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## MAYOR SCENTS AN INJUSTICE

### ALARMED AT PROPOSAL NOW BEFORE HOUSE

#### Possibility of Property Owners Being Disfranchised—Com- mittee to Investigate

In the legislation now being sought by the B. C. Union of Municipalities Mayor Morley has something which may result in the disfranchisement of some fifteen hundred voters of the city of Victoria, and to avert this possibility the legislative committee of the city council this morning investigated the government of the franchise. In calling the attention of the board to the matter Mayor Morley said that the Union of Municipalities was asking for amendments to the acts governing a number of cities, including Victoria, to restrict the franchise exercised by property owners to the actual registered owner. If this request were granted it would, in his opinion, have the effect of wiping off the list of voters in Victoria some 1,500 names. This would be a great injustice and the council should look into the matter at once. The mayor cited instances where a grave hardship would be worked. Thus people who had purchased property on the installment plan and had paid three quarters of the purchase price would be debarred from voting, while the vendor of the property who still retained a one-third interest would have the vote attaching to the ownership of the property.

Ald. Fullerton quite agreed with the mayor that a mistake was being made by the Union of Municipalities and he hoped that the matter would be remedied before it was too late.

City solicitor Mann said that the point which had been raised had been decided by a county court judge in an action which had been fought out in New Westminster. The Union of Municipalities had gone into the question very thoroughly and in his opinion the proposal was not sound.

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## HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS

### FLOODS CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE

#### Many Houses Are Wrecked— Manufacturing Plants Closed Down.

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Nampa, Idaho, March 1.—Thousands of dollars of damage to property has been done here and more than 200 families are homeless to-day as a result of a sudden rise in the Indian creek, which runs through a portion of the city. The water is several feet deep in acres of houses on the flats, and many of the smaller residences are afloat. The majority of those who lost their homes are working men, and their plight is sad one.

The flood was caused by the overflowing creek. The water is falling rapidly to-day, and unless there is further leaks in the irrigation ditches, the greatest danger is over.

Scores of homes have been destroyed or ruined, however, and many city bridges, crossings and streets have been irreparably damaged by the flood. There was no death toll, but many miraculous escapes are reported by those whose houses were struck by the muddy current during the night.

Traffic interrupted.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 1.—But one railroad is maintaining uninterrupted service out of Salt Lake to-day, the Oregon Short-line, operating to Butte, Emery, and Huntington, Ore. This road was not affected by the floods, blizzards and landslides.

The hazard in Wyoming has disorganized traffic on the Union Pacific, and it is feared that travel east and west will be a long time.

Rio Grande traffic is indefinitely delayed by a landslide at Newcastle, Col.

Villages in Darkness.

Utica, N. Y., March 1.—The Mohawk Valley, both east and west of Utica, is in the grasp of floods, which, on account of great depth of snow and the rain which began on Saturday threaten to equal the worst in the history of the Mohawk valley. Much trouble is being experienced in the villages surrounding Utica. The water is rising through the streets, and business is practically at a standstill.

Manufacturing plants in Utica, Franklin, and other places have been obliged to close down. Electric plants in the Mohawk valley have been closed, and both villages are in darkness. The water throughout the whole district is steadily rising.

At Hinsdale there is much alarm concerning the big dam which holds the water of the West Canada creek. It is feared that it will break, and if it does several houses will be washed away.

Utica has not suffered to any extent as yet, but the new river channel threatens to overflow and with much serious damage.

## TIMBER POLICY WAS LIBERALS'

### PREMIER AROUSED BY REMARK OF BREWSTER'S

#### Act in Which Extension of Ten- ure of Timber Licenses is Given

Legislative Press Gallery,  
February 28.

The bill amending the Land Act, the chief object of which is to give perpetuity of tenure of timber licenses was discussed in the House this afternoon and the second reading on a division. There were two or three speakers, one of whom was the Premier. Mr. McBride appeared to speak with some heat, as if some of the remarks of the member for Alberni had struck home, although nothing that gentleman had said could be considered as furnishing fuel for any heat, unless it was a reference to the game which was being played in this city lately when in a leading saloon, employees of the street railway were given a dollar and a drink for signing a document which purported to be an assignment of game-pre-emption rights at Fort George, which none of them had ever any thought of taking up, but which apparently some benevolent persons who have the favor of the government will do as their assignees.

Aside from the debate on this and the bringing down of the railway bills nothing was done at the afternoon sitting.

Rev. Joseph McCow read prayers at the opening of the House to-day.

Brewster Criticizes.

H. C. Brewster, speaking in reply to the Commissioner of Lands on the second reading of the bill to amend the Land Act, said there was more in it than appeared at first sight. It contains things which, without the party whip which seemed to govern members' speech, would not be passed. The Conservative members voted thumbs down or thumbs up as the treasury bench gave the cue. The bill was passed out with sections which only changed the old section in a word or two. Some of them he had to read twice before he could find the change, another simply changed "shall" to "may," and as a whole the bill seemed to be hiding something. It might be that the hand of the Attorney-General was in it.

A great deal of credit had been taken by the Chief Commissioner on behalf of the government for the flourishing condition of the lumber industry, that owing to good government the province had had wonderful development, that but for the Conservative government the lumber industry would be dead. The government had very little right to claim any credit for such a flourishing industry as this. The lumber of the world was becoming depleted and to the great forest wealth of British Columbia the rest of the world was turning. Instead of glorifying the government should feel ashamed that, either through failure to watch things in the lands department or in order to get in a big revenue, the government had to-day such an immense area of timber land alienated. There were over twelve million acres so alienated, and should the government be so stupid as to continue to carry them on for one hundred or one hundred and fifty years. The action of the government had placed this in such a position that it was not a heritage of the people, but was in the hands of American speculators who would make future generations pay. This should be a subject on which the government ought to be censured.

The Macdonald Resolution.

In March, 1908, the late leader of the Liberal party, Mr. Macdonald, had moved a resolution in favor of the extension of tenures which was voted down by the government and its supporters. Opposition to that had been the policy of the government, and it would be interesting to know what had brought this about. Rumor had it that the Premier, being anxious to obtain votes, and votes of lumbermen looking just as good as any, when he met the lumbermen at Revelstoke it was put up to him that if he wanted their support he had to bring in legislation following the line of Mr. Macdonald's resolution. Hence the change of heart and the introduction of this legislation.

Section 83 of the act in present said that there shall be reserved a strip of land one chain in width from high-water mark on all Crown lands extending to the sea for which application is made to pre-empt, lease or purchase. It was proposed to change "shall" to "may," the effect of which would be that communities by the sea would find themselves shut out from the sea. The eyes of this were seen at Alberni, where the whole waterfront with the exception of one street in New Alberni, was closed up.

Land Being Given Away.

Another thing found in the bill was a largely and half-hearted adoption of the Liberal principle of counseling the clearing of limits containing agricultural land. It should be the object of the government to go further and make it possible for the man who wants to get on the land to get there direct, and impossible for the speculator to grab all the agricultural lands in sight. It was said there had been millions of acres surveyed, but why should it be possible for the speculator to get these before the surveyors?

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### SELECTING AN ENGINEER.

MAYOR MORLEY—"Now, I wonder how many of these men can build a reservoir that won't sweat."

## NINETEEN KILLED BY AVALANCHES

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#### Rescuers Continue Search Among Ruins of Mace and Burke

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Wallace, Idaho, March 1.—Working desperately and almost exhausted by the strain and nerve breaking work, hundreds of miners are to-day trying to dig from packed ice, snow and debris the dead and injured thought to be buried in six Idaho avalanches which have dealt death and destruction in the last two days.

At Mace, where the first avalanche struck the sleeping town, eleven are known to be dead and eight are badly injured. Sweeping down the mountain side, the great mass of snow and earth crushed the cabins and dismal houses like egg shells. Burying the occupants in a tangled mass of logs, snow and earth. Reports from the little village say that not until the sun strikes the mountain of snow and wears it away will the list of known dead be complete.

So far thirty men, women and children have been rescued by the heroic miners from the Mace slide, and the men are working desperately in shifts in an effort to succor those who may possibly be alive beneath the crush of snow and timber. Miners from all the great producing mines are now on the scene of the disaster, and if human effort can accomplish anything it is believed that those still alive will be rescued.

At Burke, where the second slide occurred, a few hours after the one at Mace, five are known to be dead and two badly injured. Snow is the cause in the small mining town, however, that the list is believed not to be complete. The saddest event at this place is the death of the two children of Al Newman, who, with his wife and two little children, without a second's warning, were buried by the great sliding mass.

James Rogers, after working desperately for several hours aiding the workers to extricate himself from the snow, was rescued yesterday, but his injuries caused his death a few hours after he was taken from the snow.

At Carbonate Hill, where the third slide occurred, two are dead and half a dozen more are injured. It is not known how many more are beneath the wreckage. The Carbonate Hill slide was not so great in extent as others in the Coeur d'Alene district, but its force was as great and it swept everything before it.

A fourth slide at the North Franklin mine, near Burke, played a peculiar freak when it descended upon the bunkhouse of the miners. Two men were sleeping in one room of the cabin. The front part of the log structure was empty. The avalanche tore the whole building to splinters except the

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### LONDON BANKER ON OLD COUNTRY CONDITIONS

#### Not in Critical Position as the Alarmists Declare—Future of Canada

### VOTE ON CANADIAN NAVAL PROGRAMME

#### Will Probably Be Taken in the House of Commons Next Tuesday

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Ottawa, March 1.—It has been practically agreed between the leaders of the government and opposition that the vote on the naval bill will be taken on Tuesday next. This arrangement gives a week longer for the thirty odd speakers to get a hearing for their views on fleet construction and empire building. The whips hope they will be able to bring the debate to a close before that time, but it cannot go beyond that.

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#### T. Reynolds, Hero of Spanish River Wreck, Receives a Watch and Cheque

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Montreal, March 1.—Conductor Thomas Reynolds, the hero of the Spanish river railway wreck, yesterday was presented with a gold watch and substantial cheque by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., in recognition of that company for his heroic work.

Sir Thomas said: "While we expect every man in our employ to do their duty on such occasions as these, we feel that your magnificent work deserves exceptional recognition."

Sir Thomas also referred to the high honor which had been conferred on the conductor by His Majesty the King in awarding him the Albert medal.

Reynolds thanked Sir Thomas and after being warmly congratulated by Mr. McNicoll, he left the president's office to join his comrades downstairs and receive their felicitations.

