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RUSSIA PREPARED FOR EVENTUALITIES

BUT THE CZAR IS WORKING FOR PEACE

Japan Will Insist on Binding Assurances Regarding Manchuria—Reply Not Yet Ready.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—In spite of the expressed hope of the Russian authorities that the present crisis will pass and that a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese negotiations will be reached, it is no longer concealed that Russia is practically prepared for eventualities.

It has been known for months that Russia has been steadily strengthening her army and navy in the Far East to meet the preparations which Japan was openly making.

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armed soldiers have been guilty of robbery and public law-breaking there, and the missionaries declare the anti-foreign feeling to be increasing.

RUSSIAN COURT BALL. Brilliant Event at the Palace, St. Petersburg, Attended by Three Thousand Guests.

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THE BIG ISSUE AN ELECTION DAY HAS BEEN FIXED

RESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR IS ACCEPTED

Ald. Grahame is Temporarily Filling His Position—Committee Appointed to Secure Redge.

The city council last night received a unique crisis in municipal government. Mayor Barnard, whose position in regard to disqualification has already been described in these columns, gave formal notice of resignation in consequence of acts related in his letter to the press, published in last night's Times.

Ald. Grahame was voted to the chair in the absence of a Mayor and first in the order of communications came a letter from the latter setting forth the facts leading up to his disqualification and formally announcing his resignation.

The Deputy Provincial Secretary wrote that the government had presented to the legislature an act "which declares Mr. George H. Barnard to have been duly qualified to be a candidate for the office of Mayor and to have been lawfully elected to the said office."

The city solicitor being asked at the request of Ald. Beckwith as to the legality of transferring further business, said that the proposed resolution would be to call a special meeting over which a chairman should be appointed clothed with all the powers of a Mayor.

Chairman Grahame did not see why that the ordinary business of the corporation should be held.

Ald. Fell, reading from the statute, contended that the council was fully constituted to proceed with the business. It would be an outrageous thing that in view of some of the charges against the Mayor, the city should be deprived of its business.

Hon. J. S. Helmcken acknowledged the receipt of a letter from the council in regard to the purchasing of thirty feet of waterfront opposite the Chemical Works.

Mr. Cameron, M. P., asked if the council wished to make any changes in amendments to the Municipal Act, received and filed, and writer thanked.

The board of school trustees submitted the estimates for school purposes for the present year. Received and laid on the table until the city estimates are taken up.

John Deaville asked that the name of Elizabeth street off the Gorge road be changed to Brayside road in order to prevent confusion of names.

Ald. Vincent did not think Brayside and Burnside would go well together.

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WANTED—Short-hand teacher, from 8 to 10 o'clock evening. Apply, stating terms, etc., P. O. Box 162.

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WANTED—Office boy. Apply Robertson & Robertson, 8 Bastion Street.

WANTED—Situation by Japanese as cook in house, steamboat, ship, or camp. Address "Yakawa," Times Office.

WANTED—Position as working housekeeper to gentleman by competent person. Best of references. A. T., Times Office.

WANTED—By manufacturing house, trusty assistant for branch office, \$18 paid weekly; position permanent; no capital required; previous experience not essential. Address Branch Superintendent, 324 Dearborn, Chicago.

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AGENT WANTED—Speedy promotion guaranteed to suitable man. Apply Metropolitan, 108 Government.

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to interview Anny Morrison, and this was what was proposed.

The motion carried, and Aldermen Oddy and Kinsman were appointed to act on the committee.

Ald. Fell then moved that Ald. Grahame be appointed chairman with authority to continue in office until such time as a mayor has been duly elected.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grahame then gave notice of nomination for mayoralty to be held on the 13th and election day for the 17th, in accordance with the provisions of the statute governing such matters.

The council then adjourned.

MRS. BOLTON'S FUNERAL. Remains of One of the Chatham Victims Interred at Craubrook.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, and may be renewed. Payment in advance of \$7.50 per acre for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for companies.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

C. W. D. CLIFFORD SHOWS INCLINATION TO REBEL

Moves Adjournment of Debate Pending Statement of the Government's Railway Policy.

In the legislature this afternoon the time was to a great extent taken up with the estimates as reported to the House. The leader of the opposition again exacted a promise of an announcement regarding railway matters from the Premier within a day or two. The Premier attempted a bluff, charging that the opposition had left the matter over until very late. He was ably met by the leader of the opposition, who recalled the many times upon which the Premier had promised an answer to this question since the House began. He hardly considered it fair to be upbraided for having taken the word of the Premier seriously.

The following bills were introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow: By Hon. C. Wilson—A bill intituled "An Act to amend the County Courts Act," a bill intituled "An Act to amend the Counties Definition Act," and also a bill intituled "An Act for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries." (For prevention of many fraudulent practices, which are commonly endeavored to be upheld by perjury and subornation of perjury.) By J. D. McNeven—A bill intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Labor Organizations." By J. Hawthornthwaite—A bill intituled "An Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in certain Cases." By Hon. E. F. Green—A bill intituled "An Act to amend respecting the Official Map of a portion of Comolaken district." By John Oliver—A bill intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act." By J. A. Macdonald—A bill intituled "An Act to further amend the Legal Professions Act."

