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COMMISSION URGES MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Suggests Additional Lights, Lifeboats, Surf-boats, Steamer, Beach Trails, Patrols, Wireless Telegraphy and Lightship.

The commission appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into all the circumstances connected with the Valencia wreck has not yet completed its labors, but the members have forwarded to the minister a preliminary statement which embodies their views with regard to improved aids to navigation and provision for rendering assistance to wrecked or endangered vessels. This report, which is signed by Capt. Gaudin, commissioner, and Captains Cox and Newcomb, assessors, is as follows:

Hon. W. Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue, Victoria:

Sir,—In compliance with your request, we, the commissioner and assessors appointed to investigate into the cause of the recent disaster to the S. S. Valencia, near Clatsop, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, have the honor to report that owing to the being among the survivors of the wreck, we have not been able to obtain reliable evidence as to the weather conditions prevailing at the time of the accident and for some time previous thereto, or to ascertain whether the aids to navigation on the Vancouver Island coast, as at present existing, are sufficient to prevent the recurrence of other accidents under similar circumstances.

As the scope of the investigation covered a request for suggestions relating to improvements to aids to navigation on the outer coast of this province, we have obtained expert evidence as to the principal points where it may be desirable to establish new lights and fog signals near the approach to the entrance of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, through which channel, at present, all vessels engaged in the overseas commerce of the province of British Columbia, and the state of Washington must necessarily navigate to reach their destinations. The prevalence of southerly gales during the autumn and winter months causes a strong surface set of current to the north and west, the strength of which is augmented by the strong tides setting out of the Straits as well as by the force and duration of these gales, and is therefore difficult to determine. This current with the occasional fogs and thick weather encountered on approaching the coast, which render it impossible for the mariner to verify the position of his ship by astronomical observations, makes this a dangerous lee shore, and unless the mariner has been keeping a very correct run of his vessel the soundings on his chart are likely to prove misleading, the depth of water and the nature of the ground on the Vancouver Island coast corresponding with those on the coast of the state of Washington. Taking these facts into consideration, and the recent loss of life attending the wrecks of the Valencia, King David and Pass of Melfort, we would strongly urge upon the Dominion government the establishment of efficient aids to navigation as regards lights and fog signals on the south and west coasts of Vancouver Island, as follows:

1. Light and fog alarm on Sherringham Point, in the Straits of Juan de Fuca.
2. Improvements to the light and fog alarm at Carmaham.
3. A more powerful light at Cape Beale; also a fog alarm.
4. The establishment of first-order lights and fog alarms on the more prominent headlands from Triangle

Count Cassini, head of the Russian mission, reports that the conference will be fruitless, he expresses a decided opinion that hostilities will not result.

RUSSIA STRIVES TO PRESERVE PEACE

BRINGS PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GERMANY

Czar's Representative at the Moroccan Conference Believes Hostilities Will Not Result.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Russia is using all her influence at Berlin to prevent a rupture between France and Germany. Her action has been taken at the instance of Paris, where the Rouvier government is apparently convinced that Germany proposes to persist in her attitude even to the point of provoking war. On account of the close relations existing between the courts of Berlin and St. Petersburg it is believed in France that Russia will have more influence upon Emperor William than any other power.

Earlier representations in favor of concessions to insure avoidance of an appeal to arms accordingly being made, Germany replied that she proposed to modify her attitude and Russia's advice from Algerias indicate that practically all hope of an amendment has been abandoned. Although

Island (Scott Islands) to Lennard Island. The establishment of self-propelling, self-righting and self-bailing approved lifeboats, to be stationed at points within reach of telegraphic communication with Beaufort Bay, Victoria, also a surf boat to be stationed, say, at Cluett or Clayoquot; also a powerful steamy steamer suitable for the work in connection with her other duties as a coast guard or fishery cruiser.

While we advocate the establishment of life boats on our own coast, we cannot but acknowledge that our boat stations, being to the leeward of the localities, where wrecks are most frequent, must of necessity be operated to disadvantage, owing to the difficulty of putting off to a wreck, as compared with a station at Beach Bay, in the state of Washington, which is to the windward, where there are always a number of sea-going tugs, and from which point a life boat could get away under almost any circumstances.

The recent wreck of the Valencia and the attendant loss of life have amply demonstrated that in the event of shipwrecks, assistance must be promptly given to be of any use. It has been shown that in stormy weather, with the high seas washing on our rockbound coast, aid from the sea by means of life boats may not always be practicable. We would impress upon the government the urgent necessity of having a road or trail as close to the shore as possible built between Owen Point, at the western entrance to Port San Juan, to Cape Beale, with telegraph operators' huts, fitted with instruments, etc., at easy intervals, say, six miles apart; the operators to be instructed to patrol this road at least once a day in all sorts of weather. The road to be constantly kept in such repair as to permit the transportation of a mortar and rocket apparatus at fair speed during day or night at all seasons.

We recommend to the favorable consideration of the government the advisability of utilizing wireless telegraphy in connection with the protection of the coast and for reporting casualties when they occur. The United States government, as we are informed, adopting this system upon the coast of the state of Washington. It has been repeatedly urged by practical seamen, giving evidence before us, that in the interests of navigation, as well as those of life and property, there exists a need of greater protection to the shipping interests of Canada, as well as to those of the United States, that from aids to navigation, established on their respective shores and the establishment of a light-ship, fitted with all modern appliances, to be moored at the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca in such a position as may hereafter be determined. This is a matter which concerns the governments of both countries, as the position where such an aid to navigation would be established would be outside of the territorial waters of both countries. While we strongly recommend such a light-ship, we realize that it is a subject that may be most advantageously determined by the two governments acting in concert.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. GAUDIN,
Commissioner.
JOHN G. COX,
HOLMES NEWCOMB,
Assessors.

A telegram from Teheran indicates that considerable interest is manifested in Persia at the possibility of an Anglo-Russian understanding. The Persian papers warn the government that it would result in the partition of Persia and as a means of combatting such an opinion they urge the immediate introduction of state reforms modelled on the British constitution.

DOMINION ELECTION.
DATE OF ELECTION, TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH; HOURS OF POLLING 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; PLACE OF POLLING ROYAL CAFE BUILDING, 55 FORT ST.

OPPOSITION HOPE ONLY TO CRITICIZE

DO NOT EXPECT TO WIN THE ELECTION

Meetings Arranged For the Campaign—Liberals at Spring Ridge Hall To-Night.

As the present campaign progresses it now seems the more evident that all the opposition hope of doing by bringing on a contest is to criticize the government's policy. In other words, it is a campaign of fault-finding from their standpoint with no expectation whatever of winning. At the meeting held in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening the line of battle was drawn, and the best speakers obtainable were procured to make strong the Conservative cause. But their efforts were attended with very poor results. It was seen that the meeting was largely composed of the older men in the party who have always voted Conservative, and probably always will irrespective of policy, men or things.

Numerous local matters formed the principal topics for discussion, and it will be interesting to note how easily these will be handled by the Liberal speakers at the Odd Fellows' hall in Spring Ridge to-night. This will be the opening meeting of the government supporters in the present contest, and will be addressed by Hon. William Templeman, John Oliver, M. P. P., James McNiven, M. P. P., and Wm. A. Gallihier, M. P., of Nelson. Alfred Huggert, chairman of the board of school trustees in this city, will preside as chairman. For either side about an equal number of meetings have been arranged. The Liberals will occupy the A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday night, when in addition to a number of those mentioned J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition in the provincial House, who enjoys the reputation of being a clear-cut and able speaker, will appear on the platform. On Thursday evening there will be a meeting in Semple's hall, Victoria West, when Chas. Munro, M. P. P. for Chilliwack, and C. H. Lugin, among others, will speak. On Friday evening a meeting will be held in Cramer's hall. Then there will come a break in the Liberal programme, and the next meeting will take place in the A. O. U. W. hall. What form this will take, however, has not yet been decided.

The Conservatives propose having their big meeting on the eve of the election in the Victoria theatre. To-night they will hold a meeting in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Wednesday, in North Ward school; on Thursday, in Spring Ridge, at Odd Fellows' hall, and at Cramer's hall; on Friday, at Oklands, and on Saturday in the A. O. U. W. hall.

SCHOONER FLOATED

Dutch, Minn., Feb. 27.—A steaming company yesterday released the stranded steel schooner Maria, of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, which went ashore at Encampment Island on November 28th. Work has been in progress on this boat since December 15th.

WESTERN MAN WILL MOVE ADDRESS

IN REPLY TO SPEECH IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Knowles Selected by the Premier—Seconded Will be Mr. Chisholm—The Insurance Commission.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 27.—In selecting the mover of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, the premier has again given evidence of his recognition of the growing importance of the West by naming W. E. Knowles, member-elect for West Assinabola, as mover. Mr. Knowles has accepted the honor. He takes the place in the House of Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan. The second of the address will be Mr. Chisholm, Antigonish, who replaces Colin McIsaac, now commissioner of the transcontinental railway. It has always been the custom in the past for a French-Canadian to have seconded the address, so that in this case there has been a departure in favor of an English-speaking man. To investigate insurance. An order in council was passed yesterday appointing commissioners to investigate life insurance in Canada. The

FORTY THOUSAND FOR KAIEN ISLAND

Speculators Were to Have Got Four Times as Much as the Province Received For the Townsite.

The select committee investigating Kaien Island land grant set again this morning, James Anderson, in his examination, revealed the amount which he and Mr. Larsen were to get out of the transaction. An agreement which he thinks was submitted to Mr. Bodwell as solicitor before being signed was entered into with the Grand Trunk Pacific by which \$40,000 was to have been paid by the company if Kaien Island was selected as the terminus. This agreement was afterwards cancelled by Mr. Larsen. The sum which the speculators were to get was thus four times what the province received. Frank M. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the G. T. Pacific, has replied to the message asking him to attend and give evidence. He explains that it would be most inconvenient for him to do so at this time. He expresses his readiness to attend were it not for the fact that President Hays is in Europe and Second Vice-President Wainwright is ill. The committee will sit on Thursday

said that he could not remember drafting the order-in-council establishing the reserve. Prior to the passage of this order-in-council the chief commissioner Mr. Vernon had a lawsuit with the Victoria Times and in consequence the reserve was placed. He remembered discussing the question of placing a reserve with the chief commissioner before it was done.

"Taking the language of the order-in-council the intention of the order-in-council was to reserve lands only on Timpespan peninsula," asked Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Gore said that that was the intention. It included what was known as the peninsula at that time. This included Kaien Island.

"This would not include the islands along the coast," asked Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Gore thought it would not. There were no islands shown.