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**CONTRACTS FOR NEW RAILWAYS**  
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Introduced by Premier McBride  
Late Yesterday Afternoon—  
Text of Contract

Legislative Press Gallery,  
February 28th.

After waiting many weeks the railway bills, embodying the railway policy on which the government went to the country, were brought down to the House by the premier at 5:35 this afternoon. There were four of them in all, one to ratify the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, a second to incorporate the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, another to ratify the agreement with the Kettle River Valley Railway Company, which by the way bears date to-day, and the fourth a formal bill, repealing the Midway and Vernon subsidy which the Kettle River Valley Company is getting.

There was naturally great interest to see what the contract contained and members were deep in their copies as soon as they got them, though of course the government supporters were familiar with the proposals as stated to them in course.

The main act sets out in the preamble the expediency of ratifying and confirming the contract entered into between the King, represented by Hon. Richard McBride, and the C. N. R. and reads as follows:

1. The said agreement, a copy of which forms the schedule to this act, is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to be legally binding, according to the tenor thereof, upon His Majesty and the Canadian Northern Railway Company; and the parties to said agreement, so far as the legislative authority of the province of British Columbia has power to enact, are hereby authorized and empowered to do what ever is necessary to give full effect to said agreement, the provisions of which are to be taken as if they had been expressly enacted hereby and formed an integral part of this act.

2. The Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, mentioned in said agreement, is hereby authorized and empowered, when incorporated, to have power to do and to do whatever is necessary and expedient to implement the provisions of said agreement.

3. The said agreement, as mentioned in said agreement shall be signed by the minister of finance for the province of British Columbia, or such other officer as may be so designated by the lieutenant-governor-in-council, and upon being so signed, the province of British Columbia shall be some liable for the payment of the principal and interest of the securities guaranteed according to the tenor thereof, and the lieutenant-governor-in-council is hereby authorized to make arrangements for supplying the money necessary to fulfil the obligations of the said guarantee, and to advance the amount necessary for that purpose out of the general revenue of the province; and in the hands of any purchaser, pledgee or other person acquiring any of such securities, the said guarantee so signed shall be conclusive evidence that the terms of this act with respect thereto have been complied with.

4. Subject to the proviso in this section contained, the mortgages or deeds of trust (hereinafter called "the original instruments") securing the securities provided to be guaranteed by said agreement may provide for the issue, from time to time, and ranking pari passu with said securities and without preference or priority over the other, of additional securities of similar kind, tenor, and effect, not exceeding \$5,000 per mile of additional lines of railway in the province of British Columbia, to be hereafter constructed by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company executing the original instruments: Provided, always, that before such additional securities are issued, the guarantee by the province of the payment of the principal and interest thereon shall first have been authorized by the legislature, and that such guarantee shall first have been given pursuant to such authorization.

5. Supplementary mortgages or deeds of trust (hereinafter called "supplementary instruments") covering the said lines in the said agreement mentioned and the additional lines in the preceding section mentioned, in form approved by the lieutenant-governor-in-council, shall be taken to the trustees of the original instruments, and such additional securities shall be issued under the terms of the original instruments and supplementary instruments, which



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together with the mortgaged premises covered thereby, shall form the security for all the securities issued under the aforesaid agreement, and with the same effect as if the original instrument and supplementary instrument formed but one instrument, and as if all the securities issued or to be issued under the original or supplementary instruments were issued under one instrument.

Any payments by the province of principal or interest on the said securities, pursuant to the guarantee thereof, shall not in any event be taken to affect the liability of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company thereon, under the mortgage or deed of trust securing the payment thereof, or under the terms of the said agreement, but such liability shall remain unimpaired and enforceable, according to the terms of the mortgages or deeds of trust and of the aforesaid agreement, by the province against the said companies. Subject to the terms of the agreement, the province shall be subrogated as against the said companies to all rights, privileges, and powers to which the holders of the respective securities are entitled, by virtue of such securities or of the said mortgage or deed of trust, prior to payment by the province under its guarantee, and shall, with respect to the securities so paid, be in the same position as a holder of securities upon which the issuing company has made default.

The contract itself, printed as a schedule to the bill, is as follows:

Memorandum of Agreement made this 17th day of January, A. D. 1910, between His Majesty the King (hereinafter called "the Government," and herein acting and represented by the Hon. Richard McBride, minister of finance for the province of British Columbia), of the first part; and the Canadian Northern Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Northern Company"), of the second part.

Whereas the government of the province of British Columbia deems it in the public interest, to give to the construction of the line of railway hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of securing the people of British Columbia reasonable passenger and freight rates, and to assist in the opening up and the development of the province;

Now, this agreement, witnesseth, and the parties hereto have agreed as follows:

1. The government will, at the next session of the legislature of British Columbia, promote the passage of an act, a copy of which is a schedule hereto, ratifying and confirming this agreement, and authorizing and empowering the guarantee hereby agreed to be given.

2. The government will, at the next session of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, promote the passage of an act, a copy of which is a schedule hereto, incorporating the "Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company" (hereinafter called "the Pacific Company"), and authorizing that company to construct, maintain, and operate the works and railways hereafter provided for.

3. Subject as aforesaid, all covenants and agreements herein contained shall, according to the tenor and nature thereof, be binding on and extend to the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

4. The Northern Company covenants and agrees with the government that the Pacific Company shall and will well, truly and faithfully acquire, lay out, make, build, construct, complete, equip, maintain and operate, or cause to be operated, continuously the following line of railway of a standard uniform gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches within the limits of the province of British Columbia, that is to say:

(a) A line of railway connecting with the main line of the Northern Company at some point at or within the city of Kamloops, in the province of British Columbia, through the city of New Westminster, to a point in the city of Vancouver, and also to a point at or near English Bluff, south of the Fraser river, a distance of approximately 500 miles; such line of railway to be constructed as follows: (1) from the eastern boundary aforesaid, via the Yellowhead Pass, the North Thompson river, the South Thompson river and the Fraser river, to the terminal aforesaid. The Pacific Company will endeavor to bring its line into the city of Kamloops, either by diverting its main line so as to run through the city, or by the construction of a line connecting its main line with the city; and in

the event of such company satisfactorily completing such arrangements and constructing into or through the city, the government will extend the foregoing guarantee so as to cover any additional mileage occasioned by such construction.

(b) From a point in the city of Victoria to a point on or near Barkley Sound, on the island of Vancouver, a distance of approximately 100 miles.

5. The Northern Company covenants and agrees with the government that the Pacific Company will also construct or cause to be constructed, operated, and maintained, along and in connection with each of said lines of railway, a telegraph line, and supply all such telegraph equipment and apparatus as may be necessary for the efficient working of such telegraph lines, both for railway and commercial service.

6. The Northern Company covenants and agrees with the government that the Pacific Company will also establish, or cause to be established, by the line the firstly described line of railway, a harbor at or near English Bluff, on the island of Vancouver, or at or near the city of Victoria, a first-class modern passenger, mail, express and cargo ferry service.

7. The Northern Company further covenants and agrees with the government that in the location, construction, maintenance, and operation of the said above-mentioned lines of railway the following provisions shall apply, and shall be observed by the Pacific Company, and be by it completely and effectually performed, fulfilled and carried out, that is to say:

(a) That the Pacific Company shall well locate and construct the said above lines of railway, respectively, by the shortest possible routes, with only such deviations as may be deemed necessary in order to avoid serious engineering difficulties, and such as shall be sanctioned by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

(b) That the lines above mentioned, when completed and equipped, shall in all respects, apart from grades and curvatures (as to which the character of the country through which the lines pass shall be taken into consideration), be equal to the standard of the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway as constructed between the city of Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, and the city of Edmonton, in the province of Alberta, as the condition of that line was when first completed, and shall be so equipped with the sleeping cars, dining cars and day coaches thereon the equal of those in use on the first-class railway systems of America.

(c) That the workmen and laborers employed in or about the construction of the said lines of railway shall be paid such rates of wages as may be currently payable to workmen and laborers engaged in similar occupation in the districts in which said lines of railway are being constructed.

(d) That the material and supplies used in and about the construction of the line of railway aforesaid shall be purchased within the province of British Columbia, and from manufacturers, merchants and dealers located and carrying on business within the province, to as far as practicable purchases can be made upon terms and conditions equally favorable to the Pacific Company as those obtainable elsewhere.

(e) In all contracts or sub-contracts for the construction of the said above-described lines of railway, and any part thereof, the Pacific Company shall provide and insert, or cause to be provided or inserted, a provision embodying and effectually providing for the carrying out of the provisions of sub-sections (c) and (d) of this section.

(f) That the Pacific Company will commence or cause to be commenced, the works provided for in this agreement within three months after the execution by the government of the trust deed or deeds securing the guarantee securities hereinafter referred to, but not later than the first day of

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THE RAILWAY POLICY.

Enshrouded in a dense cloud of legal verbiage, the railway policy of the McBride government was brought down in the Legislature, yesterday and is now spread before the people of the province for consideration. On behalf of the government the claim is made that this proposed legislation more than redeems pledges made immediately preceding the general election of last year.

In the main the fact may be admitted that the government has implemented its pledges. A line of railway is to be built from the present terminus of the Canadian Northern Railway in the neighborhood of Yellow Head Pass to the city of New Westminster. The mainline terminus of the road will be at Vancouver. Connection is to be made by a first-class passenger, freight and express ferry between a point at or near English Bluff with Vancouver Island at a wharf at or near the city of Victoria.

The liability of the province, as we have already pointed out in connection with the contract will be very heavy—forty-four millions of dollars. In return for this enormous liability, what does the province get in guarantees of reduced passenger and freight rates? How does the contract compare with that secured by the province of Manitoba as a set-off against Mr. Roblin's guarantee of interest on twenty thousand dollars per mile? Compare the McBride-Bowser contract with the contract executed between the Canadian Northern Railway Company and the Roblin-Rogers government, as follows:

- (a) The C. N. to open its road and run a through train from Winnipeg to Port Arthur before October 1st, 1901.
(b) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix freight rates on all points on the company's lines in the province.
(c) The company agreed to accept the decree of the King's bench for Manitoba with respect to specific performance of its undertaking.
(d) Passenger rates to be reduced to not exceeding 3 cents a mile.
(e) The company to permit running rights of its road to any company accepting the C. P. R.
(f) Equipment to be adequate. De-

tion at railway commission of Privy Council of Canada to prevail in case of dispute.
(c) Company's accounts to be audited yearly by an auditor approved by the government.
(h) The company agreed to build connections to other railways (names strictly confidential) in the province.
(i) Notwithstanding its exemption from taxation, the company agrees to pay the government, after 1905 and up to the maturity of its bonds, a sum not to exceed 2 per cent. of its gross earnings.

ing on or delivered to the company's lines, to be carried as far as possible on those lines.
(i) No amalgamation with the C. P. R. or pooling of funds with that company.