Returns Wanted. On motion of James Murphy, seconded by Harry Jones, it was resolved: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all cases for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903 tried by Justices of the peace or magistrates in Barkerville, Quesnel, 150-Mile House, Soda Creek, Lytton, Clinton, Lilloet, Ashcroft, Yale and Nicola, for offences against the Indian Act, whether the accused in each case is a swish or not; the cost of these cases individually to the province; the return of fines to the treasury; the amount of fines imposed; the imprisonment imposed; and whether the prisoner paid fine or underwent imprisonment; the cost of taking the prisoner to Kam-

loops, or the cost of detention in the jail of the locality."

Rules Out of Order. T. W. Paterson moved the following resolution: "Whereas the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway will open for settlement a large area of this province: Be it resolved, that this House is of opinion that it would be of advantage to this province if an arrangement could be made with the railway company to permit of an officer of government accompanying each survey party for the purpose of reporting fully on the natural resources of the territory through which the line will pass."

Mr. Speaker ruled it out of order. Mr. Paterson said that he considered this as one of the most important opportunities the government would have to gather information expecting the country to be opened up. Questions and Answers. Mr. Oliver asked the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. What was the cost of sending specimens of fruit to the Agent-General in London? 2. In what state did those fruit specimens arrive in London? 3. Who packed the said specimens? 4. What was the cost of transportation for the said specimens? Hon. H. G. Tattow replied as follows: "1. From 1st July, 1902, to 31st December, 1903, cost of fruit and packing, \$85.34; 2. in good order; 3. the specimens in jars by the department of agriculture, 12 boxes of apples by F. R. Stewart & Co., Victoria, and T. G. Earl, Lytton; 4. \$116. This is approximate, the amount having been included in the freight bill along with sample cases of fish, in which the charges on fruit are not separately shown."

Mr. Murphy asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What amount of money, if any, was expended by the government during the past year in the construction of a dam across the outlet of Long Lake, situated about 4 miles from the City of Vernon? 2. What was the object of such expenditure, and on whose recommendation was it made? 3. Has the government been notified of damage having been caused by said dam to property belonging on said Long Lake, and, if so, is it the intention of the government to compensate the parties whose land has been damaged? 4. If not, why not? Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "1. \$1,005.22; 2. to prevent damage to the City of Vernon; on Mr. Price Ellison's recommendation; 3. yes, if the claims are found to be just; 4. answered by No. 2."

Still Another Promise. Mr. Macdonald asked the Premier concerning railway legislation. He wished to know if any legislation was to be brought down, and if so, when? The Premier said that he was not prepared to say anything just now. He hoped to-morrow or the day after to-morrow he might be able to relieve the anxiety. Mr. Macdonald therefore suggested that the estimates should stand until after such an announcement were made. The Premier said that he could not agree with that. It would make no difference to postpone the estimates. Mr. Macdonald explained what his reasons were for asking this. When he had asked ten days ago respecting railway legislation, the Premier had promised to give an answer in two or three days. Now the Premier made the same answer to the question. The govern-

ment, once the estimates were passed, was in a position to prorogue the House. He wanted something definite in this matter before the government was enabled to take this course. The opposition wanted to know whether anything was to be done in the way of opening up parts of the province by railways before supply was voted. The Premier thought the leader of the opposition was inconsistent in not pressing this matter earlier in the session. The government did not wish to keep either the legislature or the country in the dark. Mr. Macdonald said that surely the Premier could not say that he had not pressed for an answer. Early in the session the Premier had promised this. He then believed the Premier would do as he said. Pressed for an answer ten days ago the Premier had given his "word" again that he would bring down an answer in a few days. Again he believed the Premier. Now he found the Premier upbraiding him for having taken him (the Premier) at his word.