When the first application came in a few years ago for lands on Kaien

LIBERAL MEETINGS

TO-NIGHT, February 27th

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, SPRING RIDGE,
Speakers:—Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue; Ralph Smith, M. P., Nanaimo; W. A. Gallihier, M. P., Kootenay, and John Oliver, M. P. P., Delta

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

A. O. U. W. HALL, YATES STREET
Speakers:—Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue; J. A. Macdonald, Leader of the Opposition; Ralph Smith, M. P., for Nanaimo. Ladies Cordially Invited.

SMOKING CONCERT

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
The Victoria Young Liberal Club
IN THE INTERESTS OF
HON. WILLIAM TEMPLEMAN
Minister of Inland Revenue
WILL BE HELD AT THE
A. O. U. W. Hall, Monday, 5th March
AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

A good Programme of songs and speeches has been prepared, and everyone is cordially invited.


C. P. R. WINS FAMOUS STREET ENDS CASE

Judgment of the Privy Council Sustains Contention of the Railway Company Regarding Right of Passage.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 27.—A cable from London says that judgment was delivered before the Imperial Privy Council today on an appeal from the Attorney-General of British Columbia vs. The Canadian Pacific. Sir Arthur Wilson delivered the judgment, and concluding said: "It is enough to say that the language of the C. P. R. act must prevail over that of the Consolidated Railway Act, which applies only so far as it is not inconsistent with the special act, and it is clear in their lordships' opinion that the power given to the company to appropriate the foreshore for the purpose of their railway, of necessity includes the right to obstruct any rights of passage previously existing across that foreshore. The appeal should be dismissed; Appellant will pay costs."

This case was taken up by the province to compel the opening of certain street ends in the city of Vancouver. These had been closed along the foreshore by the C. P. R. line of railway. The city sought to have the company open a way across their railway to the water front. The city's case was taken up by the province and carried through various courts to the highest in the empire. The decision of the Privy Council is in favor of the C. P. R. and allows the blocking of the street ends by that company.

This is one of the cases which Attorney-General Wilson went to London to argue on behalf of the province last summer.



J. A. Macdonald Seeking Information from W. S. Gore, Concerning the Maps Submitted.

morning, when E. V. Bodwell will again be called.

A telegram was read from Frank W. Morse as follows:

Montreal, Feb. 26th, 1906.
James F. Garden, Chairman Special Legislative Committee, Victoria:
Replying to your message, would be very glad to go to Victoria were it not that President Charles M. Hays is away in Europe. Second Vice-President Wm. Wainwright is away account ill-health, which, together with the fact that we are closing contracts for commencing our work in spring, make it imperative that I should remain at headquarters. Under these circumstances hope to be excused from summons. Please advise.
FRANK W. MORSE.

J. A. Macdonald thought it very essential to have Mr. Morse attend.

The advice of Deputy Attorney-General McLean was asked on the subject. He said that he thought that the committee had not the power to compel Mr. Morse to attend.

The further consideration of this was left over until later.

W. S. Gore's ex-puty chief commissioner was then called to give evidence relative to the placing of the reserve on Timpespan Peninsula. Mr. Gore said that he was either deputy chief commissioner or surveyor-general at the time the reserve was placed.

Mr. Ross asked Mr. Gore what the reserve covered according to his understanding.

Mr. Gore said it was the intention to reserve all the land from the Work canal to the eastern boundary of the big Indian reserve. Kaien Island was not known as an island at that time.

The question of Kaien Island did not appear until their applications for land came up.

In reply to Mr. Macdonald witness

Island he came to believe that this was an island. He could not remember Mr. Anderson coming to him about this. He has not the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. Anderson, and he could not remember Mr. Bodwell coming.

Mr. Kane made application for lands under South African scrip. He urged that the lands were not under reserve as this was an island. Witness probably discussed this with the chief commissioner.

The first witness knew of Mr. Bodwell's application was when Mr. Green handed him the field notes of Mr. Ritchie's survey, and asked him to deposit them in his safe. Witness was not consulted with reference to Mr. Bodwell's application.

When Mr. Kane made application the question was discussed with Mr. Green. The chart was consulted, and it was shown that Kaien Island was not indicated as an island. Witness did not recollect what Mr. Green said at that time.

There were later charts than this on which the reserve was based in the department.

Mr. Macdonald asked that these charts be produced.

Another chart was produced which seemed to be the same as the former one, the channel making Kaien Island an island having been traced in the department.

Mr. Gore said that Mr. McKay the chief draftsman probably put this channel in.

Witness could not recall the date in which he discussed this question of a reserve with Mr. Green.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that Mr. Kane's first application for land was dated March 21st, 1904.

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YEAR'S ESTIMATES SHOW AN INCREASE

CITY COUNCIL VOTE \$142,053 FOR 1906

Appropriations For Band Concerts, Water Metres, Wooden Malms, and General Repairs.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last night with His Worship the Mayor in the chair and all the aldermen in their seats.

A letter was read from R. B. McMicking, of the B. C. Telephone Co., acknowledging receipt of a communication as to rates charged for telephone services to the city.

Ald. Stewart did not think the letter at all satisfactory, and moved that Mr. McMicking be so informed. He suggested that the present rate be reduced by 10 per cent.

Ald. Stewart adopted the suggestion. Ald. Hall pointed out that the city was paying for phones for the aldermen, city officers, and school trustees.

A letter was read from W. S. Chambers asking that action with reference to certain cabins belonging to Mr. Sayward being deferred in the absence of that gentleman.

Mrs. P. Luxton, Pioneer-street, wrote complaining of a Chinese laundry adjoining her premises. She set forth that the laundry was in an unsanitary condition.

Is It Your Own Hair?

Cook. The report was laid on the table, to be considered with the by-law. The city solicitor and city engineer reported on the application of J. A. Sayward & Co. to connect with the Rock Bay bridge.

The report was referred back for further particulars, as some of the aldermen understood that Mr. Sayward was encroaching on the city property, especially on Constance street.

A report was read from the city solicitor in reference to legislation now before the local house, as to the sale of land for park purposes.

Ald. Fell complained that the amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act, approved of by the council, and left in charge of W. G. Cameron, M. P., were ignored by that gentleman.

The Mayor suggested that the matter be over until they understood what the chemical company intended to do, so as not to create a nuisance. The fumes at present were objectionable.

On motion of Ald. Vincent the report was adopted and the request granted. The city sanitary officer recommended that in the future the James Bay mud flats be not used as a dumping ground.

The Mayor pointed out that these crematories were proving a source of revenue in other quarters, while minimizing the danger from garbage.

The residents of Edmontown road petitioned in favor of lights, and the communication was referred to the electric light committee.

The matter was laid over pending consideration of estimates. The finance committee recommended the payment of \$4,614 for various purposes specified.

Tenders were received for the supply of horses and drivers for the street sprinkler, which were referred to Inspector Northcott. There was some discussion as to the employment of boy drivers.

The council went into committee of the whole, with the Mayor in the chair, and proceeded to deal with the estimates for the year. The Mayor announced that he had done some careful figuring.

Ald. Vincent suggested that the V. & S. Co should bear this expense. After some discussion the item passed.

The repair of the pumping station on Yates street was next considered. The cost would be \$500. This item also passed.

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INITIAL MEETING OF THE CAMPAIGN

CONSERVATIVES HAVE FIRED FIRST SHOT

Fighting in Election to Force Sir Wilfrid into Recognition of Conservative Strength.

Eloquence wasted on the desert might easily be said of the opening meeting of the Conservative campaign held in the A. O. U. W. hall last night.

Mr. McPhillips took the chair and invited the Conservative candidate, J. L. Beckwith, the speaker of the evening.

Mr. McPhillips, in opening, read a letter from Premier McBride's inability to attend, owing to indisposition.

The Conservatives did not wish the election to go by default, he said, and so in the interests of the people, proposed to fight.

It was after 11 o'clock when the council adjourned.

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CASTRO'S MOVE.

May Call Upon States to Arbitrate Venezuela's Claim Against France.

Willemsstadt, Curacao, Feb. 26.—It is learned from official sources at Caracas, Venezuela, that President Castro's next move in the French question will be to call upon the United States to arbitrate the question of the amount of damage done by France in permitting the fitting out of the filibustering steamer Barrig at Port de France.

MINERS AND THEIR WAGES.

Roosevelt Urges Further Effort to Avoid a Strike—National Convention Summoned.

New York, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt has again intervened as peacemaker between the coal miners and operators, and as the result of a letter addressed by him to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, a national convention of the miners will be held on March 13th to try to reach an agreement with the soft coal operators.

The President's letter and the announcement that the convention would be called were made public to-night by Mr. Mitchell after a long conference with Francis L. Robbins, president of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and chairman of the bituminous operators.

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VICTORIA MUSICAL SOCIETY.
Change in This Season's Programmes—The "Rose Maiden" First Attraction.

The committee of the Musical Society, in view of difficulties unforeseen at the initiation of the project, have been compelled to make an alteration in the programme for the current season. The sacred concert proposed to be given on March 27th has been cancelled, and the active members will at once start rehearsing the "Rose Maiden" for performance on May 2nd. This work will be given with orchestral accompaniments and endeavors will be made to secure the services of a professional quartette from the sound cities for the occasion.

This alteration was immediately met with the approval of the absolute members, as they will be given additional tickets for the Gerardy concert on April 17th, in lieu of the tickets for the sacred concert.

The Gerardy concert will, therefore, be the inaugural concert of the society, and there is every indication that the seating capacity of the Victoria theatre will be taxed to its utmost on that occasion. Reports from New York and other Eastern cities state that Gerardy is arousing exceptional enthusiasm; so much so that those responsible for the Western Canadian tour have been offered substantial financial inducements to release him from his engagement here owing to the great demand for extended time in the East. The reserved seat plan for this concert will be open to members of the society two clear days before the general public. Those wishing to avail themselves of this privilege are invited to write to the honorary secretary for particulars.

The committee wish to rectify a misunderstanding which has arisen regarding active members' fees. The fees are \$2 per year, payable in two instalments if so desired by the members, and several have paid the full amount. It has now been decided to look upon the current season as a half year, and those who have paid the full fees will have one dollar refunded to them either in cash or tickets for the "Rose Maiden" concert.

There are still some vacancies in the soprano and tenor parts. The committee will be in attendance at the rehearsal on Wednesday evening next at the city hall for the purpose of enrolling new members. The "Rose Maiden" will be taken up at this rehearsal, and those members possessing copies of this work are requested to bring them and to be at the city hall punctually at 8 o'clock, so that the rehearsal may start promptly.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

THE COLUMBIA AND WESTERN LAND GRANT

Bill Introduced by Government to Give C. P. R. Over Eight Hundred Thousand Acres.

Victoria, February 26th, 1906.