(m) The government has the option of purchasing the company's lines before 1929 at a fair value.
It will be observed that the passenger rates on the Canadian Northern's Manitoba system are not to exceed three cents a mile, and that the company covenants to pay, and is doubtless paying, in return for guarantees and exemptions from provincial taxation, into the provincial treasury two per cent. on its gross (not net) earnings. The Pacific Railway in this province is to be free not only from provincial taxation, but from all taxation whatsoever, municipal and educational.

And the standard of the roadbed is to be equivalent to the standard of the Canadian Northern between Winnipeg and Edmonton when first opened for business.
The government claims to have redeemed its pledges to the people, however. The government's friends say it has more than redeemed its pledges. That is a matter which can only be determined by the developments of the future. The question is so near to us at present that it may be our perspective is distorted. But the province has had experiences with guarantees of the bonds of railway companies, and such experiences are far from reassuring.

PREMEDITATED AMBIGUITY.

As a sample of the manner in which almost every provision in the proposed contract between the Canadian Northern Railway Company and the McBride government is so qualified as to be of practically of no effect, as far as the interests of the province are concerned, we quote the following from the Colonist as it is printed:

(h) THE PACIFIC COMPANY WILL ERECT AND MAINTAIN, WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, ALL OF THE WORK SHOPS, REPAIR SHOPS AND ROUNDHOUSES WHICH IT MAY REQUIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECONDLY DESCRIBED LINE, and which it may establish at or near the southern terminus of such line.

Our readers will observe that the portion of the section printed in large, bold-faced type means nothing at all when read in connection with the part printed in small characters. The company is left to establish the works enumerated wherever it pleases. And what is true of this section may be applied to nearly every other section of vital importance, those dealing with the purchase of supplies, the class of labor to be employed, the location of the routes, the standard of the road, the control of rates, the so-called first mortgage on the whole of the Canadian Northern system outside of the province, the interest of the province in the magnificently extensive terminals the company is empowered to appropriate—the province assumes all the risks, and what are the advantages it secures in the forms of relief from extortionate rates, the government promised? We do not presume to think the members of the present legislature will stay for a moment to consider the nature of the contract they have been asked to endorse. They would probably laugh in derision if told they are about to saddle the province with a burden the weight of which will be appreciated in due time. But we venture to say Captain Tatlow, the late Finance Minister, has not changed his opinion that the effect of the passage of the contract will be an immediate blow at the credit of the province, and there are absolutely no advantages guaranteed under it which can be considered as a quid pro quo.

FOSTER'S LIBEL SUIT.

Protected by the privileges of Parliament, Hon. G. E. Foster is in the habit of giving free rein to a bitter tongue at the back of which is a soured and crabbed disposition. More than any other man in public life he invites retort in kind, and more than any other individual in public life is Mr. Foster open to criticism of the kind he challenges. Secure as he thought in the protection of Parliament, the ex-Finance Minister threw down the gauntlet to the editor of the Toronto Globe. The defiance was promptly accepted and the connection of Mr. Foster and certain other Conservatives of kindred disposition with speculative companies which carried on their operations almost exclusively with trust funds of the Foresters' fraternal and benevolent society thoroughly exposed. The exposure was published in the Globe newspaper, against which Mr. Foster instituted an action for libel, incorporating therein an action against Mr. Masdonald personally for slander. The slander case was dismissed by the

judge and the jury found in favor of the Globe in the action for libel. Thus all that Mr. Foster has gained by his appeal to the courts is a further circulation of the matter of his notorious connection with the speculative Union Trust Company, which operated largely with trust funds, and a complete vindication of the freedom of the press in its criticism of the actions of men in public life. Mr. Foster in his wrath threatens to appeal for a new trial. But there is very little probability of his carrying the matter to a higher court. He has probably gained all the notoriety and publicity he desires for the present.

AN ONTARIO HALLUCINATION.

A lot of hysterical old women in masculine costume recently succeeded in working up a mad dog scare in Ontario. The consequence was that every animal of the canine species in the province became an object of suspicion and dread. It was chased and hounded until its life became a burden, a "dog's life" literally. The poor persecuted brute naturally took to snarling and snapping at every man, woman or child who crossed its path. Hysteria placed enmity between it and the sons and daughters of men, whereas the nature of the one is to be "ever the best of friends" with the others. The spectre of hydrophobia stalked abroad. Scores of cattle alleged to have been affected with the terrible disease were slaughtered, after learned veterinarians had passed upon the symptoms said to have been developed, looked wise and pronounced judgment. Dozens of frightened human creatures who said or dreamed they had been bitten by mad dogs which "frothed at the mouth and looked ferocious" were consigned to the Pasteur Institute at New York to be treated for rabies. The Ontario government made provision for the creation of an Institute for "pasteurizing" the victims of mad-dog epidemic. A government order was passed making it obligatory upon all dog owners to muzzle their pets or their companions. A few newspapers demanded that every dog should be shot on sight. Just when the furore had reached its height and the New York Pasteur Institute and the workers in leather of the good province were doing a healthy business, it occurred to some practical-minded individual to have the case of the poor oppressed and persecuted dog diagnosed by a real expert. Then it was discovered that the alleged epidemic of rabies was merely a mild form of canine disease known as "distemper." That is a true and authentic account, without the slightest attempt at exaggeration, of the terrible epidemic of hydrophobia in Ontario, which reminds us of the wisdom of the judgment of the sage who proclaimed in effect, "the better I become acquainted with men, the more excited my opinion of dogs."

Andrew D. White, formerly United States Ambassador to Germany and Russia, declares that the United States have each year 42 times as many murders as Canada, and eight times as many as Belgium, which country has the most of any in Europe. He says only one murderer in 74 in the United States is punished, and the administration of the criminal law "has become simply a game." As a contrast, he says, "law, not chicane, prevails in Canada," and hence the difference in the record. Coming down to statistics he gives this record of murders per million population per year: Canada, 3; Germany, 4 to 5; England and Wales, 10 to 11; France, 14 to 15; Belgium, 15; United States over 125. These figures are based on an average taken for eight years. The remedy is to be found in proper enforcement of the law and hanging of murderers. Dr. White prophesies that there will be 5,000 murders in the United States in 1910.

The Manchester Guardian has issued a statement which seems to prove how hopeless would be the task of the Conservatives, in the event of another general election, gaining a majority that would make them independent of the Irish Nationalists. The Guardian made a calculation of the vote in the north of Great Britain—Scotland and the English counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland. In this region there were elected 115 Liberal and Labor candidates, and 54 Conservatives—a Liberal majority of 121, or more than three to one. Subsequent pollings do not materially affect the result. The Conservative majority lies in the middle

and south of the island. But even this is not exclusively Conservative territory, for the Liberals are strong in the city of London, and overwhelmingly strong in Wales. Taking the island as a whole, the Liberals have a substantial majority. The name of a "Little England" seems to have been applied to the wrong parts.

A VAGRANT LETTER.

To the Editor:—May I ask through your paper what is supposed to be the regulation time for a letter posted in Victoria to reach its destination in the city? On or about the 15th of the month of February a letter was mailed to me. Not receiving it I went to the parties from whom I expected to receive the communication. They assured me that the same was posted. I then, on the 18th, received a duplicate from them. On Saturday afternoon, 26th, I received the first-named letter, which has been stamped in Victoria on Sunday, 29th, at 7 a. m. Does it take a week for a letter to travel from the post office to James Bay? This is not the first time this has occurred. I have the envelope, which I can show if you wish proof of this circumstance. INQUIRER. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28th, 1910.

ESPLANADE QUESTION

ON BELLEVILLE STREET

City Must Pay Adjacent Property Owners One-Half Proceeds of Sale

The future disposition of the waterlots owned by the city on Belleville street, between Raymond's wharf and the B. C. Paint Works, was decided at last evening's meeting of the city council. The attempt on the part of the city to get authority to sell the lots without regard to the fact that they were originally deeded to the corporation for esplanade purposes failed, the government insisting that owners of property on the other side of the street had certain rights which must be protected. Ald. Raymond, reporting on behalf of the special committee which interviewed the government, said Premier McBride took the position that the claims of the private property owners on the south side of Belleville street had to be considered. These owners objected to the government consenting to the city being relieved of its responsibility to maintain the waterlots as an esplanade without compensation. They contended that their property had been purchased with the idea of the existence in front of it of an open space, and that it will suffer depreciation in value should the waterlots be sold and devoted to private purposes. As a way out of the difficulty the government suggested that the city may obtain possession of the lots free of any responsibility to maintain an esplanade, and sell the same, providing half of the money obtained as proceeds shall be given to the owners on the other side of the street, and the balance devoted to park purposes by the corporation. This decision on the part of the government was communicated to the council last evening and after some little debate it was accepted.

THE ORIGIN OF SPECTACLES.

An eminent authority has recently contradicted some widely accepted opinions on the subject of spectacles. For instance, he found, as the result of an examination of historical data, that to the Egyptians, the Greeks, and the Romans glasses were unknown. This is in contravention of the common statement that Nero used to correct his near-sightedness. Spectacles, we are now told, were invented by two Italians, Armano and Spona, at the end of the thirteenth century. At first only convex lenses were used, but after about two centuries concave ones were employed. Thomas Young discovered the use of cylindrical lenses in 1801, and the astronomer Airy applied them for the correction of astigmatism in 1827. Bifocal spectacles were invented and first used by Benjamin Franklin in 1785.—Harper's Weekly.

MANY SAVED FROM SUICIDE.

Results of the Salvation Army Bureau in London Set Forth. The results of the work of the Salvation Army's anti-suicide bureau in London during the last nine months show that 270 males and slightly more female applicants were dealt with at the Army's headquarters. One of the most interesting cases was that of a colonel, who was not only averted from thoughts of suicide, but, as the result of publicity given to his case, formed congenial work and ultimately married a lady of means, with whom he now enjoys prosperity and happiness.