The Estimates. Hon. Mr. Tattow moved the receiving of the report of the committee of supply, and the resolutions were read. Upon the item for the department of mines, the leader of the opposition took occasion to again protest against the conduct of his department by the provincial mineralogist. It was urged against that official that he was doing his best to preclude rich deposits, or some such turn down of the district. The result was that deals were cut off. Complaints were constantly being made against this official. He did not pretend that the official purposely misrepresented districts, but by the way the work was done his reports proved a detriment instead of an aid to the mining industry. These complaints should be looked into, he thought, and if found to be well founded the money should not be expended. The Premier said that he had heard complaints before, but it was impossible to get any one to go definitely on record in preferring charges. To remove a man of Mr. Robertson's standing without well founded reasons might work disastrously to British Columbia mineral interests. If complaints were made to the department they would be investigated, and if well founded, Mr. Robertson would be removed from office. Mr. Oliver alluded to the Southeast Kootenai coal lands. It had been stated in the House that coal was located and stakes afterwards driven. Was this in keeping with the report of the provincial mineralogist? Again, the report of that official with respect to Poplar Creek discoveries had not been in keeping with the results. The Minister of Mines had the fullest information on this subject. J. R. Brown again brought attention to the question of an additional mine inspector. He did not pretend to say that Mr. McGregor was not doing all he could. There was need of an assistant. Stuart Henderson wanted to know when the vacancy in the portfolios would be filled. The Premier said that it was impossible to take the House into his confidence in this matter at this time. Upon the vote of agriculture, Mr. Oliver again alluded to the need of a man, a deputy, who would treat his subordinates decently. Upon the item for the survivor of taxes, the leader of the opposition took occasion to state that it would have been better to have kept that official at Harrison Lake, or anywhere else out of the office. The minister, who was the director of that office, and monstrosity. It had called forth more bitterness and opposition than any other measure passed in the legislature. The government admitted now that the measure was ill-considered and ill-advised, as evidenced by a vote of \$5,000 to pay for the commission to go into the work. He therefore protested against this expenditure. Mr. Henderson differed from the leader of the opposition. When the bill became thoroughly understood the government would require a scapegoat, and would want someone to discharge. The surveyor of taxes should be kept for that duty. Mr. Paterson said that from what he knew of the surveyor of taxes that the bill introduced would not be anything like what it was had been given a free hand. That official had been believed to be interfered with by members of the government in his work. Chas. Munro lamented that it would

have to be published to the world that the legislature had made "a dead failure" in the discharge of its duties. In consequence a commission had to be appointed to perform a duty, which should have belonged to the legislature. W. W. B. McInnes said that in the Ladysmith office there was need of an assistant. The Finance Minister said that it was the intention of having provincial consular agents in the work. Mr. McInnes pointed out that the consulars were not always well adapted as office men. He also pointed out that the government had discharged two of the officers in that district. In connection with this one of the officers had his salary increased by the government just before election, and a few weeks afterwards, after election, his was discontinued from office. The Finance Minister, with surprise, asked if the present government increased the salary. "Certainly," replied Mr. McInnes. Parker Williams said he understood that the outside work was done from Nanaimo. Mr. McInnes also pointed out the need of an assistant for the Alberni office. The Finance Minister thought the provincial consular agent should be made to give assistance in these government offices. If these men were not fitted for the work the government would have to transfer them so as to carry it out properly. He admitted that the government agent at Alberni would have to look after all that district. Mr. McInnes pointed out that the government agent at Nanaimo would have little to do, therefore, yet the salary was kept at \$150 a month as compared with \$95 at Alberni. He did not wish to complain of the salary paid the agent at Nanaimo. The Finance Minister said this matter would be attended to, and the agent at Nanaimo would be given work to do. R. E. Drury asked for an explanation of the salary paid to the New Westminster government agent, and that at Nelson and other places. The Premier explained that the duties filled by the agent at New Westminster were very arduous. Mr. Oliver wanted J. J. Johnson's services recognized at New Westminster. He had been passed over at different times though he was recognized to be the man in that office "twice known."

W. C. Wells took exception to the cutting down of offices in his district. He alluded to the cutting-off of the Windermere office, and the fact that an officer at Golden had been assured of an increased salary in consequence of long service. The previous government had arranged to do so, but the salary yet remained as it was. The Finance Minister cited the report of the inspector of agencies as the reason for doing it. Dr. King pointed out that the agency should be removed from Fort Steele to Cranbrook. The Finance Minister said the matter was under consideration. Mr. Brown, in connection with the Greenwood salaries, pointed out that Mr. Cunningham, a clerk in the office at a salary of \$60, should have an increase. He really did the work of a mining recorder. He thought that there was too much difference in the salaries paid throughout the country for the same character of work. Mr. Henderson thought Quesnel Forks could be cut down in point of expenditure where there was little to do now. That office was all that was needed. A part of the work could be done at 150-Mile House. The expenditure for the Omineca agency, he thought, was too great in view of the work done. The Premier said that he had contemplated cutting off this agency. He feared learned that the Hudson Bay Company and others were prepared to increase their business. The coming through of the Grand Trunk Pacific prompted the government to believe that there would be considerable business there this year. Mr. Henderson thought a mining recorder during the winter would do the work. He, therefore, moved that the vote be reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000. The motion was lost on a straight party division. Messrs Hawthornthwaite, Williams and Davidson voting with the government. Mr. Henderson called attention to the need of greater care in the appointment of justices of the peace. He instanced some of the abuses under the system. Upon the item for the provincial police, Mr. Henderson said that it was known

(Continued on page 6.) Do not forget that Cowan's Cake Icings Are exactly what you want. A child can ice a cake in 3 minutes. Chocolate, pink, lemon color and white. The Cowan Co., Ltd., TORONTO. Extra Trousers An extra pair of trousers will never come amiss. Here's a chance to buy two pairs for what you'd expect to pay for one. Samples most of them and extra good value at regular prices of \$4.25, \$3.50 and \$3.00. Choice now for \$2.50 See window. W. G. CAMERON VICTORIA'S CHEAPEST CASH CLOTHIER, 55 JOHNSON STREET.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODS AND EFFECTS OF LOUIS FREDERICK BAUMANN, DECEASED, INTERSTATE. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Louis Frederick Baumann, who died on the 25th day of December, 1903, intestate, are required, on or before the 20th day of February, 1904, to send full particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned. And further take notice that after such date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the Administrator, Frederick Baumann, will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution. Dated the 20th January 1904. HENKINSON BIDDALL, 14 Chancery Lane, Victoria, B. C., Agent for the Said Administrator, Frederick Baumann.