In the legislature this afternoon a bill which is expected to give rise to more contention than any other perhaps this session was introduced by message of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. This is the bill to authorize the handing over of 808,572 acres of land to the C. P. R., although the time has expired under which such a grant could legally be made under the Columbia & Western Subsidy Act. The bill is as follows: Whereas, by chapter 54 of the statutes of 1896, the Columbia & Western Railway Company was incorporated and empowered to construct a line of railway of standard or narrow gauge from a point at or near the mouth of Trail creek to a point at or near the town of Penticon, and the company was authorized to divide its undertaking into six sections, to be known as the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sections respectively, as follows: That section 1 consist of that portion of the line extending from a point at or near the town of Roseland to a point at or near Christina lake; That section 2 consist of that portion of the line extending from such point at or near Christina lake to a point at or near the town of Midway; That section 3 consist of that portion of the line extending from a point at or near the town of Midway to a point half way or more to the town of Penticon; That section 4 consist of that portion of the line extending from such point half way to a point at or near the town of Penticon; That section 5 consist of that portion of the line extending from such point half way to a point at or near the town of Penticon; That section 6 consist of that portion of the line extending from such point half way to a point at or near the town of Penticon; And whereas the company has constructed a narrow-gauge railway upon section one, and a standard gauge railway upon sections three and four, and no construction has taken place upon sections two, five and six:

And whereas the provisions of chapter 5 of the statutes of 1896, being the "Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," hereinafter called the "Subsidy Act," the company has earned in respect of sections one and three an area amounting to one million six hundred and three thousand three hundred and twelve (1,603,312) acres of land, of which seven hundred and ninety-four thousand four hundred and forty (794,440) acres have already been granted to the company, leaving a balance of eight hundred and eighty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-two (808,572) acres earned, but not granted:

And whereas the company has applied for a grant of the last-mentioned area of land, but it appears that the Lieut.-Governor has not now the power to make said grant, in virtue of the provision of section 5 of the "Subsidy Act" that no lands shall be granted to the company which have not been designated and surveyed by the company within seven years from the passage of the "Subsidy Act," which was enacted and came into force on the 17th day of April, 1896:

And whereas the company urges that the said aid has been duly earned and that the delay in surveying the land has arisen from the fact that negotiations with regard to this aid were carried on between the company and the executive of the province for a long time, and finally resulted in the passage of an order-in-council bearing date the 10th day of August, A. D. 1901, which order-in-council was subsequently rescinded, by which an area of land in Southern Kootenay was to be conveyed to the company in full settlement of its claim for aid in respect of the construction of said sections one and three of its railway:

And whereas the company is justly entitled to obtain the full measure of aid earned by it as aforesaid under its "Subsidy Act";

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This act may be cited as the "Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1906," Amendment Act, 1906.

2. The Lieut.-Governor-in-Council to issue crown grants in favor of the said company for not more than eight hundred and

eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-two (808,572) acres of the land from which grants may be made according to the provisions of said "Subsidy Act," in full satisfaction of the aid earned by the company under its "Subsidy Act" in respect of said sections one and three, provided the said lands shall be designated and surveyed in the manner prescribed by said "Subsidy Act" within one year from the passage of this act.

3. The land to be granted to the company under the powers conferred by this act shall not be subject to provincial taxation until the expiration of ten years from the 3rd day of October, A. D. 1901, or until alienated by lease, agreement for sale, or otherwise by the company, whichever event may the sooner happen, and the provisions of section 8 of the "Subsidy Act" shall not apply to said last-mentioned land. The consideration of this bill was left over until to-morrow.

In connection with the debate on the resolution introduced by J. Oliver in favor of majority representation in the House J. H. Hawthornthwaite was shown up by the leader of the opposition to have two missions in the legislature: One to attack on all occasions the Liberal party, and the other to maintain the Conservative party in power.

Prayers were read by Rev. H. A. Carson.

Petitions.

John Oliver presented a petition from Geo. T. Kane representing himself and others who had applied for pre-emption rights on Kaituma Island. The petition set forth that the applications were refused June 6th, 1904, on the ground that the lands were put under reserve in 1901. The petition further set forth that previous wrong had been done the applicants as the reserve of 1901 only applied to the Tahltan peninsula. The petition was received and on motion of Mr. Oliver referred to the select committee investigating the Kaituma Island grant.

W. Manson presented a petition from John Hendry, opposing bill (No. 45) entitled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of North Vancouver." This was received.

Kootenay Central.

Dr. King moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted in favor of the petitioners, residents of Fernie, Cranbrook and Columbia districts regarding aid to Kootenay Central railway."

Dr. King said that there had been a large petition urging that the Kootenay Central railway should be built. Residents of that district had desired that aid should be given to this line which was badly needed. The Kootenay Central would, he said, open up a very rich section of country.

The Premier said that he had no objection to bringing down the petition. The government had by adding a steamboat line to Golden attempt 4 to serve this territory as well as could be. He had reasons for believing that this Kootenay Central would soon be built without any provincial subsidy.

On motion of W. C. Wells the debate was adjourned.

Public Accounts Abstract.

A return was presented by Hon. R. G. Tatlow giving an abstract of the public accounts up to the 31st day of December last.

As a resolution was on the order paper asking for this in the name of John Oliver, the latter said as the return was brought down that this was a "don't shoot and I'll come down."

C. & W. Lands.

John Oliver moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return forthwith of copies of all letters, telegrams, reports, applications or any other papers in connection with the application of the Columbia & Western Railway Company for lands claimed by way of subsidy, or in connection with the survey of said lands, said return to cover the period from June 1st, 1903, to the present time."

The resolution carried.

Dr. King moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of the report of the secretary of provincial board of health dealing with patent medicines."

Questions.

John Oliver asked the minister of finance the following questions: 1. How many acres of the holdings of each shipping Coal Mine Company were assessed in 1904 as wild land, and what was the assessed value thereof and the amount of taxes levied on such wild lands of each company? 2. How many acres of the holdings of each of said companies were exempt from taxation in 1904, and under what section of the Assessment Act were they so exempt?

3. How many acres of the holdings of such companies were assessed in 1905 and in 1906, respectively, as wild lands, and what was or is the assessed value thereof? 4. How many acres of the holdings of each of said companies were assessed in 1905 and 1906, respectively, as coal lands, Class A, and as coal lands, Class B, respectively? 5. Did the coal lands so assessed as Class A pay any tax whatever, and if not why were they exempt? 6. What is the rate of taxation on the coal lands, Class B, so assessed to said companies? what was the assessed value thereof, and how much tax did each of the said companies pay on these Class B lands in 1905? 7. What difference, approximately,

in revenue did the change from assessing these coal companies' holdings as wild lands to coal lands, Classes A and B, make? 8. Since the acquisition last year of the Esquimaux & Nanaimo railway and land grant thereto appertaining by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, what additional coal lands, Class A and Class B respectively, have become assessable as such, and to whom assessed? If none, what steps has the government taken to learn what coal and other lands were, under the terms of acquisition, to be granted to certain parties or companies?

Hon. R. G. Tatlow replied as follows:

Name	Acres	Value	
		1905	1906
1. Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	39	145 00	1905
Union Collieries, Ltd.	1,060	5,200 00	255 00
Western Fuel Co. Ltd.	5,728	16,642 00	822 15
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	100	1,016	1,016
Union Collieries, Ltd.	1,016	4,969	4,969
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.	10,200	19,200	19,200
(Exempt under section 2 "Coal Tax Act, 1905.")			
3. Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	39	145 00	1905
Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	39	145 00	1906
Union Collieries, Ltd.	1,064	5,270 00	1,064
Union Collieries, Ltd.	1,064	5,170 00	1,064
Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	390	4,860 00	1,064
Western Fuel Co. Ltd.	5,851	12,156 00	1,064
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.	5,825	11,714 00	1,064
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.	188,769	188,769 00	1,064
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.	Nil	Nil	1,064
Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	Nil	Nil	1,064
Union Collieries, Ltd.	612	612	Nil
Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd.	1,250	1,250	Nil
Union Collieries, Ltd.	1,014	1,014	Nil
Western Fuel Co. Ltd.	7,024	7,024	Nil
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.	27,944	Nil	27,944

5. Taxes for 1905 not yet paid, usual time for payment being about 30th June.

6. Two per cent. See answer to No. 4.

7. It is impossible at present date to answer this question; on account of appeal pending in courts.

8. All lands alienated by the Esquimaux & Nanaimo Railway Company, out of their land grant, have been assessed as of February, 1905.

Mr. Oliver asked the chief commissioner of lands and works the following questions: 1. What lands were crown grants as stated in the fifth paragraph of the minute in council approved by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor on the 18th day of February, 1905?

2. Were crown grants issued for all or any part of the 808,572 acres of land claimed by the Columbia & Western Railway? If so, for what lands were crown grants issued?

3. Were crown grants prepared and not issued for all or any portion of the 808,572 acres of land claimed by the Columbia & Western Railway? If so, for what lands were crown grants prepared?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "The fifth paragraph of the said minute of council does not state that any lands have been crown granted, but the lands mentioned in said minute of council as having been crown granted are lots 4,597, 4,598, 4,599, 5,816 and 5,817, group 1, Kootenay district; and lots 2,698 to 2,710, inclusive, group 1, Osoyoos district."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked the minister of mines the following questions: 1. How many accidents have occurred in the mines operated by the Western Fuel Company, Nanaimo, since October last?

2. Are the "man-holes" in the slope at Protection mine in good order?

3. How many accidents have occurred on this "slope" during the past three months?

4. Are any men working in these mines in the shafts, or sixteen hours in twenty-four?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. 16. 2. Yes; on February 5th, last inspection. 3. 2. 4. Department is not aware of any."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he wished to call the attention of the premier and the House to the fact these man-holes were cleared after he asked these questions.

Returns. The following papers were presented: By Hon. F. J. Fulton—The thirty-fourth annual report of the public schools of the province, 1904-5.

Hon. Mr. Green—A return showing the number of timber leases and licenses granted during the years 1903, 1904 and 1905, covering limits in that section of the province known as the Big Bend, lying north of the town of Veletoke, with the names of the holders, the date of issue, and number of acres held in each case, the amount of fees and bonus paid for each lease or license during the three years in question.

County Courts Bill. The bill to amend the County Courts Act passed its third reading.

Timber Bill. J. A. Macdonald moved, upon consideration of the report on the bill respecting the use and manufacture of timber of the crown, the following: To amend section 2 by inserting after the word "all" in the first line thereof, the words "Grade A," and by adding

to the said section 2 the following sub-sections: "(a) The Lieut.-Governor in council is hereby authorized to make rules and regulations for defining what shall be deemed to be Grade A timber under this section; and the appointment of and fixing the qualifications, powers and duties of government timber scalers, which said scalers shall truly scale all timber cut in the province in accordance with said regulations."