There is a great rush of applicants for the position of strokeworker to the corporation at a salary of \$50 per month. The time for the reception of applications expires on Friday next and they are pouring into the city clerk's office at a great rate.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

A Clearance of Women's Silk Afternoon Dresses, Wednesday

Regular Value to \$28.50 for \$14.75 Reg. Values \$36 to \$60 for \$25
Included in this clearance are about seventy very exquisitely and daintily made Afternoon Dresses. These are principally samples, in all colors and shades, in blues, helio, brown, blacks, etc. Some of these are made in jersey effect, the blouse being jersey cloth, while the skirt is in fine check. Others are in plain styles, some trimmed most daintily with straps and buttons while a great number have yokes beautifully inlaid and trimmed with lace. This is a rare opportunity indeed to get a beautiful afternoon dress at half the usual price. Our sole reason for these reductions is to make a sure clearance in order to make more room for new goods which are being received daily. These charming wearables will appeal to every lady of taste and refinement. The usual prices were \$28.50. These are being offered at \$14.75, while the line ranging in price from \$30.00 to \$60.00 is being placed on sale at \$25.00

Black Silk Belts at Mid-Week Reductions

Wed. 75c to \$1, Wed., 25c. Reg. \$1.75, Wed., 50c. Reg. \$2 to \$3, Wed., 75c
Wednesday, a specially fine line of Ladies' Black Silk Belts go on sale. Usually our belt sales create considerable buying enthusiasm. The values which we are offering here Wednesday are of unusual merit, and will no doubt clear out quickly. Some are trimmed with jet buttons and jet buckles, others in plain styles. We don't mean to say that all these are the very latest styles. That's the reason why the prices are reduced. These are all black taffeta in shirred and stitched effects.

Shantung and Colored Silks on Sale To-morrow, 50c

Included in these are a great many yards of satin Merv, Pongee, Tammine, Moire, etc., the widths being 24 inches. A greater aggregation of finer silks could not be found anywhere in British Columbia, and it is hard to say if any store in Canada could eclipse the immense showing which is to be seen in our Silk Department. To-morrow's special line is exceptional value, per yard 50c

Silk Taffatines To-morrow at, per Yard, 35c

Silk Taffatine is going to be one of the most popular and fashionable materials worn this season, the finish is decidedly fine, while the price is extremely low. It is to be had in nearly every shade desired. The quality is the best, while the price should be tempting enough to make every lover of silk purchase here to-morrow. Per yard 35c

The Value of Bon Ton and Royal Worcester Corsets Fully Demonstrated by Miss Frances Hope Gale

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MUFF HANGER, supplies a long felt want in a practical manner, gain 10c
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BREAD BOX, white enameled, \$1.35, \$1.25 and 1.15
CAKE CLOSETS, with two shelves, good lock, assorted colors and decorated panel on door, 3.50
FLOUR SIFTERS, rotary action, 1.50
FLOUR DREDGERS, japanned, 1.00
SALT AND PEPPER SLAKERS, 50c
CAKE CUTTERS, 10c and 5c

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LOCAL NEWS

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Lifebuoy Soap is delightfully refreshing for bath or toilet. For washing underclothing it is unequalled. Cleanses and purifies.

Round Oak Hot Air Furnaces have taken the grand prize at A. Y. P. Exposition. Look them up at Watson & McGregor's, 647 Johnson street.

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For refinement of upholstering as demonstrated by F. Kroeger, 735 Fort street, phone 15, is a revelation, especially when cost is considered. A specialty is made of blinds, draperies, curtains. Repairs effected on superior lines. No order too small, none too large.

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If you want an excellent Photograph and a correct likeness combined in one picture, we can do it for you. The quality of our work is the best. Foxall's Studio, 1111 Government.

There was no meeting of the Oak Bay council last night owing to the fact that there was not a quorum in town.

There will be a meeting to-night of the Ladies of the Macabees at Victoria West. The meeting will be in Semple's hall and commence at 8 o'clock.

Remember that the Empress Confectionery, 1225 Government street, is the only store that sells Ice Cream the year round.

A meeting of the Exeter Hives, L. O. T. M., will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in Semple's hall, Victoria West. All members are requested to attend as business of importance will be transacted.

This evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, the annual meeting of the W. C. A. will be held at the Alexandra Club rooms. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and the reports for the past year read. All members and those interested in the work of the association are invited to attend.

Liked by all servants, The Princess enamel ware is liked by all servants because it won't break. It is liked by the mistress because it looks nice and dainty—in fact not many of them can distinguish it from china. See it in tea-pots and jugs. They will surprise you. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. Butler (president), Mrs. Angus, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Potter, and the Misses Florence have issued cards of invitation for a dinner and dance to take place in the Broad street hall on March the 8th. Any lady or gentleman who has been attending the dances given by the Daughters of Scotland may receive a card from any of the committee if they have not already received one.

The missionary boat Hesperus, belonging to the Methodist church, will visit Victoria harbor on Thursday and Friday of this week, and it is the intention of the crew to hold an informal reception on board both afternoons. The boat is on her way to the northern waters in charge of Capt. William Oliver, and the Rev. C. W. Webber, missionary. It is hoped that a large number of those interested in the work of the boat will take this opportunity of seeing the craft and becoming better acquainted with those who live and work on board.

The ninth annual convention of the Victoria District Provincial Sunday School Association will be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9th and 10th. Rev. W. C. Merritt, Tacoma, who is a specialist in Sunday school work, will be present and deliver addresses. The schools situated within the district will appoint one delegate for every 50 scholars, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance. The meetings will be open to the general public, and all are cordially invited to attend.

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BANK CLEARINGS GAIN SIXTY-ONE PER CENT. Over \$5,000,000 Ahead of 1909 for January and February

Table with columns for Bank Clearings Gain, showing percentages and amounts for January and February.

AMATEUR CONTEST. At the Victoria theatre this evening a new set of pictures along with a couple of new illustrated songs will be presented to the patrons of the popular playhouse.

SACRED CONCERT. Programme to be given in Victoria West Methodist Church, To-Morrow Night.

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CITY SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY ISOLATION HOSPITAL IN NEED OF ATTENTION Mayor Morley Urges Special Committee to Take Matter in Hand at Once

That something should be done at the earliest possible date to clear up the situation affecting the isolation hospital, is the opinion of Mayor Morley, and at last evening's meeting of the city council he took occasion to remind the members of the special committee appointed to deal with the matter of this fact.

Bank clearings for the two months of this year show a 61 per cent. increase over 1909 and a 58 per cent. increase over 1908. The amount of the bank clearings for February is \$5,043,470, as against \$4,981,397 for February, 1909.

The bank clearings for February are less than those for January, but the same happens every year, partly owing to February being the shortest month. The month, however, is over \$2,000,000 ahead of a year ago.

A steam boiler, built entirely of stone, is being constructed for the Italian government.

FILL POSITIONS TO-MORROW NIGHT COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MANY APPLICATIONS Appointments of City Engineer and City Solicitor to Be Made Forthwith

A special meeting of the city council will be held to-morrow evening for the purpose of considering the large number of applications which has been received for the positions of city engineer and city solicitor.

The clerk of the municipality of Oak Bay wrote informing the board of the decision which had been reached respecting the proposed agreement for a water supply.

The following works of local improvement were reported on by the engineer and will be duly advertised: Paving St. Charles street from Fort street to Redford avenue with asphalt and constructing concrete gutter on the east side and boulevard, curb and gutter on the west side and placing electric light and telephone wires underground or on ornamental iron poles and constructing sewer connections to the street line.

Permanent walks on the east side of James street, between Esquimalt and Andrew street. Total cost \$736, city's share \$147.

The secretary of the Farmers' institute wrote asking that certain improvements be made in the market building premises. This will be taken up later when the building shall have been abandoned.

A letter from J. H. McGregor, of the firm of Gore & McGregor, relative to Mr. Topp's charges for salary during the month of January, was received and filed. Mr. McGregor said that Mr. Topp had joined the firm in the beginning of January, and that the charges for his services—\$300—were very reasonable.

A letter from A. M. Brayshaw relative to his action for damages against the city for injury done his property on Government street, owing to the delay in proceeding with street work, was received and filed.

At last night's meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society much interest was evinced in the Bible study, the topic for which was: "Winning Our Nation." Two very instructive papers dealing with "The History of the Layman's Missionary Movement" and "The Work Among the Foreigners in Canada," were listened to with much interest.

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TROUBLE WITH PUMPING PLANT

FIRE WARDENS HAVE VERY KNOTTY PROBLEM

Contractors Say Machinery is Efficient; City Electrician Denies This

The fire wardens are confronted with a knotty problem in connection with the machinery for the high pressure salt water system for fire protection purposes. The situation has been a troublesome one for months past, but a crisis has now been reached.

February 28th, 1910. To the Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen: We have the honor to advise you that the electric motor driven fire pump now maintains a pressure of approximately one hundred and fifty (150) pounds at its discharge, as required by the contract, when delivering the maximum quantity of water through the orifice constructed by the city as a measure of the specified capacity.

The steam pipe installed by the city to furnish steam to this unit is of considerable length, and has not yet been covered with insulating material, nor has a separator been placed in the line.

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If you take several doses of Pape's Diuretic, all backache and distress from out-of-order kidneys or bladder trouble will vanish, and you will feel fine.

this work has been completed by the city. The city has never made any official test of either pump, and we should be glad to have the opportunity of making any necessary adjustments before such a test is made.

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On the same subject a letter was received from the city electrician, M. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson reported that there had been no improvement in the pumping efficiency of the plant supplied by the D'Olier Engineering Company.

EXPORT OF GRAIN PROHIBITED

Peking, March 1. China's prohibition of grain exports has been extended so as to embrace practically all of Manchuria.

vitualizing influence directly upon the organs and glands affected and completes the cure before you realize it.

Your physician, pharmacist, banker or any mercantile agency will tell you that Pape's Diuretic is a large and responsible medicine concern, thoroughly worthy of your confidence.

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NORTH WARDS DEFEAT VICTORIA WEST TEAM

Basketball Match Last Night Leaves Two Teams Even in the League

Table with 3 columns: Team, W, L, Pts. North Ward: 4, 2, 8. Victoria West: 4, 2, 8.

Last night's basketball match between the Victoria West team and the North Ward five resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 22 points to 17.

Combination was a rare thing in the game. Very seldom was a fine piece of passing seen, as the opposing players generally managed to intercept.

Following is the line-up of the two teams and the individual scores: North Ward—Forwards: Johnson and McGregor (12); centre: Sweeney (2); guards: Brynjolfson (4) and Dakers (4).