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DOINGS AT THE CONVENTION.

Peace brooded like a dove over the convention of the great Conservative party. John Houston was chairman and discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all.

The sweet communion that prevailed in the great convention illustrates again the fact that it is hard to keep good men down.

And so we might go over an extensive list of galvanized political corpses and rehabilitated politicians, adding to the number the Socialist allies of the ragged army.

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the provincial finances is a sufficient excuse for the procrastination of the Premier. Whether that plea will satisfy those who have definite promises of subsidies we do not know.

FISH AND GAME LAWS.

A few days ago the Times drew attention to the fact that the authorities in some of the Eastern provinces, with more regard for the true interests of the people than the McBrice administration is capable of displaying, had co-operated with the Dominion government in the passage of regulations for the preservation of game fish.

We make this suggestion in the belief that the government is in earnest in its desire to conserve whatever is of value in resources of British Columbia.

Now we wonder whether Sir Hilbert Tupper will lead his reputationally ragged band of political guerrillas outside of British Columbia and carry dismay into the ranks of Liberalism in the East.

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McBrice government, without McDonald's vote, would be in a minority any time the Socialists voted against it; and a desperate effort is being made by legislation to give McDonald a seat he never held.

It is said that the original intention of the bill, was to make provision by which in case of a congestion of business in the Supreme court that any county judge in the province who was at liberty to take the county sitting in Victoria should be called upon to do so.

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PERSONAL. John Hendry, president of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company, and James Jeffery, another of the officials of the road, were in the city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of one of the subsidiary companies.

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So far as can be gleaned from the facts gathered early this afternoon the little school was playing with a number of small school companions on the side of the road. Between them they had what is known as a pea rifle in their possession, which they were using somewhat carelessly.

In some manner the weapon was discharged. Freeman fell to the ground, and Mr. Dobson, who was passing at the time, heard the shot and also saw the lad fall. He hastened to his assistance and found him in a most serious condition.

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IN THEIR SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

YEARLY BUSINESS OF FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Opened Meeting in Parliament Buildings Yesterday—Committee's Report—Adjourned Until To-day.

The Central Farmers' Institute opened their sixth annual convention in the agriculture department of the parliament buildings yesterday. The following delegates were present: W. F. Stewart, Richmond; A. H. Pent, Metcosen; Geo. Deans, Victoria; W. N. Shaw, Nanaimo; H. Cleasby, Lillooet; W. J. Brandrick, Burrard; J. Dilworth, J. T. Collins, Island; A. Venables, Okanagan; H. Harris, Langley; A. Uryu, Conestoga; J. Metcalfe, Maple Ridge; J. G. Halpenny, Alberni; S. Wilson, Chilliwack; N. T. Baker, Kent; J. A. Morrison, Matsqui; D. Matheson, Spallumcheen; W. H. Ladner, Delta; J. H. Hill, Mission; H. Bone, Surrey; V. J. Curry, Kamloops, and J. McCallum, Salmon Arm.

SPORTING

BASKETBALL

SATURDAY'S GAME

On Saturday evening a game will be played between the J. B. A. and Fernwood teams. Some good play on both sides is anticipated. Frank Smith will be found at centre for the Bays.

HANDBALL

THE HANDICAP TOURNEY

The second handicap handball tournament of the season in connection with the James Bay Athletic Association is progressing apace. A number of interesting games have been played and the results are appended.

AN OPEN CHALLENGE

A challenge has been issued by R. C. Pettigrew and F. C. Davis to play anybody either in singles or doubles. It is probable that this challenge will be taken up and some exciting games are therefore expected.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

THE PROVINCIAL LEAGUE

The local series of provincial league matches was started last Saturday by the game between the Victoria and Garrison teams. The struggle for the championship of the province is therefore inaugurated as far as the local teams are concerned.

THE RING

ATELLI DEFEATED FORBES

St. Louis, Feb. 1.—After having the best of four rounds of fighting, Harry Forbes, of Chicago, to-night was knocked out in the first part of the fifth round by Ateelli, of San Francisco, in a 25-round fight for the featherweight championship

Matheson, that the institute recommend the passage of an act to prevent scrub bulls from running at large east of the Cascade range at all seasons.