(b) No timber shall be removed from the province, or the waters adjacent thereto, unmanufactured, as provided by this section, until it has been scaled by one of such government scalers and certified by him to be not Grade A timber as defined by this act and regulation.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this act, the holder of a hand-logger's license, upon satisfying the government scaler, who shall scale his logs, that the same have been cut by him, the said hand-logger, on his own account and not for some other person or persons, shall be exempt from the provisions of said section 2 requiring Grade A timber to be used and manufactured in this province."

This amendment was defeated on the following division: Yeas—Messrs. King, Brown, McCreary, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Hall—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Wells, Hawthornthwaite, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Cotton, Ellison, Clifford, Howser, Fraser, Ross, A. McDonald, Green, Fulton, Gordon, Taylor, Wright, Glegg, Gifford, Macgowan, Shatford, Kiran, Manson—24.

John Oliver moved to amend section 2 by adding the words "on timber" at the end of the section. This was not accepted by the chief commissioner and the motion was lost.

John Oliver moved to strike out section 2 and insert the following in lieu thereof: "5. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent the export to any other province of Canada of logs and crib timber, railway ties, mining posts, telegraph or telephone poles, fence posts or other fence timbers, or cordwood or other fire wood, subject to such regulations as to inspection as the Lieut.-Governor in council may prescribe."

In support of this amendment Mr. Oliver said that the territory east of the Cascade mountains was exempt from the provisions of the act. Timber under the bill as it now existed could be floated down the Kootenay river and sawed in the United States. The Columbia river could also be used as a means for floating timber into the United States. It was a question whether the Kootenay could not be used for the same purpose. There were other streams which could be used probably in this way. He proposed that piles, etc., should be allowed to be shipped into the other provinces.

Hon. R. F. Green held that while it was possible to float logs by the Kootenay river into the United States, it was not probable. Some logs had been brought into the province from the United States. He did not think that the Columbia river could be utilized for this purpose, as there were rapids which would prevent this being done except at high water.

He would not accept the amendment. The amendment was lost.

The report on the bill was adopted. Measurement of Timber. The bill respecting the measurement of timber was committed, with A. H. B. Macgowan in the chair.

The committee rose and reported progress. North Vancouver Assessment Roll. The bill to cancel the assessment roll for the district of North Vancouver for 1905 and to authorize a new assessment roll to be prepared, was committed, with E. Henderson in the chair.

The bill was reported complete and passed its third reading. Beneficial Societies' Act. On the second reading of the bill to amend the Beneficial Societies' Act, Hon. F. J. Fulton said that it was proposed to do away with the section permitting of the incorporation of clubs under this act. It had been found that in many instances clubs had been incorporated under this act which were in reality only drinking and gambling clubs. Under an amendment passed last session five of these clubs had had their charters cancelled. There were other ways of incorporating and it was thought wise to wipe out this provision altogether.

The bill passed its second reading. Ashcroft, Barkerville & Fort George Railway. On the adjourned committee on the bill to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville & Fort George Railway Company, W. Manson moved to reconsider section 2. The motion carried, and Mr. Manson proposed to insert the words "or Kamloops" in the designation of the starting point for the railway. This had been struck out a few days before.

The amendment was lost. The amendment then proposed to insert the words "or Savona" or some intermediate point, as another point of starting in addition to Ashcroft.

S. Henderson objected to this amendment. To go to Savona as the starting point would make the road parallel to the C. P. R. a distance of 22 miles. To come to Savona would throw the people of Cariboo 44 miles farther from the coast.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow said no aid was asked, and he thought the company should be allowed to select its starting point as it saw fit to do.

Hon. F. J. Fulton did not think that the line could be built from Ashcroft. From Savona it would be more practicable. During the period of construction Ashcroft would derive benefits, but this would be a lie, and Mr. Paterson moved the casting vote against the amendment.

The bill was reported complete. Drainage Company. The bill to amend the Lighting Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company was committed with Dr. Young in the chair.

The bill was reported complete. C. & W. Subsidy. A bill to amend the Columbia and Western Subsidy Act was presented to the House by message from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.

On a motion to submit the message and the bill accompanying it to the House J. A. Macdonald asked that the

bill should not be considered in committee until Wednesday. He pointed out that the opposition were anxious to consider the matter before proceeding with the bill.

Hon. Mr. Green said that he was quite willing to let the second reading stand over, but wanted the message and bill considered now.

The Premier said it was not the rule to distribute the bill until after it had been referred to the committee. John Oliver said this was not the practice. He said that it had been found out in the House at a former time and the rule established that the bill should be distributed at the time the message was brought in.

There was on the order paper a resolution calling for the production of documents. It was considered wise that the bill should be laid over until these were produced.

The leader of the opposition said he would consent to an adjournment though the reference to the committee calling for the production of documents. It was considered wise that the bill should be laid over until tomorrow.

The chief commissioner agreed to this and the bill stood over until tomorrow. Majority Representation. John Oliver moved, upon consideration of the report on the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, that all the words of the resolution be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor: "Whereas the system of representative government presupposes that the legislature shall be composed of persons representing a majority of the electors in the several constituencies."

"And whereas in the past it has been deemed expedient to require a deposit of two hundred dollars to be made with the returning officer by or on behalf of each candidate at the time of his nomination, which said deposit was to be forfeited if the candidate (or whose behalf such deposit was made) did not receive at least one-half as many votes as the successful candidate who had received the smallest number of votes:

"And whereas the requiring of such before-mentioned deposit, or any deposit of the legislative assembly, and hereof the deposit of two hundred dollars by or on behalf of the candidates now required by law be abolished."

Mr. Oliver said that the reduction of the deposit to a lower sum than \$200 was not calculated to deter irresponsible persons from presenting themselves for election. Of the members of the House there were at present 14 who had not secured a majority vote of the House. The proposal represented in the resolution was something which should apply to both sides of the House.

Hawthornthwaite said that labor representatives found it very difficult to get legislation through the House. There were many methods adopted to strangle the bills. As a last resort abstract propositions were put forward to win votes from both sides of the House to kill the bill. This resolution was of this kind. This was intended only to defeat the bill. It was a contemptible effort made by the member from Delta.

Mr. Oliver, as a point of order, thought it was time that the members should be taken to task for unparliamentary language from time to time. "I do not care very much what language the member for Nanaimo applies to me," said Mr. Oliver, "as he cannot call anything worse than I think he is."

Hawthornthwaite withdrew the motion and proceeded to attack the Liberal party.

J. A. Macdonald said that as usual the member for Nanaimo had made an attack upon the Liberal party. That was one of his missions in the House. The other mission was to keep the up-holding of the Conservative party.

The Liberal party had been most consistent in its attitude on this question. This was the best method of protecting the Labor party and other parties from irresponsible representations.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said only the Labor party in the House. He represented the Socialists and the Labor organ in Vancouver described him as the worst enemy of Labor. The member for Nanaimo represented an international revolutionary society which aimed at creating chaos.

The principle of the resolution was one which the Liberal party had stood by in order to give the people of the province true representation on the floor of the House.

Mr. Davidson said that it was peculiar that the Socialists do not represent labor but that labor legislation introduced by the Socialists.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow said that if this resolution passed it would practically mean that the government be required to bring down legislation embodying this principle.

W. J. Rowser said that it was strange that there was no amendment introduced by the members of the opposition along the line outlined when the bill was before the House. The intention of this proposal was to kill the bill. The result of putting this into effect would be that bye-elections would be continued from time to time until such a majority.

The resolution was defeated, the Socialists and Labor representatives voting with the government against it.

The report of the bill was adopted. More Inconsistency. Before adjourning Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that although Mr. Hawthornthwaite complained so bitterly of waste of time in the legislature through the action of the Liberal party, there was no complaint offered by him at the House adjourning at the present hour, five o'clock and the waste of time which the government was thus necessitating.

The House then adjourned. Notices of Motion. On Wednesday next Mr. Hall to ask leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act."

Mr. Bowser, to move, in committee of the whole the bill entitled "An Act to amend the Land Act," the following as a new section: "That sub-section (2) of section 53 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 2 of Land Act

Amendment Act, 1903, is amended by striking out the following words, in the fifth and sixth lines, 'that upon which a royalty is reserved by this section' and inserting the following in lieu thereof; 'that under a lease granted since the 11th day of May, 1901, or under a special or general license.'"

The Hon. Mr. Fulton to move, in committee of the whole on bill, entitled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" to add the following section, immediately after section 23, to be numbered 30, and to re-number the subsequent sections accordingly: "30. The said act is hereby amended by inserting the following section, immediately after section 43: 'In the first clause where the boards of trustees of rural school districts contained within rural municipalities before the coming into force of this act, have legally incurred liabilities in respect of teachers' salaries, incidental expenses, or other legitimate expenditures of the board, in the current year, or in like circumstances in the case of rural school districts in any unorganized territory which may hereafter by incorporated into a rural municipality, such liabilities shall be assumed by the municipal board of school trustees to be elected under section 41 of this act.'"

Mr. Bowser to move, in committee of the whole, on bill entitled "An Act respecting the Measurement of Timber," the following amendment: "To amend section 2, sub-section (a), by inserting after the word 'scalers,' in the first line, the word 'rules.'"

On Wednesday next the Hon. Mr. Fulton to ask leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act further to amend the 'Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902.'"

Mr. Brown to move, upon consideration of the report on bill (No. 25) entitled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Surveyors' Act, 1905,'" the following amendment: "To strike out in subsection (e) of section 10, after the word 'register,' in the first line thereof, the words 'in the form E in the schedule to this act of all persons entitled to be registered under section 2 of this act,' and to insert in lieu thereof the words

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ELEMENTS OF STRENGTH.

Mr. McPhillips gave utterance to a truth of considerable importance when he said last night that there is a large element in the body politic who do not hold themselves bound to either party.

The administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been in office for nearly ten years. It is stronger to-day in the confidence of the people of Canada than it was at the end of its first Parliamentary term for various reasons.

The masses of the people of the country, the class whose chief aim is business, and who desire the maintenance of conditions highly favorable to the conduct of business, are not so firmly set in their political convictions that they cannot be moved from their environment.

While these conditions continue the Liberal party will retain power. While the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or of any leader of the Liberal party who may succeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier, continues to give the people of Canada honest and clean administration, as administrations go in this or in any other country, allied with a policy expressive of unbounded faith in the potential wealth of the Dominion, the unattached political element will vote with that government and sustain it in its acts.

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THE MOROCCAN QUESTION.

Europe is considerably perturbed in mind regarding this perplexing question of the disposition of Morocco. All the rulers save one, and he a very important one, fear that if the conference does not arrive at a decision of some kind, war between Germany and France may be the eventual outcome.

