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INTERVIEWED GOVERNMENT.

Mining Association Executive Urged De-stred Changes in Laws This Morning-Cordial Reception.

The executive of the Provincial Mining Association waited upon the government and urged upon them the amendments of the mining laws of the province, determined by the association in the very successful convention held here some time ago.

The committee were met by the entire cabinet, and were given a very cordial and encouraging reception. Each clause in the bill was fully explained, among the speakers being John Keen, J. B. Hobson, A. L. Belyea, D. W. Higgins, Messrs. Howse, Poler, Wolley, Croft, Galt and Brown.

Placer Mining Act was also submitted, and the government assured the committee that they would look thoroughly into it. The interview was altogether of a satisfactory nature.

The committee held sessions during the day and evening yesterday. The report of the placer mining committee submitted by A. C. Galt (Roseland) was adopted, while that of the committee on selatig and bonds presented by Mr. Higgins was also adopted. This report provided that the secretary shall receive \$100 per month, the assistant secretary \$75 per month, and the treasurer \$500 per year.

A communication was read from H. Morrison-Lamb proposing that the British Columbia Mining Record be adopted as the official organ of the association. The matter was laid over until to-night.

The executive will meet again this evening.

Lava expands in passing from a liquid to a solid state, the gas in the liquid mass being violently expelled.

STARTLING EVIDENCE BY GEO. McL. BROWN

He Swears That Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Told Him Crown Grants Were Delivered --Disputes Minister's Statements.

The select committee having in hand the inquiry into the subsidy matter in Southeast Kootenay sat last night for the purpose of hearing the evidence of G. McL. Brown, of the C. P. R. Mr. Brown was to have called the city this morning, but having to leave the city he requested that the committee should sit last night and hear his evidence.

As the representative of the C. P. R., Mr. Brown said he had tried after the third section of the Columbia & Western was built to get a settlement of the subsidy question.

On the 31st July, 1901, he wrote stating that the company had carried out the terms and that they wanted a settlement of the subsidy.

This letter, it was pointed out, is not among the papers produced.

Continuing, Mr. Brown said that about August 1st a reply was received from Mr. Turner. On the 12th August a certified copy of the minutes of the council approved of on August 10th was received. As the accredited agent of the company he personally accepted a proposition therein set out. He had a verbal communication with Hon. Mr. Wells and other members of the cabinet on the matter.

Acting on this agreement the Crown grants were prepared, and he paid fees for a number, among which were included those for these two blocks in question. He got receipts for the payment and the government fees were never returned.

When he asked for the delivery of the Crown grants, Hon. Mr. Wells informed him that he was going to Montreal himself and would deliver the plans personally to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Sir Thomas delivered the grants, but asked permission to take these two grants back to Victoria, and promised to return them inside of 30 days. He had frequently asked for the grants.

Matters continued in this state until about 19th March, when he heard rumors that the government had passed an order-in-council rescinding the other order-in-council and cancelling grants.

Mr. Brown had asked Mr. Gore if this was so. Mr. Gore referred him to the Chief Commissioner, who told him that the rescinding order had been passed. On the 19th he wrote the Chief Commissioner asking what the intention of the government was in the matter.

He received a reply on the 21st. He wrote the Chief Commissioner a personal letter contending that a settlement had been completed, and requesting permission to go before the cabinet.

An interview was held with members of the government, at which were present Messrs. Dunsuir, Fredrick, Wells, Eberts and Prior. He protested against the action of the government in cancelling the grants. He immediately afterward made a record of the facts, and the upset is the passage of the rescinding bill.

A number of letters which had passed were not included in the correspondence before the committee, one a copy of a letter which accompanied the order-in-council of September 4th.

Mr. Brown had also been informed by the government agent at Fort Steele that that officer had been advised that these Crown grants had been issued.

He did not, and as far as he knew his company had not suggested to the government the giving of these two blocks of land in Southeast Kootenay. The first intimation he had that the government proposed to set aside these blocks to meet the deficiency was that contained in the certified copy of the order-in-council, September 4th, which was sent to him.

He certainly told the government that his company accepted the propositions. He supposed the reason for giving the lands so far away from the railway line was that owing to alienations and mineral claims it was not convenient to take land contiguous to the line of railway.

Ton, Mr. Wells told him that at one time when in Montreal he had intended speaking to Shaughnessy respecting building to Spence's Bridge.

Mr. Brown said he never received notice of the rescinding order, and had done nothing officially in regard to the matter since March, 1902.

The solicitor advised him that delivery of grants had been made and that the matter was completely settled.

Asked as to value of these particular blocks, he considered that 623,000 acres in Southeast Kootenay was worth more than 100,000 acres somewhere else.

The committee again sat this morning, when Attorney-General Eberts was examined. At adjournment at noon his examination was not completed, but will be continued later.

It was announced that no message had been received from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy yet as to whether he would come to Victoria or not.

The Attorney-General being sworn, said that the matter of a subsidy was taken up in 1901 at the suggestion of Mr. Dunsuir, who was going away, and asked Mr. Turner to attend to it. The company was pressing for a settlement. He thought it was taken up about August 1901. A recommendation in the regular order was, he thought, brought in with all matters from the lands and works department. The recommendation for land grants was made, he thought, in August. Early in September it came up before the council, and the order-in-council passed.

In answer to Mr. Oliver, he said he presumed the Crown grants were prepared pursuant to this.

He never understood that the company was not agreeable to the terms of the order-in-council. He had no knowledge of the matter, as it was not done through him. The agent of the company was always there, and the matter settled up. He had no knowledge of the paying of the fees. It was outside of his department.