J. A. Morrison moved in amendment: That this institute recommend that an act be passed and enforced that nothing but pure bred and registered stock (bulls) be allowed to run at large east of the Cascade range.

Mr. Matheson gave some interesting remarks on the subject of co-operation, alluding to the following statistics: Cattle shipped between August 28th, 1903, and 28th January, 1904—Apples and pears, 7 cars; vegetables, 33 cars; fresh fruit, 20 cars; miscellaneous, 388 cars; business for the year, \$14,755,000; expenses and losses, \$1,056,000; per cent. of cost on value per dollar, 7.16 per cent. Fifteen cars have already started this month.

The question of securing more help from the Dominion government or export from the local market provoked some discussion. R. M. Palmer, the freight rates commissioner, explained that the Dominion government couldn't do very much more in this respect than they were doing, but they were doing as much for British Columbia as any other province. He advised the institute to draft a resolution to the provincial government asking for the setting aside of provincial land for the establishment of an agricultural school, which was badly needed in this province.

Mr. Deans commented on the good service rendered by the Dominion government in this line, and that which was now being done in Manitoba.

A committee, consisting of Captain Stewart, Mr. Curry, Mr. Brandrick and Mr. Dilworth, were appointed to draft a resolution to the government on Mr. Palmer's remarks.

On motion of Capt. Stewart the convention adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 1.)

That many constables obtained money under false pretences.

Mr. McInnes said that the item for provincial police was practically the same as last year, yet the government had reduced the number. Did the government intend to increase the number of police again?

The Finance Minister said it was not the intention to do this. Under the present law, the vote for the reformatory, Mr. Drury called attention to the fact that Mr. Bowden had been dismissed upon the pretext that his services could be dispensed with. This was not the case, as other aid was employed. Mr. Bowden was one of his best employees that had served there. His heart was in the work.

The Finance Minister said that with the exception of Saturday afternoon, when a police officer went up and assisted in the work, there had been no assistant appointed.

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The Premier said that there could be nothing done in the matter as far as he could see. The government would seriously consider the matter, but saying jurors before the House met again.

Dr. King wanted a night constable for Cranbrook.

C. W. D. Clifford moved an adjournment of the debate in order that the government might prepare its railway policy.

The Premier pressed for the matter proceeding. It being discovered that Mr. Clifford was paired, the Speaker ruled the motion out of order, a paired member being unable to introduce a motion. Members of the opposition took exception to the ruling that because a member was paired that he could not introduce a motion.

A consultation of the rules discovered no such rule, and the vote was taken. The motion was defeated.

On the debate being resumed, the leader of the opposition took exception to the ruling that because a member was paired that he could not introduce a motion.

The Attorney-General thought there was no difficulty in the way of this. Messrs. Wells, Harvey and Oliver wanted some explanation of the difference in the emoluments to sheriffs. It was pointed out that the sheriff of Vernon received much more than any other.

Mr. Oliver moved that the appropriation for sheriffs, etc., should be reduced \$400.

The Attorney-General pointed out that Okanagan was a very large country. It was scattered and extra duties were enforced upon him. Deputy sheriffs also had to be appointed, as some of the judges refused to proceed without a deputy sheriff.

The leader of the opposition said that the Attorney-General probably referred to Rossland, but he had not explained it all. The deputy sheriff in Rossland had been dismissed by his superior, the sheriff at Nelson. Though he dismissed an officer yet he did not appoint a new one.

Mr. Brown pointed out that if there were business to warrant deputy sheriffs there would be more fees and the sheriff got larger returns.

The motion to reduce the vote was lost.

The further consideration of the estimates was adjourned.

Victoria Mayorality. By message of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, an act was introduced to validate the acts of Mayor Bernard of Victoria. The bill passed its first and second reading.

The House went into committee in view of the necessities of the case. An amendment was added calling for the holding of an appropriate election to fill the vacancy. The bill was reported.

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

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## PROVINCIAL NEWS.

### VALIDATING HIS ACTS.

G. H. Barnard Being Relieved From Penalties by Legislature—Assent to Be Given To-Day.

### VANCOUVER.

Li Ping was found guilty on Monday by Judge Henderson of perjury himself in the Charlie Sling murder case. Li Ping confessed that he hired him to say that he saw a Jap coming out of the murdered man's room at the hour he was murdered. The defence also claimed that the prisoner had been induced illegally to promise to make a confession. The judge decided that this was not proved. He also held that the burnt paper oath was sufficiently binding for a Chinaman in the absence of proof to the contrary. Sentence was reserved.

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

General Manager Buntzen, of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, was in town the other day. In connection with the car shops Mr. Buntzen gave instructions to the local manager, F. R. Glover, to proceed at an early date as possible with the addition to the main building, which is required by the growing necessities of the works. This addition will be in the neighborhood of 60 feet by 75 feet, and on its completion the works will give employment to a still greater number of skilled mechanics. The car building programme for the present year has been arranged as follows: Ten convertible city cars (Detroit model), 20 feet in length; one double truck interurban car, 32-foot-long; three interurban cars, 50 feet long, and one flat car. When these are all completed the rolling stock of the B. C. E. R. will be considerably augmented. During 1904 in addition to the new cars which will be put together, there will be six cars up from Victoria to be entirely rebuilt, and about ten Vancouver and Westminster cars for the same purpose.