A friendly basketball match was played last night in the N.W.A.A. hall between the Melrose Ceyprany's quintette and the Dixie Ross team.

THE RING

MURPHY GIVEN DECISION

San Francisco, March 1.—Tommy Murphy of New York, last night won the decision at the end of twenty rounds from Owen Moran of England.

ATHLETICS

INDOOR TRACK MEET

The indoor track men are training. Yesterday afternoon the Assembly hall was occupied by Dickson, Day, H. Beasley, Y. Beasley, Spencer, Dowler, Sprink, Currie, McKitty, McConnell, Yalo, Winsby, Kersey, Brewster, Dean and Harrison, also others who will take part in the meeting on March 12th.

CRICKET

M.C.C. IN AFRICA

Johannesburg, S. A., March 1.—The South African cricketers in their match against the M.C.C. were all out yesterday for 205 runs.

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Back for the past twenty years and have used plasters and ointment without effect. At last I tried Gin Pills, which proved just the thing, and I would highly recommend them to anyone who has strained or lame back.

LAUDER ISSUES CHALLENGE TO STANDEN

Calgary, March 1.—Jimmy McEwan, trainer and manager of Billy Lauder, lightweight champion of Canada, has just made an offer to Rod Standen, of Vancouver, which should make that fighter come up or cease talking.

McEwan came back with an offer that Lauder would come out and fight Standen once and for all to decide the championship, and asked for a date.

San Francisco, March 1.—When Jim Barry and Sam Langford face each other before Louis Rhot's club next month, it will be their eighth meeting, thus establishing a record unique in ring history.

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THE EMPRESS SPRINTS

The Empress sprints which have been postponed frequently owing to bad weather are taking place this afternoon. The men are running in 100, 200 and 440 yards at Beacon Hill.

BASEBALL

WRECKS DELAY WHITE SOX

Helper, Utah, March 1.—Comiskey and his White Sox players are not expected to reach the coast until tomorrow; a day behind their schedule. The derailment of an engine and a baggage car on an eastbound passenger, just before it took the siding at Dotsero, Colo., to let the Chicago special pass Sunday night, was the cause of the delay.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

VICTORIA AT NAINAIMO. Victoria Rugby team go to Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon, according to schedule. The match with Nanaimo will be the first appearance of the coat miners in the Rugby field this year.

LACROSSE

AMATEUR ASSOCIATION. The B. C. Amateur Lacrosse Association, with teams from Victoria, Westminster and Vancouver, will be organized next Saturday afternoon.

Since the budget was introduced people do not, in drinking, mix spirits with their beer and stout as they used to do," said Supt. Gallaway to the Newport borough licensing justices.

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Herring fisheries on the west coast of Vancouver Island are the latest developments. For years it has been known that the herring were very numerous in some of the sheltered waters on the West Coast but the same thing obtained in many other parts of the province without anyone taking particular notice.

SEATTLE OBJECTS TO LLOYDS' METHODS

Say Too Cumbersome to Act Through the Vancouver Office

Seattle ship owners are preparing a memorial which will be submitted to Lloyd's, London, England, asking that hereafter the Seattle agent of Lloyd's shall be given jurisdiction over vessels on the North Pacific which occur in American waters.

MUCH FREIGHT BOOKED AHEAD

PRINCESS ENA WILL MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS

Opening of Stewart Will Have Enlivening Effect on Business

There is promise of a very large freight and passenger business to the north this spring. Already the steamship companies are booking cargoes ahead and it is now a certainty that the business done this spring will far outdo anything that has been done on the coast for many years.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

On or before March 10, 1910, a combined gas and bell buoy will be established off Oyster Bay, five miles southward of Cape Mudge.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Date, Time of High Water, and Time of Low Water for Victoria, March 1910.

Shipping Report

Tatoosh, March 1, 8 a.m.—Rainy; thick; wind S.W., 20 miles; bar, 29.72; temp, 46; sea rough. Out, Washington at 8 a.m.

INAUGURATING NEW SERVICE

STEAMER PETRIANA LEAVES TO-NIGHT

Manager Galt Says Freighter Will Call at This Port Fortnightly

The Northern Steamship Company's recently purchased freighter, the Petriana, arrived here this morning from Vancouver to inaugurate the new service to Prince Rupert and Stewart.

ALDEN CHARTERED

Andrew Weir & Co. Fix Norwegian Steamer for Australian Mail Line.

SLACK WATER

Table with columns for Date, H.W., Slack, and W. Slack for various dates in March 1910.

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SLOOP AT ESQUIMALT MADE POOR SHOWING

Gunnery Results Show Up Worse Than for Previous Year

A special to the Times from London says: The return of the results of the heavy gunnery tests last year, just published by the Admiralty, show that the sloop Shearwater and Algerine did poorly in the matter of gunnery.

ST. DENNIS ARRIVES

Boscovitz Steamer Reports Very Bad Weather in the North.

SHIPPING GUIDE

Table with columns for Vessel, From, To, and Date for various shipping routes.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Table with columns for Vessel, From, To, and Date for ocean steamships.

COASTWISE STEAMERS

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HONDURAN TROOPS AID NICARAGUANS

Five Hundred Men Reported to Have Joined the Forces of Madriz

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.—Powerful inducements are working today to avert a walkout of thousands of union labor men and women here.

SNOWSLIDES FOLLOW THAW IN KOOTENAY

Nelson, B. C., March 1.—The sudden thaw which commenced on Saturday, following a heavy fall of snow, has started innumerable snowslides all over the Kootenay.

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TRYING TO AVERT GENERAL STRIKE

Effort Being Made to Arrange for Arbitration at Philadelphia

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LECTURED ON GLADSTONE

Interesting Address Given by Rev. S. J. Thompson in Centennial Church.

TO THE KLONDIKE

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AT HOME FRIDAY.

**LEAD THE TIMES**

### Social and Personal

Miss Turner left last night for Vancouver.  
Miss F. C. Elliott is visiting friends in Seattle.  
H. Winfield of Nelson, is in this city on business.  
E. A. Morris crossed over to Vancouver last night.  
Miss Neelands left for Seattle last night on a visit.  
Miss Anderson reached this city from Seattle yesterday.  
J. L. Skene left on a business trip to Seattle last night.  
Thos. Hooper left for Vancouver on business last night.  
Miss McIntosh returned from a visit to Seattle yesterday.  
A. J. McDonald sailed for Seattle on the Royal last night.  
C. B. Sword was a passenger for Vancouver last night.  
A. J. Woodward has gone over to Vancouver on business.  
W. G. McKenzie passed over to the Terminal city last night.  
Mr. Chief Justice Hunter went over to Vancouver last night.  
Mr. and Mrs. McPhee of Los Angeles, are in the city on a visit.  
E. A. Marshall left on the Charlotte last night for Vancouver.  
W. A. Ward returned to Vancouver last night on the Charlotte.  
Miss Wolfenden is on a visit to Vancouver. She left last evening.  
W. E. Blakemore went over on last night's Princess to Vancouver.  
H. Croft left on the Charlotte last night for Vancouver on business.  
Capt. Gibson arrived from Seattle yesterday on the Princess Royal.  
J. Pendray crossed over to the mainland last night on a business trip.  
H. J. Saunders was a passenger on the Princess Royal from Seattle yesterday.  
W. F. Jones was among last night's passengers for Seattle on the Princess Royal.  
Rev. W. C. Drahn and Mrs. Drahn left last night on a visit to Vancouver, Wash.  
Mrs. Elwell returned from Seattle yesterday, where she has been visiting friends.  
Mrs. Seegan and Miss Seegan, of Seattle, arrived in this city yesterday on a visit.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mills were among yesterday's arrivals from the Sound on the Royal.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hudson were passengers for the Terminal city last night on the Princess Charlotte.  
Capt. R. G. Talbot went over to Vancouver last night, where he will spend several days on business.  
Dr. Spencer of Vancouver, who has been in this city for the past few days, left last night for the mainland.  
L. B. Forsyth of Toronto, after spending a number of days in this city on business, left last night for Vancouver.  
F. G. Fletcher, who has been in Seattle for the past few days on business, returned to this city yesterday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, who have been on a tour of Southern California points, returned to this city yesterday afternoon.  
Among the passengers for Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte were: E. O. Wilnot, L. S. Clark, F. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Dicker and Mr. Radiger.  
Miss Cordelia Grylls is expected back in Victoria this evening. She has been singing with much success in Los Angeles and San Francisco, where the Chronicle writes, her "beautiful voice was heard with enthusiasm."

Frank J. Mackenzie, M. P. P. for Delta, and his little daughter, Isabel, came over from the mainland on last evening's boat. Mr. Mackenzie, while in the city, makes his home with his sister, Mrs. R. H. Walker, Douglas street.  
Mrs. Spratt was hostess on Friday last to the members of the Friday Bridge Club. The house was charmingly decorated with quantities of spring flowers and a very dainty tea was served. The prize winners were: Mrs. Finmerfell, first prize; Miss May Newcombe, second prize.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hoskins, 1092 Dallas road, Ross Bay, to take farewell of Mr. C. C. Smith, who is about to leave for Alberta. The gathering was a very large one and all enjoyed the many pretty dances, recitations and songs, etc. During the evening Mr. Smith was presented with a "survivor's" compass by his friends: Mr. and Mrs. J. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. A. Jenner, who wished him good luck for the future. Supper was served during the evening. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Green, Mr. R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. Shoultice.

At the K. of P. hall on Wednesday evening last at 9 o'clock, an enjoyable treat was being planned. The members of the Alexandra lodge of the Sons of England will hold a social on that date, to which they have invited the members of the Daughters of England, also those of the Pride of the Island lodge of the S. O. E. A programme full of good instrumental and vocal music has been prepared, also a copious supply of refreshments. This will be the occasion of the presentation of a jewel of merit to past officers of the lodge. The committee having the arrangements in hand are desirous that this event shall be the most successful in the history of the lodge. All the members of the orders mentioned are cordially requested to be present.