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CANADA IS PROMPT.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The wreck of the Valencia, with its accompanying loss of life, brought sharply to the attention of the people of British Columbia and of Washington the serious neglect of the governments of the United States and Canada to furnish proper aids to navigation and proper instrumentalities for the saving of life on the north-western coast of this continent.

What Other People Think

SOME INLAND REVENUE.

To the Editor: Me an McBride have got it all up. We was having a wee glass whisky together, when I sez wot in all the tartan wull did a list Bob Green get in that mess with that Kaffin Island bird? U No, I sez, he ain't got seps enuf to scratch fleas of a dog, and I goes fur to let him run a show like that!

When is wimen, I sez, and I ain't blamin' Bob fur winkin at 'em, sly-like, but blamin' his dimes, and this yer Vestigahin in a-going to ruin the bull sheebang. MacPhillips sez so, and he's a respectable sort of cuss, and he's kind of mad about it, bein' wot he is wot.

Who's this yer Anderson, I sez; who is Larsen? Why shude them 2 blimmed fellers git in thare licks wen thare's heaps of us Conservatives wantin' I wuz them anythin' I wuz them?

Don't no, sez that wot need that the Senator was a goin' to be made a regular high-fluer, such as Mac got loffy-like and took his nip without a wink-myself. Well, e sez, we got to oppose him, and it costs like the mis-cheef.

Wishin', Mac sez, don't u ketch on Joe, that we got to do the Templeman so Joe to prevent the publick from gettin' too crouso 'bout the Kalien Island steal-deal, I mene, Joe, he sez, blushing. Joe, e sez, thare's a gude feller—pass the hat, and— Mac wisard and wink, and so me and Price air out collectin' Conterbushans thankfully received by JOSEPH GRAPFER.

VIEW OF A CONSERVATIVE.

To the Editor: I have just been reading an editorial in the Colonist, headed "Should Conservatives support Mr. Templeman?" I may say that I am over eighteen years since I arrived from Scotland to take a position in the old Bank of British Columbia in Victoria and during all the time I have resided in British Columbia I have always voted for the Conservative party.

What have the people of Victoria to gain by sending a Conservative to Ottawa at the present time? Absolutely nothing! What have the people of Victoria to gain if they return the Hon. Mr. Templeman? Everything. Victoria has been crying for representation in the Dominion government ever since I came to the country, 18 years ago, and when they have got it, why, in the name of heaven, do they want to defeat what they have been demanding for the last 20 years?

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To the Editor:—Being one of the many would-be settlers induced to come here by the charming climatic conditions and glorious scenic beauty, so well set forth in the leaflets issued by your Tourist Association, I intended to locate myself on the Dallas road, but the too horrible fumes rising from the chemical works effectively prevented me from doing so, and I return to a severer climate and less picturesque scenery, but to a city where the authorities do not tolerate such public nuisances. I hope your board of aldermen will wake up and give their immediate attention to this hideous blot on your landscape.

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PROPOSAL REJECTED.

Nanaimo, Feb. 26.—A meeting held in Parkville on Saturday night to discuss the advisability of making the E. & N. belt an organized district, declared against the motion, only one voting in favor.

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To the Editor:—With your kind permission, just a few words to correct any misapprehension that might arise in the minds of the people as to the nature of the Wednesday evening meeting to be held in Institute hall.

PIONEER DEAD.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—R. S. Williams, president of R. S. Williams, Sons & Co., Limited, is dead, aged 72 years. Mr. Williams was one of the pioneers in the piano and organ manufacturing business in Canada.

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To the Editor:—Yesterday morning I had occasion to send for Mr. Neal to clean out the chimney of a hot-air furnace in the basement of my home. A Chinaman went down with Mr. Neal to see the chimney and was almost immediately knocked down with a terrific shock, and as he was unable to disengage his hands from the apparently insulated cord, Mr. Neal wrapped his hat round the cord and quickly jerked it out of the poor fellow's hands, undoubtedly saving the man's life.

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The Royal Templars of Temperance will meet in room 1, A. O. U. W. hall, this evening at 8 o'clock for the initiation of candidates.

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Everything is now in readiness for the grand concert this evening by the Arion club, to be held in Institute hall. The programme has already been published in the Times, and will be carried out in its entirety by the talented organization, assisted by Miss Clara Lewis, W. S. Goodwin, the club's librarian and bass, will be missed. He is at present at Ladner's.

Dr. Ernest Hall gave an address on tuberculosis in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday. Dr. Fagan was to have been the speaker on the occasion, but was unavoidably absent, and at short notice Dr. Hall filled the gap. The doctor dwelt on the prevalence of the disease, and showed that while it was contagious it was not hereditary, as many supposed, and that it was curable. One-ninth of the death rate of this country was attributable to consumption, while in Germany so prevalent was the disease that one-half of the deaths recorded between the ages of 20 and 25 were due to it. Dr. Hall spoke of preventive measures, and counselled the building up of a healthy system.

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Miss Underhill, the popular elocutionist, will give a recital at an early date in aid of the W. C. T. U. mission, Yates street. A very attractive programme is promised.

The Native Sons will hold their regular meeting this evening in the K. of P. hall, and after the transaction of some routine business military 500 will be enjoyed. A big gathering is expected.

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On Monday evening the Metropolitan Epworth League held its weekly meeting under the auspices of the social department. An enjoyable time was spent. A short business meeting was also held. The president announced that Rev. Dr. Matthews would deliver an address on "Atrium" on March 27th. Consecration meeting will be held next Monday.

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The two men charged with highway robbery are again in the dock in the County court to-day before Judge Lampan. The younger prisoner, Huett, pleaded guilty, and positively identified Wages as his companion in the hold-up. Wages, however, denies the charge, and while he admits being with Huett on several occasions, says that on this particular night he did not see him. The \$73 taken from Ferret has not been traced, nor has the gun which is alleged to have been used. The case is still under investigation, and several more witnesses are still to be heard.

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NEW POLICY HAS BEEN INAUGURATED

BOARD OF MANAGERS TO CONTROL LACROSSE CLUB

Messrs. Bolton, Hooper and Virtue Selected at Meeting Held Last Evening—Treasurer's Statement.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club, held last evening, the policy already outlined by the president, Rev. W. W. Bolton, in these columns, was endorsed. There was a large and representative attendance, and the proceedings were marked by gratifying enthusiasm.

After the usual formalities the reports of retiring officials was called for, and the treasurer, J. G. Brown, was the first to respond. His statement gave the total receipts as \$2,320, and the expenditures as \$2,923.70, with a balance on hand of \$270. The only liability was a note payable at the Royal Bank of Canada amounting to an even \$100. Mr. Brown appended the following explanatory paragraph:

"The difference of \$1,043.70 between the above statement and that which was presented at the semi-annual meeting last November, which amounted to \$2,883.95, is explained by the fact that on the treasurer's books there appears money loaned by friends of the club to meet urgent needs, also cross entries occasioned by book-keeping errors."

The report was adopted. The annual address of the president was then read. Although very interesting it is an exceedingly lengthy document, and therefore the exigencies of space prevent its reproduction in full. The present situation of the B. C. A. L. A. was first dealt with, and then Rev. Mr. Bolton passed on to a discussion of the City League. After referring to the state of the constitution at the beginning of the season, old debts are mentioned as being real debts, and under that heading, the president said: "We took the position, call it foolish or prudish or what men will, that the unfortunate indebtedness of a previous season should not and could not be honorably ignored by a new executive. What may have been done in the past is no concern of ours. Although not incorporated we felt that for the good name of the game we could not repudiate a debt incurred for the game. After all our efforts we have not been able to clear everything off, but we have done our utmost, and have had to come before you with a small adverse balance."

Continuing, Rev. Mr. Bolton contended that the failure of the team in the league series could not in fairness be laid at the doors of the club. He admitted that there might have been errors of judgment, but the real reasons were to be sought far deeper, and would remain so long as a "more or less scratch" team has to compete with those who are units.

With reference to professionalism the report said:

"With regard to professionalism it is a question whether Victoria would take any real interest in such a team even where they organized. What Victoria wants is to see the game played. The real pleasure in the game would be gone for most of us if we had hired strangers to do battle for our name. It is not for us to presume to interfere in the affairs and methods of other clubs, except in so far as such methods stand outside the game. It is our duty to ourselves, but on this safe ground I can say that under the present conditions we are fighting a perfectly hopeless fight with the present senior teams in British Columbia. Those teams are treading a dangerous path for amateurs, there is only one way out of it, and that end they will, having attained it, bitterly regret. It is one thing to be free and independent, and to play lacrosse for the game's sake; it is quite another to be wholly under the orders of another, to be treated as a chattel and to have to stand meekly the too often bullying methods of a manager who relentlessly handles you according to the hoots or applause of the tickle crowd."

This leads me to touch upon the subject of the present attitude of Victorians. The support given us at the games was on the whole half-hearted. The 27th May was an inspiring evening, considering our team; but despite our appeal to stand by the policy while we are passing through a formative period, we did not receive the support we were entitled to. I fear that it must be said with truth that Victoria has lost heart; but if this policy of staying away till we have a winning team is persevered in, it means one of two things either, some few will have to carry the burden of the many and have to dig deeply into their pockets, or a victorious team will be postponed to the Greek kalends."

Of the new policy Rev. Mr. Bolton made the following statement: "I have already so fully outlined the policy which some of us consider the only possible solution of the matter, that I need not here repeat it. It is a drastic policy, and calls for patience. It cannot be carried out if opinion are divided, and there must be a perfect trust reposed in those who are willing to bear the main burden. It is for you to say whether it shall be done or not, for I for one could not be a party to running in opposition to the V. L. C., which I have served for so many years, even though strong influences were brought to bear upon me that such should be done."

The president's remarks were heartily applauded by those present.

After a somewhat prolonged discussion the appended resolution carried unanimously:

"That the Victoria Lacrosse Club for the season of 1906 be placed in the hands of a board of managers to consist of Messrs. Bolton, Hooper and Virtue, who shall have full power to act for the club."

An informal debate on matters of minor importance brought the business to a close, and the meeting adjourned.

T. J. W. Hicks, returning officer, has arranged for accommodation at the library, Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, during the campaign.

The indecent assault case which has been under investigation by Police Magistrate Hall for some days, was again taken up this morning, when further evidence was adduced. The accused denies the charge, and his defence is an alibi.

A. W. Currie, provincial manager of the National Life Assurance Co., has his office at 36 Broad street, and has completed arrangements with Messrs. D. and J. Leeming to act as district agents. Messrs. Leeming Bros. are both very energetic business men and will doubtless write a large business for the National.

