heard on the Czar."

Another point raised by Mr. Lawson was that referring to the life preservers. He held that the United States allowed the use of pressed cork preservers. This brought up the question of the reciprocal arrangements between the governments of Canada and the United States with respect to inspecting equipment. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., representing the province of British Columbia, did not approve of Canada accepting the inspection of the United States officials. He thought that the Valencia when she was transferred from a freighter to a passenger steamer the Canadian inspectors should have gone over her while she was in port at Victoria.

The commissioners agreed that in view of the facts they would not alter the report on this point. Capt. Gaudin thought it was well left in the shape that the commissioners deprecate the practice of using the character of preservers complained of. Mr. McPhillips thought it might be feasible for these coasting vessels to carry an up-to-date lifeboat on board. The boats carried on these vessels, it appeared, were not capable of living in these waters off the coast.

Capt. Gaudin and Capt. Cox did not think this was practicable. The manning of these lifeboats required trained men. Mr. McPhillips held that with the large profits which were made by these companies in the trade that the expense of providing trained men for these boats might be expected. Capt. Cox said this was not required on ocean going vessels. It had never, as far as he had heard, been adopted anywhere.

This introduced the subject of the dangers of these coasts for vessels, Mr. McPhillips referring to what he had

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understood were exceptional conditions on these coasts. Capt. Cox corrected them by stating that far worse conditions prevailed elsewhere. Off Nantucket the dangers were far greater. Capt. Gaudin also alluded to the fact that the coast line here was not exceptionally bad.

C. H. Lugin, representing the Dominion government, upon the subject being introduced, took occasion to ask the commission if it were true as was so often reported that the dangers to navigation on these coasts were exceptional and were such as to warrant the designation "the graveyard of the Pacific" being applied to the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Capt. Gaudin gave a denial to this. He pointed out that the conditions on this coast were not exceptional by dangerous. It was true that approaching the entrance of the straits from the south there were dangers beset by the currents. This was due to the fact that if the turn was not made at the proper time the vessel would be driven on the "stand coast." They were difficulties from the currents in ascertaining the exact position by dead reckoning. In the face of this it was all the more necessary to exercise care.

The greatest danger occurred to him from lack of care on the part of the navigators to take advantage of the aids afforded. "You cannot make every navigator a careful man," said the captain. The supplementary report recommending various aids to navigation and life-saving appliances and arrangements was read at the sitting this morning. This report was published in the Times some weeks ago.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR'S SHIP AND SENATE VACANCY The Names of James Dunsmuir and George Riley Ment'oned as Probable Appointees. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 20.—The British Columbia members all waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day in regard to the vacant senatorship and lieutenant-governorship.

The result of the representations seems to be in favor of G. Riley for senator and James Dunsmuir for lieutenant-governor. OTTAWA NOTES. The Lord's Day Observance Bill—1 delegation waits on Government. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 20.—A delegation of clergymen from the Anglican and Presbyterian churches, with several members of the cabinet, waited on the government to-day in support of the Lord's Day Observance Bill. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked them to assist in putting it through the committee of the House.

Fruit Growers. The annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association opened to-day when there were present delegates from all over Canada. Hon. Sydney Fisher presided, and suggested some amendments to the Fruit Marks Act. He is going to provide for second grade fruit. D. Ross Improving. Duncan Ross, M. P., who is in the hospital with diphtheria, is improving. New Bills. W. A. Gallier introduced in the House to-day bills to incorporate the Kamloops & Yellow Head Pass Railway Company, respecting the Kootenay & Arrowhead Railway Company, and Nakusp & Sicocan Railway Company and Columbia Kootenay Railway and Navigation Companies. W. Sloan introduced a bill respecting Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, and R. Macpherson introduced a bill respecting the White Horse & Alaska Railway Company.

INSURANCE INQUIRY. Mr. Blackadar Gives Further Evidence Before the Commission at Ottawa. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 20.—There was further strong evidence given before the insurance commission to-day by Mr. Blackadar, actuary of the department. After presenting some correspondence regarding a chargeable gift, he said that the Royal Victorian paid 12 1/2 of the premium income in salaries, which was larger than the average of other companies, 5 per cent. for renewals, and from 84 to 65 per cent. for miscellaneous expenses exceeded 5 per cent, then the business was not likely to be a profitable one. A long report prepared by Mr. Blackadar on these lines was handed in to Mr. Fitzgerald in March, 1905, and it appeared to be in the department until the next November. The report was a drastic and radical one. It said that if the management and expenses of the Royal Victorian were not cut down the capital would be wiped out as the business was carried on at a loss. The report was forwarded to Mr. MacKay in November. The witness could not say why it lay so long in the department.

Witness was next examined on a report made by him in May, 1905, on the part of the Life Company, which was run as an assessment company until 1905, and then changed to a regular life company. For the seven years it ran as an assessment company the expenses were equal to the premium receipts. In his report Mr. Blackadar said that if the company had put in their report the holding value paid for it the result would have been a loss of \$108,000. At the time he made his inspection in 1905 before making his report the business was then being conducted at a loss of \$60,000.

Statistics for the year 1905 show that 162,587 persons availed themselves of the facilities of the state pawn office in 1905, a decrease of 4,800 as compared with 1904. This is regarded as a proof of the increased prosperity of the people.

SIXTEEN MEN PERISHED IN COLORADO. Mines Have Been Closed. (Associated Press.) Denver, March 20.—Owing to the fear of the snow-biden all mines in the neighborhood of Silverton, Colo., have been closed and 3,000 miners have fled to Silverton for safety. Sixteen men have been crushed or suffocated to death by avalanches in this district in the last three days. The property loss is now estimated at \$50,000.

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THE KOOTENAY CENTRAL Contract Closed For Road From Golden Southward. (Associated Press.) Winnipeg, March 20.—The C. P. R. Company has closed a contract with the General Contract Company of Vancouver, for the construction of ten miles of the Kootenay Central railway from Golden, B. C., southward. Work will be commenced at once, and according to the contract must be completed by May 1st. The road will ultimately be extended to Warden on the Crow's Nest Pass line and will open up a valuable agricultural and mineral country. The contract for the first ten miles was a signed here yesterday by Mr. Willie M. Whyte, on behalf of the C. P. R., and Mr. Geo. H. Webster, manager of the company.

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