**Y. M. C. A. MAY BE FORMED AT CHILLIWACK**  
**C. R. Sayers Outlines Plans and Gives Details Regarding Expenses**  
Chilliwack, Feb. 28.-The organization of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the construction, furnishing, equipping and maintenance of a building for their use and accommodation was a theme that came up for discussion at a public meeting held in the court house.  
C. R. Sayer, the travelling secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Western Canada, had been invited to be present at the meeting and upon the request of the chairman took the platform and outlined a scheme of procedure and work along the lines of the Y. M. C. A. that was proving satisfactory. He stated that for a city of the size of Chilliwack an expenditure of \$5,000 would be required to start with. This would buy a lot, construct a building suitable for the purpose and furnish and equip it ready for use.  
The building would be two stories, the lower floor fitted up with all the conveniences of an up-to-date gymnasium, with swimming tank, reading rooms, etc., and the upper story fitted up for living and sleeping rooms for the members. The rent derived from these rooms would go far towards the maintenance of the Y. M. C. A. For a capable instructor and caretaker for the Y. M. C. A., an annual salary of from \$200 to \$1,200 would have to be paid. Other expenditures annually would run the cost of maintenance up to about \$3,000, which should be all the cost.  
The Rev. Manuel Stewart and Watson all spoke in favor of a Y. M. C. A. as also did Dr. Fraser and N. Anning of the high school and A. R. Pearson.  
It was finally decided to make thorough canvass of the city and find out the feeling of the citizens with regard to subscriptions and the possibilities of maintaining it should one be started.

**CELEBRATION OF St. David's Day**  
**THE VICTORIA CYMRORORION SOCIETY**  
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**SELLERS' RIGHTS-ANSWER TO "WATCHMAN"**  
To the Editor:-Seeing a letter in the Times of February 22nd, signed "Watchman," I, as one interested in settlers, a squatter, am writing a few lines to corroborate his statements. We are indeed having a hard time of it. As one of those who made application for a new country, living on land that every acre of it had to be cleared, poor roads and a poor market in the bargain, made the life of the early settlers of 1878 to 1879 on Vancouver Island anything but a paradise. Why, farmers now are in clover. They can get good work easily if their farms do not pay, and then the railway opens up the country. Years ago, long before the settlement bill of 1884 was passed, we made application for some right to our lands, but all the government agent could tell us was, "I cannot do anything for you," but he knew, and the government of that day knew, that we were on the land, and on that application we should receive a crown grant, as the right of old settlers should be reserved. A few weeks ago there was an ad. in the Colonist asking all those interested in settlers' rights to go to Victoria on a certain day, but they found when they arrived at the place of meeting that it was only intended for those that had made application.

Mr. McBride was appealed to and told that these men had come down under a false impression and asked what he was going to do about it. He only waved his hand and said that that subject was closed long ago and could not be reopened.  
When this settlers' rights bill was fought for and passed, it was a bill giving rights to 150 settlers, instead of only 30, who received crown grants by making application for them, and after all this Mr. McBride claims to be the friend of the workman, and does not see himself the friend of the old settler, who is the backbone of the country. Verily, he who cut a home out of the woods on Vancouver Island deserves a crown as well as a crown grant.  
Hoping for the sake of all concerned that you will find space in your valuable paper for this letter.  
AN INTERESTED ONE.

**NEW GRAND THEATRE**  
Girls and acrobats, plenty of both, distinguish an unusually good show at the Grand, and it is one that should draw packed houses until the end of the week.  
The Schiavony Family of European acrobats have a truly startling and sensational turn. The crowning trick consists of a very strong and prepossessing young girl, standing at one side of the stage and catching two members of the troupe on the palms of her hands while they are throwing somersaults. Their other feats are all brilliant exceptions. Some original comedy is interspersed. A very dainty singing turn is offered by "Those Three Girls," Evelyn Ellison, Mabelle Meredith and Elsie Wales, and they were forced to respond to many encores last night. They confine their selections to catchy and popular songs, and in these latest melodies they are heard to splendid advantage. Harry Bachelier, the Musical Rubie, makes more than good in that position. He plays on some novel instruments of his own device, and produces music from all of them. He can almost be described as the one man band, as at one time he plays on no less than three instruments. Ralph C. Whitehead, a mere youngster, appeared in a singing specialty, in which he imitated an Englishman and an Italian very accurately. His descriptive prize-light recitation was one of his best numbers, and it landed him as a strong favorite. Every set on the bill is good this week, and the show is one worth seeing.

### What Other People Think

**PAARDEBERG HEROES**  
To the Editor:-As "Paardeberg Day" has been fitly celebrated with all due honors to the men of the "Canadian Regiment" (the survivors and those who fell upon that ever memorable day), it may not be out of place to refer to the individual formation of that regiment. If direct reference was made to the nationality of those fallen heroes it would be pleasing to friends and relations. I was present when the "first contingent" for South Africa was enrolled at the N. W. M. P. barracks at Calgary. It contained many young men who had only recently arrived from England, Ireland and Scotland, but I refer particularly to three of my own friends, two Irish and one English, all buried in South Africa. They came out apparently to Canada with the indefinite idea, peculiar to many Old Country people that landing in Canada was tantamount to quickly amassing a large fortune by ranching, having gained sufficient experience by a few months' work on a ranch. It is about that time they became acquainted in Calgary, and came to the conclusion their special mission was to make their fortune by "ben ranching" on the prairie outside that city of 7,000 inhabitants. On one lot they erected a small shack for themselves and the hens, all duly fenced as a hen run, and being determined "not to lose valuable time," they stocked it with fowl, purchased at ruinous prices. They were always joyous and happy during their short tenancy, and I had frequent interviews with one or more of them (generally only one) through the wire fence, as the shack was a little crowded. One day, shortly before the enrollment of the first contingent for South Africa, I found one of the Irishmen at home, busy smoking. He said "the other two had stepped into town (300 yards) for some sausages for the dinner." To my formal inquiry as to how they were getting on, he replied: "Divil a bother. But 'en Englishman is smaley, and talkin' of pullin' out on Saturday, and Pether is thiffin' of pullin' out a Monday." Being more than surprised at the inconsistency in his statements and the sudden dissolution of partnership I asked how he would manage about the fowl. "The chickens, it is," said he, "Oh, the divil a wan o' me knows. Maybe it's the way I'll be pullin' out myself wan of these days."  
My English-speaking young friends failed to make money on a Canadian prairie, but were interred on an African veldt as brave soldiers of the King, one having attained the rank of lieutenant for distinguished service.  
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BUDGET DEBATE

LASTED LONG

(Continued from page 3)

believe that never before in the history of the province has there been such an organization as that which carried the conservative majority on the floor of the House.

"That organization—I speak from my own knowledge—included a great proportion of the civil service of the province. One great factor was the road boss. Another, and in my district a very useful cog, was also the provincial policeman. Not only that, but I was told by a provincial land surveyor, with a good deal of bravado in his voice, that certainly speaking loud enough to be heard by some of his Conservative friends, that from the north end of Cape Scott to Alberni town he had done me out of every possible vote he could. That was but a cog in that Conservative organization. I have not here listening to the Prime Minister advancing an excuse for legislation that the people had unbounded confidence in the government or else they would not have returned it with such a majority. But if I take into consideration this organization, this assistance on the part of those who should not assist, this interference on the part of those who under no circumstances should interfere but should be dismissed if they do, he will know what was one of the greatest factors in bringing about the defeat of the Liberal party.

"During the last session an act was put through whereby grading commissioners were appointed to reorganize the civil service, and it was said that now we were going to have eliminated the evil of patronage, so far as this government was concerned. A great deal was said in favor of the bill, and it was pointed out that models of virtue and morality the service would become, and now that we have seen some of its workings we are led to believe that as a matter of fact the government of the day intends to see that there are none left within the service except those whom they will be anxious to see promoted later on.

Ignored the Law. "It has been brought to my attention that in filling two important positions directly connected with the government the principle of the civil service act has been ignored and persons from outside have been given places, not as a matter of personal friendship or political affiliations. I would call the attention of the Premier to the fact that that is directly contrary to the position taken on the floor in this very matter by the government last year. While I have nothing to say against these gentlemen I have to say that the government has itself broken through the principle of the bill it introduced last session.

"I protest that the minister of finance took the credit for all the prosperity of the province and laid it at the feet of the premier; that even sunshine and showers was due to him, and the member for Nanaimo pointed out the true test of a government's ability is not, I contend, to cause the whole country to prosper and every part must share in that prosperity. The test of statesmanship is not the ability to take advantage of prosperity, but is more the manner in which a government meets the exigencies that confront all governments and all countries at times. I would refer to the time when a government was free to face with a financial strait in regard to which you would think, to hear it spoken of, that the government had pulled the province out of an awful position, made a surplus out of deficits. What did it do? Panic-stricken, they resorted to the means nearest at hand, and that was excessive and exorbitant taxation. Even at this date, after all these years of prosperity, they find that but twelve cents per capita is the actual reduction to the taxpayer. After being driven to taxing everything, and having a surplus which they can trot out and show the public before an election, up to the date they have only had the courage to reduce that taxation by a trivial twelve cents.

"The minister of finance states that the government has discovered a new source from which they expect considerable revenue. He stated that it was their intention to have an audit of the Shuswap and Okanagan accounts, and expected this to bring in a much larger amount as the province's forty per cent. of the gross earnings of the road. I would favor an audit of that company's accounts or those of any other that will bring in money. Hon. gentlemen will find in the public accounts that in 1892-3 an audit was made of the Shuswap and Okanagan accounts. That audit cost \$818.40. In 1893 the receipts from the C. P. R., which should be forty per cent. of its gross earnings on that branch, were \$11,800.44 for thirteen months. An audit takes place and in the next year we find that the proportion turned in to the province amounted to \$5,709.12. In that district, then which probably none has developed faster, which the chief commissioner of lands will say is the garden of British Columbia, which has been subdivided and has seen great growth, that has advanced 500 per cent.—one member last session said it was more like 500 per cent.—yet after seventeen years the amount received from the C. P. R. is forty per cent. of earnings, when they must have carried thousands of settlers and their effects and done a large business, is \$27,202.40. In 1905, I would certainly look as if there would be need for an audit, but let us hope that audit will not have the same effect as that of 1892-3. I am surprised such an obvious source of taxes has escaped the surveyor of taxes and the minister of finance. May it take another magnificent sum of twelve cents off the poor taxpayer!

No Explanation Given. "The minister of finance paid a tribute to his predecessor, Capt. Tatlow, as a man who had the entire confidence of the country. I agree with that. I think no member, and certainly no Conservative member, will deny that the retiring minister possessed general confidence. But it is a little surprising that he had to refer to his predecessor. Why did not the premier acquaint the

House with the changes in his cabinet and the reasons why these gentlemen who have been spoken so highly of should have thrown up their portfolios, stepped down and out on the eve of an election; give us the reason why these gentlemen were in variance with the rest of the government.