Last evening at the residence of Dr. E. C. Hart, Carboro Bay Road, Mr. Edward B. Cogswell, barrister, of Edmonton, and Miss Jennie Rose, of Red Deer, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Leslie Clay. After the ceremony the newly-married couple left for Edmonton where they will take up their residence.

The plant and good will of the *Nanaimo Herald* newspaper are up for sale, and tenders for same will be received up to Saturday next, by H. Aitken, secretary of the company. The *Herald* has been running for the past seven years as a daily paper, with weekly edition, and the plant consists of one Monotype typesetting machine, one Linotype composing stick, one Webster gas engine, one Scotch paper cutter, one lightning job press, one standing machine and full dress of type cases, galley, stones, etc.

St. Patrick's Day will be appropriately observed in Victoria. The choir of the Episcopal church are arranging for a grand concert on March 17th, and M. J. Hooley, late of the Wathon company, is coaching a number of clever amateurs for the production of the beautiful Irish play, "Kathleen Mavourneen," which will be presented on the same occasion. Mr. Hooley, who will himself appear in the play, has been specially engaged by Archbishop Orth to prepare the amateurs.

The annual meeting of the Spanish Libera Association is called to take place on March 27th at the Royal Oak school house. Important business will be dealt with, besides the election of officers. The presidency is vacant, caused by the death of J. T. Chandler, who held that position for many years. It is a serious one, as he was a very earnest and self-sacrificing worker. Ralph Smith, M. P., is expected to be present at the meeting, together with several members of the local House.

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Special correspondence to the Times from London, Eng., dated Feb. 19th, reports that a new crew is being dispatched to Esquimaux to join the survey ship Egeria. Amongst the new officers of the Egeria are Lieutenants Bishop, O. M. Davy and J. A. G. Troup. Lieutenant Davy has won the navy blue since July, 1898, got his Lieutenancy in October, 1899, and holds the medals of the Royal Humane Society for saving life.

Lieutenant Troup got his appointment of midship direct in September, 1888, and reached his present rank in September, 1903. He was a midship of the Terrible in the South African war, 1899-1900, and served with the naval brigade in Natal and elsewhere (medal with clasps, and noted for early promotion), and with the same cruiser he saw further service in the Chinese troubles of 1900, and accompanied the naval brigade to the relief of Peking, including the actions on the way, the battle of Piesang, and the fighting round Peking.

Lieutenants J. H. Nacklell, J. S. G. Fraser and S. K. Smyth have been re-appointed to the Egeria on re-commissioning.

Complaints have been made from time to time that the prestige of the British flag has waned in the numerous islands of the North and South Pacific since the abolition of the Pacific squadron, a cruiser from which formerly visited the more important of the islands annually. When parliament gets into full swing questions on the matter will be asked. The result of the coming manoeuvres will also have an effect on the recent decision of the admiralty to thoroughly test the efficiency of the redistribution of the fleet, one of the features of which was the abolition of the Pacific squadron.

A coroner's jury at Vancouver have exonerated Capt. G. C. McKeen, of the tug Native, from all blame in the matter of the death of Frank Johnson, who was drowned in Chatham Channel on the 8th instant. The evidence went to show that the deceased was knocked overboard from his own sloop by the mainsail boom, and that so far as the crew of the Native were concerned, every effort was made to save him. "Accidental death" was the jury's verdict in the case.

There will be a meeting at Cedar Hill Temperance hall on Thursday, March 1st, at 8 o'clock to select candidates for reeve and aldermen of Saanich municipality. All voters are invited to attend.

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The Victoria Musical Society will hold its usual practice on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the City Hall. Cowen's "Rosemaiden" has been chosen for practice, and a good attendance is requested.

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On the China Mutual liner *Ning Chow*, which is due to-day from the Orient, will be forwarded to Europe over 100 tons of wheat products now on the outer wharf.

R. M. S. Empress of India, due in from China and Japan to-day, was not reported from Carmanah up to the hour of going to press.

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LOCAL PLAYHOUSES.

"Woodland" at the Victoria Attracted Large Audience—Minstrels To-Morrow—The Watson Theatre.

The Victoria theatre was crowded last evening; the occasion being the production of "Woodland," a "bird rhapsody and musical fantasy of the forest." It is the work of Frank Foster and Gustav Luders, the former being responsible for the book and lyrics and the latter for the music, and was staged by Henry W. Savage. The play is unique in character. No effort is made to maintain interest by means of a well-marked plot; in fact, the story portrayed could be told in "very little more than a single sentence. As is the case in the "Prince of Pilsen," "King Dodo" and "The Burgomaster," all of which were placed before the American public under the same management, an effort has been made to reach the extreme point in the spectacular. The three plays mentioned were each just a little in advance of the other, but it would appear that the climax has been reached in the latest musical fantasy of its kind, "Woodland."

Each member of the troupe is cast in some bird role. Harry Bulger, the first comedian, appears as a man politician Blue Jay, and is ably assisted in maintaining the standard of the comedy element by Sherman Wade, as General Rooster. The former was frequently recalled as a result of his splendid rendering of "No Bird Ever Flew So High." "Didn't Have to Light an 'Other Man's." There were no more particularly high-class vocalists. Maeda Dahl, as Miss Nightingale, who is possessed of an exceedingly sweet but not especially strong voice, was heard once or twice and accorded a warm reception. Louis Casavari, as Judge Owl, and Walter Lawrence, as Redbreast, a powerful bass and pleasing baritone, took the leading part in several choruses with good effect.

Most elaborate scenic settings and gorgeous costumes lent a brilliancy to the whole performance seldom if ever seen in Victoria before. The scenery followed another with bewildering rapidity, and most of those present felt puzzled as to how to pronounce judgment upon the show's merit.

Minstrels To-Morrow.

The first part setting of the William H. Wade Big Jubilee Minstrels is said to be a perfect gem in its way; white and gold is pretty combination—used towards an effect of genuine grandeur. The whole scheme utilized is one of massive conception, and carries with it an idea of some of the ancient Roman palaces. This magnificent background is furthermore enhanced in effectiveness by the rich draperies and other picturesque furnishings that have been generously provided by Manager Rickey, who prides himself on giving the proper atmosphere to his entertainment of so much novelty.

The West show promises more than a little in the way of exceptionally fine singing at the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening, not forgetting the clever performance by the famous Van and Wade, who have arranged a special act of astonishing, as well as laughing, importance.

Friday's Attraction.

Victorians will have an opportunity of seeing one of Wilkie Collins' plays at the Victoria theatre on March 2nd, when the brilliant actress, Laura Frankfield, and a splendid company present "Her Double Life." Wilkie Collins was a literary as-

tain of no mean ability, with an eye for salient effects, a skill in touching the more obvious chords of emotion, and a large knowledge of life and books. He exhibited remarkable dramatic power; his plots, though always intricate, never being obscure or perplexing. Miss Frankfield enjoys an enviable reputation as an actress far above the ordinary, and whenever an announcement is made that her company is coming it is hailed with delight by the theatre goers. A large audience will no doubt greet this talented actress and her company.

The Pringle Company. The Pringle stock company presented their sensational melodramatic-comedy success, "The Diamond Robbery," at the Watson theatre last night. Johnnie Pringle, in the role of Peter Grubbe, kept the audience in a good humor all evening. Florence Pringle, as Polly, was charming; Pearl King and Morris Foster, as the two lovers, furnished all the sentimental scenes and did excellent work. Gladys Manly, as Mrs. Halney, gave a faultless interpretation of the widow with Gerald Harcourt, as the two blood-thirsty villains, were about as villainous as one could desire to see.

Pleasing specialties were introduced by Johnnie Pringle, Miss Florence Pringle and Harry Pringle, with the satires comedy in the chorus. "The Diamond Robbery" will be repeated to-night and tomorrow matinee and night.

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

Victoria, Feb. 27.—5 a. m.—The weather remains stormy along the North Pacific Coast and rains have again been general from Vancouver Island to California. Fine and mild weather is reported in Kootenay and is turning milder in Alberta, while in Manitoba zero weather continues.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh easterly and southerly winds, partly cloudy, with showers, chiefly at night. Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, mostly cloudy, with occasional rains.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 49; minimum, 39; wind, 6 miles S.; rain, .48; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, .26; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 27; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 50; minimum, 52; wind, 6 miles W.; rain, .01; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 19; minimum, 19; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, fair.

Mrs. J. D. Sinclair has returned to 47 McClure street from a six weeks' professional visit to Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island.

OTTAWA NOTES.

British Columbia Appeal Case—The Insurance Commission. Ottawa, Feb. 25.—A motion by E. P. Davis in the Supreme court to expedite the hearing of Milne vs. the Yorkshire Guarantee Co., a British Columbia appeal, was refused, as the parties prosecuting the appeal were not ready to proceed to-morrow.

Insurance Commission. The commission to inquire into insurance will consist of three members. The chairman will be a lawyer or a judge, and with him will be associated a finance man and a representative business man. No one who has any connection with an insurance company will be appointed. The insurance superintendent has ordered insurance companies in Canada to submit statements showing every employee or manager who is paid more than \$2,000 a year in salary or commissions, the amount he had been paid and a statement of service rendered.

SLAIN BY CHINESE.

Eight People Killed During Riots in China. Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Consulting General Rogers, at Shanghai, cabled to the state department under Thursday's date that the American missions at Nanchang, in the province of Kiangsi, have been destroyed. The probable cause is local. Telegrams received from those points state that the fourteen American missionaries at those places escaped, but the Kiangsi family, English two adults and two children, are reported to have been killed. The American gunboat El Cano at Nankin has been ordered to proceed immediately to Kiangsi, where she will probably arrive by Wednesday.

The scene of the trouble is about 400 miles up the Yangtze river. A still later dispatch from Mr. Rogers received to-day at the state department says that the inland British missions are reported to be safe. A cablegram from Commander Fletcher, the senior officer of the Raleigh at Shanghai, received at the navy department, to-day confirms substantially Consul Rogers' reports. Reports of rioting at the American mission station in Nanchang and the escape of eight American missionaries stationed there, were received here to-day by cable at the Methodist board of foreign missions, which has a mission station at that place. The cablegram, which was sent to Bishop J. W. Ashford at Shanghai, is as follows: "Mission Nanchang rioted. Methodist missionaries escaped only."