### ROSSLAND.

Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., on Wednesday afternoon inspected the militia company's arms and stores, and the arms of the Rossland Civilian Association. "Everything was in excellent shape in both armories," said Colonel Holmes, commenting on the result of his inspection.

### YMCA.

Stephen Bywater, president of the Broken Hill Mining Company, and Edward A. King, of Chicago, passed through town on their way to the Wilcox mine. Mr. Bywater stated that in the spring they would enlarge their mill plant, and that they were carefully watching Dr. Hendry's new treatment of ores with a view of installing a plant on their premises.

Foreman Mitchell, of the Dundee mine, reports having pumped all the water out of the mine workings, and his men are busy cleaning out the mine debris, of which there are some 200 tons. As soon as this is brought to the surface active mining will commence with a view to placing the property on a paying basis.

### KASLO.

Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., visited Kaslo last week and inspected the arms and accoutrements of the Kaslo company. While here Colonel Holmes formally took over the drill hall from the department of public works. An "at home" was given by Company No. 4, R. M. R., to mark the formal opening of the armory.

### LADNER.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows has decided to erect a business block in Ladner. The contract has been awarded to Messrs. Paterson & Shortreed for the sum of \$3,600 odd. The building, which is to be a two-story one, will have a frontage on Delta street of 40 feet, with a depth of 70 feet. The ground floor will be divided into store, bank and club premises. The Royal Bank of Canada have leased the greater portion of the front part of the building, whilst the rear portion, a spacious room, 24x40 feet, will be fitted in an up-to-date manner as a billiard and club room. The lodge will occupy the greater portion of the upper floor.

### GREENWOOD.

At the Sibley school house recently a strong Liberal Association was organized. Permanent officers were elected as follows: President, John A. Dallander; vice-president, Frank Edwards; secretary-treasurer, Wm. Letts; assistant secretary, M. Gillis; and an executive committee composed of the above and Messrs. Stiles, Hollinger and H. Edwards. Duncan Ross, the Liberal candidate, was present and addressed the meeting. Isaac M. Barnard, one of the best known and most highly respected men of the district, died at his residence, Government street, on January 28th. Mr. Barnard was a native of Prince Edward Island, and 43 years of age. Four years ago he came to Greenwood and was associated with Mr. Fowler in the development of the Providence and Defiance. Shortly after the Defiance closed down last fall, Mr. Barnard was not feeling well but thought nothing of his illness until he was forced to take to his bed. Complications set in and medical skill could do nothing to abate the malady. He leaves a widow and two little daughters.

A bill was introduced into the legislature yesterday afternoon and put through its several stages up to being reported and passing its third reading. The object of the bill is to validate the acts of G. H. Barnard as chief magistrate of the city. It will pass its third reading and be approved of by His Honor this afternoon.

The bill is as follows: Whereas, at the municipal elections of the city of Victoria held on the 14th day of January, 1904, George Henry Barnard was a candidate for the office of Mayor, and was declared by the returning officer at the said election to have been duly elected; And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the said George Henry Barnard was qualified to be a candidate at the said election, by reason of the firm of solicitors of which the said George Henry Barnard is a member, at the request of the solicitor for the corporation of the city of Victoria, having agreed to supply and having supplied to the said corporation copies of certain documents relating to land in which said corporation is interested, in consideration of the sum of \$19.50;

And whereas it was unknown to said George Henry Barnard that the said firm had agreed to supply or had supplied such copies as aforesaid, and no money has been paid by said corporation to said firm of solicitors in respect thereof;

And whereas since the said election the said George Henry Barnard has acted, sat and voted as Mayor of the said city of Victoria;

And whereas it is in the public interests that all acts, matters and things heretofore done or executed by the said George Henry Barnard and purporting to have been done by him as Mayor as aforesaid should be validated;

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

1. All acts, matters and things heretofore done or executed by the said George Henry Barnard, and purporting to have been done and executed by him as Mayor of the said city of Victoria, since the 14th day of January, A. D. 1904, are hereby declared to have been legally and validly done or executed, notwithstanding any of the matters heretofore recited.

2. The said George Henry Barnard is hereby exonerated, freed and discharged from all penalties or forfeitures which may have been incurred by him in respect of the matters heretofore recited, under any of the provisions of the "Municipal Clauses Act," and it is hereby declared that no such penalties or forfeitures shall be hereafter incurred by the said George Henry Barnard by reason of the said heretofore recited matters; and this act may be pleaded in bar of and as a discharge of any action now pending or that may hereafter be brought against the said George Henry Barnard for any alleged violation of the "Municipal Clauses Act," in any respect of said heretofore recited matters.