"I noticed with a good deal of regret that the minister of finance announced that agricultural societies were to receive no more grants. I think these have filled a very useful function and in many cases it was worth the government's while to allow further grants. I know one case in my district where they have gone to great expense, created a fine little exhibition, done great good and incurred some debt in the course of their work trying to get a permanent home for the exhibition. I think it is retrenching in a very poor way indeed to cease aid to such worthy organizations. The amount asked for agriculture, compared with that for advertising, is very small. No less than \$16,000 is expended on advertising. Had that been spent on advertising the resources of the province—and bringing people to it there would not be much objection, but while I have not yet received a return I asked for some time ago, I think, judging by the appearance of certain newspapers, that a big proportion of that amount has gone as pay to those who are doing good work for the government at election time.

"I see there is also an item in the estimates which comes under the head of constitutional litigation and general law costs. That should appeal to the minister of finance as attorney-general. It is an amount of not less than \$25,000. When we take into account the amount of litigation, the jaunts to England and all that I am surprised the amount is not larger. If the province were put as towards the assistance of agriculture the province would have a better reputation and would suffer less loss.

Where Some Money Goes. "For the protection of the forests \$75,000 is to be voted. That is quite right but there is an unfortunate habit of using money for political purposes. Money is spent on fire-bosses—where there seems to be regard to the election, but just before election. I asked the other day in regard to the expenditure on fire-rangers in two districts, Delta and Chilliwack, and got a very interesting answer. The answer helped me to understand the defeat of John Oliver and C. W. Munro, because in those districts, where there is practically no provincial timber, it being all the Dominion railway belt, the government had fire and game wardens galore, and probably road foremen, and if we were to analyze it down to the last the new member for Delta will probably find that the work of these men had more to do with his election than this House. I asked the minister of finance to get rid of their old member.

"A great deal was said in regard to experimental orchards. Who would not like to have an experimental orchard? If it is the intention of the government to plant, pay for and give friends of the government experimental orchards, why there is very little doubt but that people will desire to have them. The attorney-general can feed it as another means of pap at the next election. I think there should by all means be experimental orchards to try new species and varieties and learn how to handle them, but the government should own these orchards.

"The Minister of Finance has made a great boast of the six million dollars the government has in bank, but I would point out, for instance, that if a farmer has a \$10,000 farm and sells half of it for \$5,000 he has not much to boast of, and that is the position the Minister of Finance is in. We have sold from our capital account. We have the Point Grey lands and other lands, portions of the capital account of the province, and it should not be the policy of the government to allow of their encroachment except for public works or something that equally accrues to the benefit of the province. We have heard much of the credit of the province. Along the lines of the same argument the Minister of Finance used we can figure that Great Britain is on the down grade and that only British Columbia can survive. The argument of the Minister of Finance is on the same line, only an attempt to cover up a great many of the sins of his Conservative friends in the government, and made with a view, no doubt, to create an impression in the province that even in the loss of such a competitor and respected man as the late minister he, as Minister of Finance, has come to proclaim that British Columbia stands higher than the rest of the world.

"The revenue from timber in 1908 is given in the budget speech as \$2,623,754. Made up of \$2,282,624 from timber licenses, \$32,045 from timber leases, which includes pulp leases, and \$309,085 in royalties. I have been told that in one instance alone within a pulp lease there exists no less a sum than \$2,000,000 worth of first-rate cedar, and yet the total revenue from all sources is as I have stated. I would suggest that the policy the government has adopted is one that in a short time will leave our province denuded of timber, of coal, of its water-power and everything, spending our capital account. If, as the Minister of Finance seems to intend to do, it is all spent now we will have troubled times indeed when we have to go to the money markets."

A. E. McPhillips (The Islands) remarked that while it seemed superfluous to speak of the position of British Columbia, some statements of the attenuated Liberal opposition called for comment. The brief was a difficult one, but it had been spoken to with as much success as was possible. Before referring to these, however, the member for the Islands treated the House to an eloquent address on the record of the government and the ability of its leader, and defending the action of the Conservatives at the time of the adoption of party lines in provincial affairs, although, he said, he personally had felt great regret that they had severed relations with many of the gentlemen who assisted in bringing Mr. McBride to office. He paid a high tribute to Captain Tatlow and Mr. Fulton as two gentlemen who had discharged their duties excellently. Their retirement, he said, was not because they did not agree with the government on a matter of policy. Neither of them opposed the government on the matters referred to by the member for Alberni. Mr. McPhillips broadened out his speech, which eventually took in Home Rule for Ireland and the Canadian policy of defence. On the latter point he thought

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that Canada should be ready to spend one hundred millions without taking a word in the way of concession as to its control. This is the time when our treasury should be emptied to preserve the Empire," he declared.

Aid for Land Clearing. W. H. Hayward (Cowichan) commended the government for taking some steps to solve the domestic problem by assisting the Salvation Army to bring out suitable girls from the Old Country. This was a thing badly wanted, and the government of the province would thank the government to make loans for the clearing and irrigating of lands on the same principle as was done as they would interest would be as large as they would benefit from the bank and the return to the province would be ten hundred fold.

The other speakers in the debate, were Thomas Caven (Cranbrook), H. G. Pearson (Golden), F. J. Mackenzie (Delta), H. E. Watson (Comox). The latter advocated the assistance by the government of land clearing.

The budget was passed without a division, and the House went at once into supply, with Mr. Hayward in the chair. On the vote for the Alberni agency Mr. Hayward asked why there was a discrimination in the salaries of the government agents, the agent at Alberni, who was also stipendiary magistrate and filled other offices, receiving but \$122 per month, while the Golden agent got \$10, the Kamloops agent \$50, and the agent at Fernie \$25.

The Minister of Finance replied that the agent at Alberni was one of the youngest and got a house as well as an allowance as magistrate.

There was some discussion between Farker Williams and the Premier over the appointment of a government agent at Ladysmith, which place its member considered was entitled to one.

NEW UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NO LIKELIHOOD OF COALITION CABINET

Such an Issue Said to Have Been Anticipated for Months Past

"Onlooker," writing in the London Daily Telegraph of February 28th on the question of South African Union, says: "It seems clear that all hope of forming a coalition ministry as the first government of the new union of South Africa has been abandoned. There is, perhaps, some danger that the news will be regarded in this country as more regrettable than it really is. In the first place, such an issue to the drawn-out negotiations between the Progressives and the 'Dutch' parties has for months been seen in South Africa to be inevitable. As long ago as last Christmas, reference was made in these columns to the failure of the coalition overtures, and if the machinery of party government is to be in working order by the date of the first general election in the early spring (S. A.), this public announcement of the dividing line between the rival policies comes none too early. In the second place, the proposal that a coalition ministry should inaugurate the work of the South African Union was by no means received with unqualified satisfaction in all quarters.

"Perhaps the best thing that could be said about it was that the suggested amalgamation would offer convincing proof of the determination of all parties loyally to work together for the good of the union. But of this the union itself is the best proof, and loyalty is no man's monopoly.

"It would no doubt have been in some ways pleasanter if the rivalries could have been obliterated during the time of the Prince of Wales' coming stay in South Africa for the purpose of opening the first Union parliament. But, as practical men, the responsible heads of the existing governments in the sub-continent have realized that if, as for political cleavage there cannot be other than racial, no real good could be done by a sham coalition. Such a make-believe reconciliation would not merely have wasted time, it might also have east a tinge of insincerity over the inauguration of the union, which African suggestions of all shades of feeling would have deplored. But far more cogent reasons against any coalition are that for the purpose of party government, an efficient opposition is almost as necessary as an efficient administrative party, and that such an amalgamation of the first South African parliament of that volume of steady and responsible criticism of which it will then stand in need more than at any subsequent time. Lord Curzon, during his recent tour in the country, was consulted on this point, and he strongly expressed his opinion that this need for a capable opposition, qualified if and when necessary to carry on the work of government, seemed to him to outweigh any possible advantages to be derived from a temporary coalition.

"On the whole, therefore, we may hear the news of the abandonment of these negotiations without serious concern. A more important point is that it seems that in this matter Mr. Merriman, of Cape Colony, is to some extent taking upon himself the responsibility of speaking on behalf of the 'Dutch' parties of South Africa. If this means that he and not General Botha may become first premier of the Union, there are few on either side of the equator who will not regret the fact. Our late enemy in the field has won the unwavering confidence of every section of the Empire; indeed, it is not too much to say that General Botha's personality has been one of the most important factors in making the path of South African unification.

"So far as racial prejudices are concerned it was from the first likely that the old difference of attitude between the twin white nations of the Cape would be reflected in the early parliaments of the Union. But no real antagonism exists between the two, and that their interests have been identified, other and more purely political lines of cross-cleavage may be trusted soon to spring up in Union politics.

The London Daily Telegraph obtained by cable from its Capetown correspondent press opinions and the views of the leading public men in the colony on the situation described by "Onlooker." The Cape Times, the Johannesburg Leader and the Rand Daily Newsbark leader and the attitude of Prime Minister Merriman of Cape Colony, affirming that the time has arrived for re-casting the parties. Appended is a summary of the speech made by Mr. Merriman at Capetown in January last with reference to the South African Union: "We have considered our flying machine, but we have got to make it work yet. He trusted in the spirit which made the Union possible, but expressed the opinion that if they who were in the majority adopted a 'top-down' policy, the criticism of which it will then stand in need more than at any subsequent time. Lord Curzon, during his recent tour in the country, was consulted on this point, and he strongly expressed his opinion that this need for a capable opposition, qualified if and when necessary to carry on the work of government, seemed to him to outweigh any possible advantages to be derived from a temporary coalition.

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FALLS TO DEATH

INTO EXTINCT VOLCANO

Idaho Miner Killed While on a Prospecting Trip in the Mountains

Boise, Idaho, March 1.—Confirmation of the report of the terrible death of C. E. Bell, an Idaho miner, who fell 1,500 feet into the crater of an extinct and polluted volcano near the headwaters of the Bruneau river, 100 miles south of Boise, reached here to-day. Bell and two companions were prospecting at the time. The former outdistanced the two others and reached the crater first. Before his friends could warn him, Bell had started to walk over a bridge of snow at the side of the volcano's mouth. He failed to hear the shout of his companions, and peered over the edge into the crater. At this moment, his foot slipped and he fell head long with a terrible scream, into the volcano. A rescue party lowered one of its members by a rope 200 feet into the crater. When pulled back the man reported no sight of Bell and said that the next landing was 600 feet below where he had stopped.