The names of the Methodist missionaries at Nanchang are as follows: Rev. Edward James and wife, of Wisconsin; Dr. M. Charles and wife, of Idaho, and four American women, Gertrude Howe, Genevieve Hughes, Alta Newby and Kate L. O'Gorman. The board has also one Chinese woman, Ida Kahn, stationed at Nanchang. Conflicting Reports. Washington, Feb. 26.—A later cablegram from Mr. Rogers says that the reports of the Nanchang troubles are conflicting. It is now reported to have originated in a dispute between the French Jesuits and Chinese officials. A Chinese magistrate was at first reported to have been stabbed by a Catholic missionary, but it is now claimed that the magistrate stabbed himself. In the riot which occurred yesterday six Jesuits and two members of the Kingman family were killed. Chinese troops were protecting the refugees, who are going to Kiangsi. The American mission building is understood to have been saved and order is now restored. Mr. Rogers adds that all is quiet in Shanghai.

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"How did you penetrate my disguise?" "My dear young lady, I have not penetrated your disguise. Your disguise is perfect—no disguise. Your disguise is original—and would deceive even Henson's eyes. I guessed you were taking a philanthropic interest in our friend. It came to me by a kind of intuition, the knack that stood me in such good stead in my professional days. When you said that you had been warned of Henson's coming by telegram I was certain."

"Then perhaps you guessed that Enid sent me the telegram?" "That was obvious. Also it was obvious that Henson brought Frank Littimer along."

"Oh, he did. It was Frank's mission to steal the picture. I confronted him with a revolver and locked him in one of the bedrooms. It took all my courage and good resolutions to prevent me from betraying myself to the poor fellow."

"Rather cruel of you, wasn't it?" "Well, yes. But I wanted to make the exposure as complete as possible. When the time comes to strip Reginald Henson of his pretensions and flog him from the family, the more evidence we can pile up the better. But Frank is not bad; he is merely weak and utterly in the power of that man. If we can only break the bonds, Frank will be a powerful factor on our side."

"I daresay. But how was the Rembrandt stolen? Littimer's I mean." "It was worked through an accomplice," Chris explained. "It had to be done before you arrived. And there proved to be better than that night for the operation. I guessed that when Henson drew the fact from me that I liked the terrace after dinner. By a bit of good luck I found the accomplice and himself together in the day; in fact, I forced Reginald's hand so that he had to introduce me to the man. In which case you would know him again?"



CHAPTER XXXIV.

The Puzzling of Henson. Chris smiled with the air of one who is perfectly satisfied with her work. "For the present I fancy we have done enough," she said. "I want to go to bed now, and I want you both to do the same. Also I shall be glad if you will come down in the morning as if nothing had happened. Tell Reginald Henson casually that you have been convinced that you have done Dr. Bell a grave injustice, and give no kind of particulars. And please thank Mr. Henson in the same fashion as before. There is only one other thing."

"Name it, and it is yours," Littimer cried. "Well, cut the margin off that print, or at any rate turn the margin down, fit it into the frame, and hang it up as if nothing had happened."

Littimer looked at Chris with a puzzled expression for a moment, and then his features relaxed into a satyr-like grin. "Capital," he said. "I quite understand what you mean. And I must be there to see it, eh?—yes, I must be there to see it, I would not miss it for a strawberry leaf."

The thing was done and the picture restored to its place. Bell drew Chris aside for a moment. "Do you rise early in the morning?" he asked. "Always," Chris replied, demurely. "I find the terrace charming before breakfast. Good-night."

Bell was down bedtimes despite the fact that it had been daylight before he was in bed. Among the terrace, looking over the cliffs, Chris was already walking, a great cluster of red and yellow roses in her hand. She looked as fresh and bright as if she and excitement were strangers. All the same she seemed to avoid Bell's eyes.

"Isn't it lovely here?" she exclaimed. "And these roses with the dew still upon them. Well, Dr. Bell, have you made fresh discoveries?" "I have discovered that Henson is going to take his breakfast in bed," Bell said gravely. "Also that he requires a valet at half-past ten."

"Dr. Bell, you are a doer of a job," said Littimer, who was already walking. "I have had a further discovery. "And what is that, Dr. Bell?" "That you and I have met before—once before when I attended you in a kind of official capacity, and when I behaved in a distinctly unbecomingly professional manner. Dr. Walker was present. Dr. Walker seems to have been singularly short-sighted."

The roses fell from Chris' hands on to the path. Her face had grown very pale indeed; there was a frightened, appealing look in her eyes. "Dr. Bell, you are a doer of a job," said Littimer, who was already walking. "I have had a further discovery. "And what is that, Dr. Bell?" "That you and I have met before—once before when I attended you in a kind of official capacity, and when I behaved in a distinctly unbecomingly professional manner. Dr. Walker was present. Dr. Walker seems to have been singularly short-sighted."

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Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
Victoria	9.00	10.06	Victoria	3.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46	Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncan	11.00	10.03	Duncan	5.00	5.09
Chemainus	11.32	9.30	Chemainus	5.32	4.17
Ladysmith	11.52	9.10	Ladysmith	6.00	4.00
Nanaimo	12.35	8.29	Nanaimo	6.44	3.15
Ar. Wellington	12.53	Lv. 8.00	Ar. Wellington	6.55	Lv. 2.00

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—It is expected that in addition to the speakers announced for the big Liberal Rally to-morrow evening R. G. Macpherson, M. P., of Vancouver, will also be present.

—An application was before Mr. Justice Irving in Chambers this morning to strike out the defence in the case of the E. & N. Railway Co. vs. Hoggan. The application was refused. Probate was granted to the will of the late Mrs. Jane S. Dewdney.

DOMINION ELECTION.
DATE OF ELECTION, TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH; HOURS OF POLLING 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; PLACE OF POLLING ROYAL CAFE BUILDING, 55 FORT ST.

THREE CANDIDATES ARE IN THE FIELD

Nominations Took Place To-Day--Hon. W. Templeman, J. L. Beckwith and W. H. Marcon Will Contest the Seat.

Returning Officer Hicks opened the rooms of the old Royal Cafe, on Fort street, at noon to-day for the purpose of receiving nominations for the vacancy in the Dominion House of Commons, rendered vacant by the retirement of George Riley. The proclamation had been duly posted fixing the date for nominations, and setting forth that if more than one candidate be nominated, then the date of election be Tuesday March 6th.

The returning officer, his clerk, and a Times representative were the only ones present at the official opening of the proceedings, and until 12:30 there were any show whatever of interest in the event. Then William Herbert Marcon, accompanied by William T. Best, entered the room, and approaching the returning officer handed in the nomination paper of the first named, Mr. Best, asserting that the list of names attached thereto were duly registered voters for the electoral district. This formal ceremony was gone through on Saturday in the case of Hon. W. Templeman, the Liberal candidate, whose nomination was signed by the following:

- Robert Burns McMeeking.
- William Ernest Ditchburn.
- Ronald Alexander Conway Grant.
- William Kyle Houston.
- David Leeming.
- Alex. McDonald Black Fraser, Jr.
- Angus Beaton McNeill.
- Charles Joseph Vancouver Spratt.
- John Nelson.
- William Geo. Lemm.
- Richard Low Drury.
- John Flery.
- Andrew Fairfull.
- John Edward Kinsman.
- William Edward Kinsman.
- William Hamilton Kinsman.
- Richard Hall.
- S. Perry Mills.
- John Hugh Johnston.
- Arthur William Cairns.
- Herbert Frest Winby.
- James Albert Lindsay.
- James Dunsmuir.
- James Hill Lawson Jr.
- John Cochrane.
- Thomas Irwin Worthington.
- Thomas Joseph Jones.
- Irving A. Lemm.
- Alexander F. McCrimmon.
- Henry Alexander Munro.
- C. H. Kent.
- Alfred Huggett.
- Alexander McEwen.
- Walter Walker.
- Alex. Wilson.
- Geo. Ernest Kelly.
- Edward Benjamin Marvin.
- William George Cameron.
- Charles Henry Lugin.
- Joshua Kingham.
- John Taylor.
- W. H. Wilkinson.
- Chas. Hayward.
- H. Kent.
- Robert J. Parker.
- William A. Smith.
- Edmond J. Wall.
- William Broderick.
- Thos. Pimley.
- Wm. Bownass.
- S. Sea, Jr.
- M. Young.
- Robert Beaven.
- Fred Carnie.
- T. W. Patterson.
- J. L. White.
- James Forman.
- Stephen Jones.
- Chas. E. Redfern.
- W. F. C. Pope.
- W. A. Robertson.
- W. Jones.
- Albert Onions.
- James Tagg.
- A. F. McCrimmon.
- W. H. Jones.
- Geo. Kirkendale.
- David Dewar.
- G. Mesher.
- G. Taylor.
- G. J. Johnston.
- G. E. Miller.
- A. Emerson.
- James Wood.
- Robert H. Bassett.
- George Lawson Milne.
- H. L. Salmon.
- F. A. Pauline.
- A. J. Morris.
- Ernest Temple.
- Frederick Galley.
- Geo. H. Gowen.
- R. M. Ridden.
- S. J. Pitts.
- Jos. Pierson.
- Joseph Boscowitz.
- P. G. Vernon.
- T. W. Walker.
- L. G. McQuade.
- H. I. Bradley.
- Geo. Glover.
- Walter S. Fraser.
- Fred. V. Robertson.
- J. B. H. Rickaby.
- H. Lawson.
- L. H. Hardie.
- L. R. Locke.
- G. D. Christie.
- Geo. Munro.
- Angus Galbraith.
- C. J. Brownrigg.
- Geo. P. Kelly.
- A. S. Ashwell.
- A. E. Azen.
- J. D. McNiven.
- A. Sheret.
- John G. Cox.
- Thos. Donovan.
- E. S. Rowe.
- J. T. McDonald.
- R. Bray.
- Henry Rutland.
- George Powell.
- R. H. Powell.
- A. McGregor.
- Joseph Heaney.
- W. T. Williams.
- Frederick Norris.
- Angus Campbell.
- A. Lubbe.
- Geo. R. Robson.
- J. P. Walls.