An amendment was introduced by the Premier, on the advice of the city solicitor, providing that the election should take place at once.

At the meeting of the city council last evening the date of nomination was fixed for February 13th, the election, if necessary, to be held on the 17th.

### Miss Barbara M. Stanfold

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### HOW MIKADO'S WARRIORS ARE TRAINED FOR WAR

Organization and Methods of Teaching and Training Adopted by Fighting Men of the Orient.

Much has been written of late on the organization and the methods of teaching and training adopted by the Japanese army, but few writers have dealt with all that long and accumulated training which is the inheritance of every Japanese officer. By birth all Japanese officers belong to the old fighting class of the Samurai; the proportion is indeed so overwhelming that the world "all" is not misleading. And the Samurai, with the rest of the feudal system, lived in Japan right up to the revolution of 1867; therefore every Japanese officer of more than 25 actually began life under the old conditions. In many parts of the country the old state of things lasted beyond 1867, and in more still the old training remained even when the old conditions were altered. And so it happens that every senior officer in the Japanese army or navy was trained with the training of the Samurai, while the younger men share that training by the very blood which they inherit. It is just this training, lying as it does at the back of each officer, and forming in some sort the very stuff out of which each man, and therefore the whole army is made, that becomes of paramount importance at such a crisis as this.

The Samurai, as the fighting class, necessarily placed the highest value on courage and fortitude in the little boys—and for that matter the little girls, too—were brought up from the earliest age with a Spartan-like endurance which left even the Spartans themselves far behind. In order to train the body to hardship young children were made to get up before sunrise for their lessons, and they were sent, before breakfast, to walk with bare feet through the winter snow to their teachers. It was usual for parents to gather a party of children together, perhaps as often as twice a month, before such festivals as those of the God of Learning. In order that they should rest all night without sleep, while they read aloud in turns. Sometimes they were made to go without food, and taught that a Samurai should be ashamed to be hungry. The little boy-prince of Sendai—in one of the most pathetic of Japanese plays—speaks the Samurai thoughts which are set on his page: the two starved children watch a sparrow feeding its young:

"Look of those tiny birds, how wide their yellow bills are open, how eagerly they eat; but for a Samurai, when his stomach is empty it is a disgrace to feel hunger."

After hardening the body, the Samurai training sought to toughen the nerves, and children were frequently sent to graveyards and haunted houses. Small boys, after being taken to see an execution, would be sent out alone, and at night, to find their way back to the spot, to touch the bones of the dead, and to visit on the severed head. Even the crying babies were hushed into silence by mothers who called them "cowards to cry for such a tiny pain," asking them "what they would do, if they cried so much for such a little ache, when their code was not without its teaching of patience and long-suffering, as the sayings of Ogawa, the great T'reyasu, and many others can testify, Kanazawa taught "When others blame thee, blame them not; when others are angry with thee, return not anger. Joy cometh only as Passion, and Desire, part." And the warrior, and such pledges were considered the surest of guarantees. Honor was the pearl of great price to the Samurai, the prize of his earthly existence. And so to shun shame, or to win for himself a name among men, Samurai boys were ready to undergo any suffering or privation. It was fame, not wealth, not knowledge, for which they strove. Life was lightly laid down for honor's sake. It was the over-estimation of this honor, or rather the confounding of the apparent with the real, which produced most of the excesses of the Samurai. For their code was not without its teaching of patience and long-suffering, as the sayings of Ogawa, the great T'reyasu, and many others can testify, Kanazawa taught "When others blame thee, blame them not; when others are angry with thee, return not anger. Joy cometh only as Passion, and Desire, part." And the warrior, and such pledges were considered the surest of guarantees.

That this teaching was not merely theoretical, but was carried into daily practice, the life of the late Count Katsui can testify. Count Katsui lived through one of the most turbulent times in Japanese history, when assassinations and suicides were of daily occurrence. Many attempts were made on his life, and though he was himself at one time possessed of almost absolute power, he never tarnished his sword with blood. He said in his own quaint way: "I've a great dislike to killing people, so I never killed a single man. I don't like chopping off heads. I release the men instead. A friend of mine said to me one day, 'You don't kill enough. Don't you eat pepper and egg-plants?' That man was killed himself. Now I had the life of my sword fastened so firmly in the scabbard that I couldn't draw it without difficulty. I made up my mind people might cut at me. I wouldn't cut at them. Yes, yes, some people truly are like mosquitos and fleas—they bite, but what's that? It just itches a bit, that's all. It doesn't kill." Most Samurai, it is true, did not rise to the magnanimity of a Count Katsui; they erred more on the side of killing job-much than of killing too little, but the killing did not come from a thirst for blood, but from a sense of honor—over-sensitive at times—from the daring of courage, and from the sternest sense of duty and loyalty.