JUDGE REBUKES UNITED STATES SENATE

Declares Supreme Court Has Power to Summon Congressmen

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Justice Wright, of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, yesterday scathingly rebuked the U. S. senate in an opinion which took him two hours to read. The criticism was called forth by the recent action of the senate in passing a resolution which held that members of congress were exempt from subpoenas of the court and that members of the joint congressional committee on printing could therefore ignore the court's orders. Justice Wright held that court had jurisdiction over the committee because the court was created by a statute which holds that "no person is above the law, no matter how exalted may be his station."

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While a number of lions were being exercised at Bostock's Jungle, Manchester, an exciting fight occurred between two of them, with the result that one was killed. The incident occurred in a passage behind the cages, in which the animals are allowed to roam in batches for exercise. Owing to an attendant's mistake a lion fresh from East Africa, named Roosevelt, was put in with a number of other lions. The intrusion of the stranger was challenged by Menelik, a gift from the Emperor of Abyssinia. The two sprang at each other, and Menelik ultimately got Roosevelt by the throat and killed him.

Maurice Benedict was under treatment at St. Louis hospital, Paris, for a disease of the nose, and to cure it the doctors applied a remedy containing 225 worth of radium. After a day or two the doctors found the radium had vanished, and Maurice was accused of stealing it. The precious substance, having been found concealed in the lining of his coat,

### WILL RESUME WORK ON BLUE BIRD MINE

Large Amount of Ore Has Been Shipped From Property—Operations in Mayflower

Rusland, Feb. 28.—H. Whitford has received instructions from Lyman Carter, president of the Blue Bird Mining Company, to restart work on the Blue Bird mine in the South Belt, and will commence operations in a few days. The financial affairs of the company are in good shape and the intention is to do considerable development work during the ensuing several months. It is thought by a good many that the Blue Bird can be developed into a mine of considerable merit, as the ore is of an excellent grade and there are several ledges from which it can be profitably extracted. A considerable tonnage of ore of a good grade was shipped from the Blue Bird in the latter part of 1898, and the early portion of 1909, when it was being operated under a lease by Messrs. Whitford and Jenkins.

Lessee Hanson, of the Mayflower, has uncovered a four-foot ledge on that

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CONTRACTS FOR NEW RAILWAYS (Continued from page 3)
Whereas it is in the interest of the province of British Columbia that a line of railway be built connecting the Boundary District with the coast cities by a more direct route than at present.

INSPECTOR ADDRESSES SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Opposed to Charging Fees to High School Pupils at Vernon
Vernon, Feb. 28.—At the regular meeting of the board of school trustees Inspector Miller addressed the members at some length, and went very fully into various matters connected with the administration of the schools.

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ROSSLAND TO HAVE BOOSTER CLUB
Will Advertise Advantages and Resources of City and District
Rossland, Feb. 28.—Preliminary steps in the direction of forming a Boosters' Club were taken at a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of representative citizens, held in the city hall.

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CONTENT TO STARVE
Old Man's Life on a Piece of Toast a Day.
The case of an aged couple, who were contented though they lived in extreme poverty, was described at an inquest on William Henry Mead, aged sixty-four, a general dealer, living in Peter street, Westminster, London, who died suddenly.

RESIGNS POST IN THE TURKISH NAVY
Rear Admiral Gamble, Loaned by Britain, Will Return Home
Rear-Admiral Sir Douglas Gamble, who was sent to the Turkish government by the British admiralty to assist in the reorganization of the Turkish navy, has tendered his resignation, the grounds of ill-health, the climate disagreeing with him.

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All persons having claims against the estate of Samuel Henry Stephens, late of Victoria, British Columbia, deceased, are requested to send particulars, duly verified, to H. G. HALL, 521 Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., on or before the 4th day of March, 1910, after which date the executors will be at liberty to distribute the estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the executors then have notice. Dated the 3rd day of February, 1910. H. G. HALL, Solicitor for the Executors, James Maynard and Samuel Johns.

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DANES STILL BELIEVE

COOK FOUND POLE

Explorer Reported to Have Left Chile for the Argentine

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Word reached here yesterday that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited explorer, accompanied by his wife, departed from Antofagasta, Chile, Sunday for Argentina. Their exact destination was not disclosed.

The information regarding Cook's departure, revived discussion of the address given here by Maurice E. Egan, minister to Denmark, at the University Club. Minister Egan declared that half the people of Denmark still believe that Cook reached the pole. He supplemented the statement by saying: "I shall believe Dr. Cook, the explorer, is an honest man until there is definite proof to the contrary. The University of Copenhagen simply declared that records furnished by Dr. Cook were not sufficient to enable it to determine whether he had been to the Pole."

TIMBER POLICY WAS LIBERAL'S

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reached them? No unsurveyed land should be sold to a speculator, but should be held for the settler. In certain bar-rooms of Victoria were men being asked to sign a paper which purported to be an assignment of their rights in certain lands to be secured at Fort George and elsewhere. If the Premier knew of this, and he must, he should for all time to come stop this speculation. Make it as easy as possible for the actual settler, the man who wanted to work and make a living, to go on the land without having to pay the speculator a handsome profit on the amount the latter paid the government. The government should do as the Liberals would have done, hold the land for the settler and get settlers for the land. If the present method was to go on the people would find the land, timber, water, coal, everything they had, would be in the hands of trust speculators and future generations, instead of a heritage such as few countries could hand down to those coming after, would have nothing but a province plucked of its assets.

Premier's Reply. Premier McBride disclaimed any following of the Liberal party in the decision to extend the tenure. The matter had first come up when E. F. Green was chief commissioner, and objection was made that bankers did not find timber licenses a tangible asset on which to lend money. There was an extension made to twenty-one years, but deputations of loggers and millmen still continued to press on the government that the banks did not yet look on their licenses with favor. The government wanted to extend the tenure before it would accede to these requests and appointed a commission, on whose advice it was now proposing an extension of the tenure of licenses. When the commission made a final report right and just rentals and royalties on an industry in which the government was practically in co-partnership with the holders would follow. As to the Liberal policy, he did not know until the statement of their election platform what it was.

Dealing with the land question the premier contended that "speculators" had to pay the price the government charged for lands and that this brought in a large revenue to the province. There was a great deal of clap-trap talked about the genuine settler, he said, and he wanted to know who anyone was that he should set himself up in judgment on who was genuine settler and who speculator. Personally, he knew no community without men who were willing to sell for a turn-over; we were all speculators more or less. The man who settled in British Columbia had all the advantages he could wish for and he gave little or nothing for them. He had nothing to complain of. There was more provision made for him by the British Columbia government than by any other government in Canada. There were large areas of land open to him in the north, in the Peace River block, in the Queen Charlotte Islands and elsewhere throughout the province.

Michael Manson (Comox), urged that lands such as beaver meadows, swamps and such like on which heavy timber did not grow, the chief commissioner should have power to let the timber licenses relinquish. This would be more workable than it was at present. In the case of log-rafting lands and similar lands available for agricultural purposes the commissioner should have the same power. The log-rafting provisions ought to be included as part of this bill. There was much complaint of unfairness as the result of scaling up the British Columbia log-scale, giving less than under the old Scribner scale. A log twenty-two inches in diameter gave practically the same contents by both scales. Logs less than 22 inches gave a little more under the British Columbia scale, but logs larger than 22 inches gave very much less. In a forty-foot log 36 inches in diameter there was a disadvantage of 24 feet under the British Columbia scale, when 42 inches in diameter 45 feet and when 60 inches the disadvantage was 1,235 feet. It was to be hoped the government would attend to this while this bill was before the House.

Parker Williams (Newcastle), pointed out the fact that the British Columbia Gazette showed notices by the hundred predominantly in one or other of four names, acting as agents for men, often with unpronounceable names, from distant parts.

A division was demanded on the second reading by the Socialists. Mr. Brewster, naturally, voted with the government, in support of the policy which it has borrowed from the Liberal party. Mr. Jardine, who voted for the McDonald resolution on March 7,

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The other is a 195-Piece Service in dainty Rosenthal China. Shapes are decidedly new and the pattern is a narrow border of gold with gold handles and a delicate floral design that go perfectly with this shape. The homekeeper who wouldn't go into raptures over this would be pretty hard to please. Priced at..... \$75.00

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1908, as well as Mr. Brewster, voted with the two Socialist members against the bill.

Land Registry Act.

An act amending the Land Registry Act was considered in committee of the whole, J. A. Fraser (Cariboo) in the chair. One section provides that a municipality can charge a fee of \$2 for each lot for the registration of subdivisions. Another section gives city councils the right to refuse to approve of plans because of insufficient provision for lanes. A section, added by the attorney-general, prohibits the registry of any title derived from the King in the right of Canada to foreshore or tidal land under the sea or land which is or has been part of an Indian reserve, without the sanction of the lieutenant-governor in council.

The attorney-general brought down a bill by message repealing the Commercial Travellers' License Act of 1907, as the subject matter of it is dealt with in the new liquor act.

The death occurred this morning at the family residence, Pandora street, of Mrs. Florence O'Toole, at the age of 35 years. Deceased was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, and has been in this city for some time. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

MAYOR SCENTS AN INJUSTICE

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Mayor Morley hinted that the blame for the introduction of the application had been thrown on Mr. Mann, and he asked that official if he was responsible for the Union of Municipalities taking it up.

In reply, Mr. Mann said Mr. Taylor, the city barrister, and himself had gone into the question two years ago and reported to the council.

Ald. Fullerton was of the opinion that a great injustice would be done the workmen if the proposed amendment were secured. The assessed owner should be entitled to vote.

Ald. Mable did not believe that the proposed arrangement was so one-sided as the mayor would have the board believe. He knew of where some people were empowered to vote twice in the past and this would have to be stopped.

It was finally decided to have the legislative committee of the council confer with the municipal committee of the legislature at once.

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The special services announced for this week in Christ Church Cathedral are: Wednesday, Bible reading by Bishop Perrin on St. John vi., at 5; penitential service at 8 with address by Rev. E. G. Miller on Caiaphas; Friday, children's services with address by the bishop at 4.15, "Story of the Cross" and address by Rev. W. Bar-nard at 7.30, subject, "The Church and

Holy Baptism." Morning prayer is said daily at 10 and evensong with devotional reading at 5. —The funeral of the late William John E. Clode, who passed away in Vancouver on the 25th ult., took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hanna parlors where services were conducted by Rev. T. E. Holling.