- George Pauline.
- James Moss.
- H. Moxon.
- W. V. North.
- James Paterson.
- S. M. Ross.
- H. E. A. Courtenay.
- William Cox.
- Thos. Hebbington.
- Otto Buchholtz.
- Thomas H. Allie.
- H. G. Wilson.
- John B. Lovell.
- D. Campbell.
- Jas. E. Painter.
- S. W. Bucknam.
- A. Brakes.
- Wm. Lorimer.
- James Rebbeck.
- Thos. G. Sorby.
- E. B. Clark.
- C. J. Savage.
- Wm. Houston.
- Thos. Jacklin.
- A. E. Bechler.
- Robt. K. Law.
- William McGregor.
- W. Dinmore.
- William Ellis.
- Wm. Dockings.
- Noel M. Barber.
- Wm. B. Christopher.
- S. J. Stapledon.
- J. Brakes.
- John Pettierew.
- C. J. Magill.
- J. Dudgeon.
- Wm. C. Pettierew.
- J. Daley.
- Maurice H. Law.
- Stephen Cortie.
- R. Purser.
- N. Basso.
- O. Richards.
- Henry Cooley.
- Jas. Hastie.
- Wm. Alnall.
- William Humphrey.
- Thos. R. Cusack.
- A. A. Aaronson.
- John Meston.
- A. G. McGregor.
- Chas. B. Sylvester.
- Wm. Lang.
- Samuel Johns.
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- A. Johns.
- F. W. Fawcett.
- E. Kermode.
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- W. M. Dean.
- Jas. Bell.
- A. Richardson.
- C. F. Todd.
- F. F. Hedges.
- F. W. Adams.
- A. H. Fraser, Sen.
- Lewis Hall.
- Arthur Lee.
- W. J. Stephens.
- Thos. Shebolt.
- A. Stewart.
- David Spencer.
- T. M. Henderson.
- Geo. P. Weller.
- Otto Weller.
- Robert Sangster.
- F. M. Russell.
- R. J. Hurst.
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- Harrie G. Rois.
- G. R. Marvin.
- D. R. Ker.
- C. W. Rhodes.
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- F. W. Hall.
- L. W. Conyers.
- W. S. Chambers.
- C. Winger.
- Sydney J. Heald.
- D. S. Spencer.
- H. Mitchell.
- A. Clayton.
- O. Merdith Jones.
- Thomas Hooper.
- Robert Foster.
- William Alfred Dier.
- Wm. Hatrick Dempster.
- William Wilson.
- Geo. Lucas.
- D. M. Evans.
- Wm. Turpel.
- David L. Jones.
- Frank Mellor.
- Arthur E. Jones.
- W. F. Fullerton.
- Arthur Albert Humber.
- G. A. Coldwell.
- Samuel Kirby.
- E. T. McGuire.
- James Waalecch.
- C. W. Frank.
- Wm. McKay.
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- M. C. Lemm.
- Jas. Scott.
- John Campbell.
- Wm. McCarter.
- W. H. Gibson.
- Donald Grant.
- Aaron Parfitt.
- F. Geiger.
- P. M. Linklater.
- C. Mackie.
- Russ Humber.
- E. Matthews.

Christie, carriage builder; John Finn, laborer; Phillip Robert Smith, printer and publisher; Wm. Bell Christopher, clerk; Frank Wm. Garland, restaurateur; Neil Stewart Paul, clothes renovator; Jas. Card, boot and shoemaker; Fred Daniel Thomas, Hodges, machine hand; Herbert Hill, laborer; Jas. Goldstraw, laborer; Geo. Way, laborer; John Chas. Mapleton, laborer; Jas. Miles Lawson, hotel keeper; Wm. Angus Gleeson, contractor; Henry Fox, stained glass worker; John MacFayden Cameron, woodworker; Albert Jessie-Benson, barber; Arthur Ernest Mattram, hotel waiter; Harold Burnett, news agent; Henry Palmer Melbeck, machine hand; Robt. Curtis Eccles, mill hand.

This application having been dealt with, George Jay advanced and handed in the nomination papers of John Leander Beckwith, commission agent, and also the \$200 deposit.

Albert Edward McPhillips, Henry Frederick William Behusen, Wm. Taylor Hardaker, Alex. Monteith, R. Edward Gosnell, Leonard Tait, Thos. Stephen Fulcher, Richard Ryan, C. Malcolm Cookson, Edward Crinan Lewis, Geo. Penketh, Murray Clark, John W. Waddy, Henry Haskins, John W. Borden, Wm. Henry Pries, Henry Rivers, Geo. Herd, John Thos. Croot, Wm. James Mable, Wm. Oakes Wallace, Harry Freaque Bishop, Day Hort Macdowall, Harold Bruce Robertson, Harry Dallas Hemcken, Henry Francis Langton, Geo. Henry Maynard.

The returning officer declared a poll necessary and announced that it would be held in the Royal Cafe building on Tuesday next, the booths being open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This closed the proceedings, and all left the room with the exception of the officials, who held the fort until 2 o'clock, the hour prescribed by law, but without receiving any further nominations.

FORTY T. I. O. S. N. D. FOR KAIEN ISLAND

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. Gore could not recall the exact date of his interview, however. He did not think he had any conversation with the premier or the attorney-general on the subject.

James Anderson was then recalled. In reply to Mr. Macdonald witness said that he had found one more book of bank stubs. This was the last one, commencing November 7th, 1905, and ending January 8th, 1906.

Mr. Macdonald said that he noticed that from the first deposit, August 3rd, 1905, and August 3rd, 1906, there had been deposited \$18,950. From November 15th, 1905, to November 21st, 1906, there had been deposited \$18,627.50.

A record of deposits from the bank not shown in the books was produced by Mr. Anderson.

The \$10,000 got a year ago was shown in the bank statement, Mr. Anderson said.

Mr. Macdonald then alluded to the time in June or July when Mr. Anderson was in Montreal. Mr. Bodwell was there at the time.

Mr. Anderson said that he interviewed Mr. Hays at his office. On one occasion Mr. Morse was present, on the other Mr. Stevens and Mr. Morse were present. Mr. Bodwell was not present at either time.

"What was the object of the interview?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"Mr. Anderson said nothing in particular."

Mr. Macdonald said that railway presidents did not send for men for nothing.

Mr. Anderson said the Kaien Island terminus was discussed. Mr. Hays referred to the probable terminus there. He could not remember that the question of what he was to get out of it was not discussed at that time. He could not remember that this was discussed on either of those occasions. He might have discussed it with Mr. Morse afterwards. Mr. Hays said Mr. Morse was to have full charge of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. Macdonald referred to Mr. Bodwell's evidence, and Mr. Anderson said that it had been agreed that \$40,000 was to be paid to Mr. Larsen and Mr. Anderson if Kaien Island was made the terminus. There was an agreement signed by Mr. Morse for the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Larsen was not in Montreal at the time, and Mr. Anderson signed the document for himself and Mr. Larsen. This was afterwards cancelled and nothing was taken.

Reading from Mr. Bodwell's evidence Mr. Macdonald showed that at that time while in Montreal Mr. Bodwell had told Mr. Hays that Mr. Larsen did not want anything out of this; that Mr. Larsen never wanted anything, and that if Mr. Hays wanted to arrange with Mr. Anderson it could be done.

Mr. Anderson said that he had Mr. Larsen's power of attorney, and witness had signed his name to the agreement for \$40,000. Mr. Larsen did not take the position that he did not want anything out of it. A copy of the agreement was given witness which was given to Mr. Larsen.

When witness returned to Spokane Mr. Larsen said that he did not care about taking money from the Grand Trunk Pacific. He seemed to think that it would be better to cancel this arrangement. He supposed that Mr. Larsen was seeking contracts, and wished to be friendly with the Grand Trunk Pacific. Witness was not looking for contracts.

Mr. Bodwell knew of this agreement. Witness thought it was signed, and Mr. Bodwell before it was signed.

In reply to Mr. Macdonald, witness said that his wife was not in town. She had gone south, leaving on Saturday night.

In reply to D. M. Eberts, K. C., witness said that he had been friendly with Mr. Larsen for a long time. His trips north were not alone in connection with lands at Kaien Island. He had visited Nanoga Gulf, Queen Charlotte Island. The coal lands taken over by witness was only a prospect. There was not much of an indication. During the visit to Montreal Mr. Larsen had come down to see the C. P. R. engineer. The visit was not made to meet witness. At the time witness met Mr. Larsen at Spokane. Mr. Larsen said that he did not care to get anything from the Grand Trunk

Pacific, except the expense of survey. Witness never got a cent from the Grand Trunk Pacific on account of these lands, except the \$2,500 paid on expense account and the \$10,000 which Mr. Larsen paid him.

In reply to Mr. Macdonald witness said that he did not expect to meet Mr. Larsen at Montreal. Mr. Larsen knew witness was going there.

Asked by Mr. Macdonald as to the ownership of the lands on the mainland in which witness held a sixteenth interest, Mr. Anderson said that he could not say who owned the other interests in the lands.

In reply to Mr. Rose, witness said that he had in view forming a connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. He was looking to a connection with the land department. He had discussed this with Mr. Morse, who said that the intention of the company was to form a land company similar to the C. P. R.

Mr. Larsen gave witness his power of attorney for the signing of this agreement. This was cancelled afterwards.

In reply to Mr. Paterson, witness said that the interview, which was not correctly reported, was given to Mr. Godenrath, of the Colonist.

Replying to Mr. Macdonald, witness said that he was quite sure he (witness) did not write that interview himself. He did not think that it was read to him by Mr. Godenrath.

The committee then adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when E. V. Bodwell, K. C., will be recalled.

PERSONAL.

H. J. Knott, J. R. McCullum and D. C. Reid, local representatives of the B. C. Permanent L. & S. Co., will leave on the Princess Victoria to-morrow morning to attend the annual general meeting of the company, which will be held in the head office, Vancouver, at 11 a.m.

Capt. Fletcher, post office inspector, returned yesterday to Victoria after nearly a month's absence in the Yukon on official business. The weather had moderated very much, and the lowest temperature met was 22 degrees below.

E. E. Eckersley, of San Francisco; W. H. Moore, of Fernie; D. McIntosh, of Winnipeg; and J. Randle, of Nanaimo, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Oscar Wells, of New Westminster; W. Fred. Moore, of Seattle; and F. J. Moore, of Nanaimo, are at the Victoria.

Louis J. Rice, manager of the Vernon News, is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

A. C. Hirschfeld, of Atlin, and H. N. Cowan, of Toronto, are staying at the Driad.

Miss L. Chambers, of Vancouver, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.

FORMER PREMIER ILL.

A. J. Balfour Ordered to Remain in Bed—Election in City of London To-day.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 27.—The bye-election in the city of London to decide whether former Premier Balfour shall return immediately to parliament has been robbed of much of its expected excitement by the illness of Mr. Balfour, whose doctor has ordered him to remain in bed.

Mr. Balfour's health has not been satisfactory for some time and is complicated by weakness of the heart. Yesterday evening, after a meeting in the city, he suffered from an over-friendly buffetting on the part of the great crowd of people who desired to shake hands with him. Exhaustion led to a chill and the doctor promptly cancelled all the former premier's engagements.

WILL BUILD NEW SHOPS.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Hon. Mr. H. R. Emmerson says that the Intercolonial workshops will be rebuilt on the old grounds and that he intends to continue at the head of the railway department.

JEWEL ROBBERS SENTENCED.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Barrington and Hazard confessed to-day to the \$20,000 diamond robbery. They were sentenced to five and four years respectively in the penitentiary.

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(Special to the Times.)

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THOMAS DEAST,
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