The whole training of the Samurai went to the building up of his character—not to the cultivation of his intelligence, or his tastes as such. Religion and theology were left to the priests. Science was outside his sphere. Literature was to him a pastime, while philosophy he regarded only as a practical aid in the formation of character. The Samurai was a man of action, and so his training was chiefly in fencing, archery, jujitsu, horsemanship, and the use of the spear. He learned calligraphy, ethics, literature and history. But a mind stored with information was not greatly admired. The Samurai valued decision of character, not superiority of intelligence; and all their education and training had this practical end so much in view that the Samurai became the best fighting

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JAPAN'S NAVAL SUPERIORITY. In an interview with a representative of the Exchange Telegraph Company, a gentleman, who formerly for many years held an official position in the Far East, said: "I am of opinion that the real state of affairs has not been disclosed, and that war will break out in spite of all the efforts of the authorities at St. Petersburg and Tokio, backed up, as they doubtless are, by the British and French representatives. The Russian political agents of the war party at home and in the Far East, who have negotiated large options of land in Manchuria and Korea, will create obstacles to peace in order to secure their own ends. All who have had experience of these men will bear me out. I venture to think, in stating that they will not hesitate to pursue their ends, even if against the wishes of the Tsar and his advisers. As to the result of a conflict, I fall to see what the Russian fleet can do. What must be the condition of the first-class battleships and cruisers of the Russian fleet, for which no docks are available. Certainly the ships that have made the long voyage out from the Black Sea or Baltic must not only require docking, but also in all probability extensive refitting and repairs. The Russian fleet under such circumstances cannot venture out far from its base, and then only in full force liable to an attack by an enemy who can easily steam round it. Then again, the Japanese possess an enormous advantage in the Island Sea, which forms their Panama canal; their fast boats can reconnoitre from either end, intercept and capture colliers and transports, as well as locate any "lame duck" or four-bottomed man of war. Thus while the Russians cannot force their way into waters, the Japanese can manoeuvre freely and choose their own time and place of attack, well knowing that the longer they put matters off the worse it will be for the fast-tailing Russian vessels. The Russian army, though a brave and powerful force, must be to a great extent dependent upon the maintenance of its connections with its base, and as this consists of a single line of railway thousands of miles in length, I ask, is it possible to conceive that such a line can be efficiently protected in war time against an active and resolute enemy? If I am correct there can be only one end to such a conflict, namely, the defeat of the Russian navy, and consequent thereon the compulsory withdrawal of their army."

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STILL DALLING WITH THE INQUIRY. (Continued from page 1.)

With one of the most valuable cargoes to ever cross the Pacific, the R. M. S. Empress of China arrived from the Far East this morning after a smooth passage.

MORNING SESSION OF ANNUAL CONVENTION. Many Subjects Discussed at Meeting of Central Farmers' Institute—Resolutions Passed.

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The delegation representing the people of Nicola, now in this city, have addressed a letter to the members of the legislature setting forth the advantages of the proposed railway through that section.

Chas. Mauro said that it appeared to him that Mr. Rattenbury held that he had not had a chance to defend himself against charges made.

CONSIDERING PLANS. President Peabody, of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, when interviewed at Tacoma a few days ago relative to the placing of a steamer on the run to Victoria from that city, is quoted as follows:

Resolved, That this meeting feels that the best way has been done in the past year in co-operation, and that the interest in this important matter be kept alive by earnest work of the members of this meeting.

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Mr. Hooper continuing, said that he was willing to produce the evidence taken at the inquiry and upon that the board based its opinion.

GRANT AGAIN RETURNS. The United States cutter Grant has again returned to Sound from an extended search for the bodies of the crew of the lost Callam.

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Feb. 2-5 a. m.—An extensive high barometer area which is centred over this province is causing fine weather over the Pacific slope from Northern British Columbia to California, and light to moderate winds prevail on the Coast.

What is Needed to Secure the Road.—These advantages are so exceptional that great difficulties and expense might well be faced and overcome to secure them, but all that is needed is a line of railway 45 miles long.

TIDE TABLE. Victoria, B. C., February, 1904. (Based by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, O. T. Laws.)

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. PERSONAL—If this should meet the eye of Peter Bradley, of Beeston, Nottingham, England, living in Victoria, Dec. 1902, or of anyone who has seen or knows anything of him, will they kindly communicate with the editor of this paper?

Notice to Creditors. Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 30th December, 1902, are required to send by post, or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clanton, Topaz Avenue, Victoria, B. C., Noah Shallop, 411-413 Yates Avenue, in the said city, or to the undersigned, on or before the 5th day of March, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

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BORN. YOUNG—At Ymir, on Jan. 25th, the wife of Rev. J. Young, a daughter. MARRIED. RENDELL-MANAHAN. At Greenwood, on Jan. 27th, by Rev. M. A. McKeen, G. A. Rendell and Miss Marian L. Manahan.

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Madame Nordica, the prima donna, who in private life is Mrs. Lillian M. Doeme, has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Justice Bischoff, in the New York Supreme Court. The decree states the referee has found Zolman Doeme, the defendant and well known tenor, guilty. No provision is made for any alimony for Mrs. Nordica.