The rescinding order-in-council was passed on 18th March during the sitting of the House. The meeting was held in the morning, and the order-in-council was passed. He thought it was taken up about August 1901. A recommendation in the regular order was, he thought, brought in with all matters from the lands and works department. The recommendation for land grants was made, he thought, in August. Early in September it came up before the council, and the order-in-council passed.

Asked if Mr. Brown had spoken of the settlement having been reached and the Crown grants having been delivered, Mr. Eberts replied: "Well, he spoke to that effect that a settlement had been made with the company."

Questioned by Mr. Oliver as to why Hon. Mr. Wells brought these Crown grants back from Montreal, the Attorney-General said Mr. Wells had given some reasons for bringing these Crown grants back to Victoria. He thought the settlement did not for a long time know that they had been brought back. He did not know for perhaps a month or two that they had been brought back.

In reply to Mr. Green, he said he thought the Crown grants had been delivered until informed of their being brought back.

"What were the alleged reasons given by Mr. Wells?" asked Mr. Oliver.

"Well, don't you think, Mr. Oliver," replied the Attorney-General, "that you should ask Mr. Wells that question?"

"Who suggested that these two blocks should be set aside to meet the deficiency?" was asked by Mr. Oliver.

"These came down by recommendation from the Chief Commissioner," he replied.

That particular block of land had been spoken of and it had been reported to them that these would be accepted in full in lieu of the deficiency. It would be a great saving according to the minister.

He was not aware that anything had been done with Mr. Brown since the interview following the 18th of March, with respect to a settlement. He believed that the Premier had had some interviews in the matter.

Referring to the bill of 1902, he gave an explanation and went fully into the circumstances. It was found impossible to build through the mountains from Roseland to Midway, and the road had to be taken around another way.

In 1897 provisions were made by the Turner government for the building of a railway from the coast by way of Penticton to Midway by giving \$4,000 a mile. Early in 1898 Mr. Mann appeared on the scene. He said he was in a position to build not only to Midway but to Robson, and asked permission to do so. He asked for legislation providing for \$4,000 a mile from Midway to Robson. He would build the line in two sections,

from the coast to Midway, and from Midway to Robson. The additional subsidy from Midway to Robson was provided for. In June Mr. Mann returned and expressed readiness to begin. He was asked to build from the coast to Penticton, but would not accede to this. He wanted to go to Midway by way of Penticton, or would not build at all. Mr. Mann said if he got to Midway he could not be held up. He wanted an outlet to the south.

Then Mr. Shaughnessy appeared. He agreed with Mr. Turner, and said he would not interfere with the building of the line from the coast to Midway. If that was considered the wisest thing, Mr. Shaughnessy said he would give up the right to build from Midway to Penticton. Mr. Shaughnessy entered into a contract with Mr. Turner to give up that right and he (the Attorney-General) understood that the rights of the Columbia & Western would be respected on the other parts of the line. It was proposed that the Columbia & Western should forfeit its land subsidy from Robson to Midway if it built that line for \$4,000 a mile cash subsidy. Mr. Shaughnessy promised to take that into consideration.

Going out of office without knowing anything about that agreement until he returned in power. That arrangement was agreed to be carried out by the Southern government, however. It was, he was informed, altered from \$4,000 in cash to \$4,000 in 3 per cent. bonds of the province. These were a little better than the former.

He then continued to show that Mr. Soule's government had respected the agreements entered into.

There was an honorable agreement made among the parties to it that the Columbia & Western was to forfeit its right to build to Penticton in favor of this arrangement made with Mackenzie & Mann. It was not to his knowledge committed to writing.

In answer to Mr. Oliver, he said it could not have force without the legislature's sanction.

Reading from the letter of 1st October, 1898, from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to J. Martin, he showed that it was known that the land subsidy from Robson and Boundary Creek had been forfeited for a cash subsidy of \$4,000 a mile.

It being 12:30 the committee adjourned to meet at a later date, when the Attorney-General's evidence will be continued.

"Shaughnessy's Statement." (Special to the Times.)

Montreal, April 22.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy says: "The negotiations took place at Vancouver, and I learned very little about them. Mr. Wells delivered to me in Montreal patents for all the grants except the one in question, which he had with him in an envelope, but which he requested to be allowed to retain for special reasons for a few days, not exceeding a month, and as the patent was under the great seal and I considered the transfer of the patent completed, I assented, and I do not think I had this particular patent in my hand at any time."

VICTORIA DAY.

Preparations for the Approaching Celebrations—General Meeting of Committee To-night.

If present indications are to be relied on, Victoria Day will be celebrated this year in a manner that will compare favorably with previous occasions. Although preparations were rather late in starting, this is being offset by the active manner in which the work is being taken up by the different committees. Already most of the sub-committees have met and decided on their appropriations to ask in order to carry out the part of the programme entrusted to them. The same requested by each committee having been submitted, a meeting of the finance committee is being held this afternoon. A general meeting is called for this evening for the purpose of considering the granting of the requests.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the printing and bands committee was held at the office of Drake, Jackson & Holman. When it was decided to ask for an appropriation of \$500. It was the opinion that both the Fifth Regiment and City bands would have to be employed for the whole of the celebration. The latter could play on the morning when the sports were in progress, and the former in the afternoon at the Gorge, while both could render programmes in the evening, the Fifth Regiment at the fireworks at Beacon Hill, and the City band on the principal streets. This, it was estimated, would cost in the neighborhood of \$300. Advertising would have to be done in Vancouver, Nanaimo, Westminster and Port Angeles papers, and only those actually attending schools will be permitted to take part. There will also be the four eared lapstreak amateur championship race, as well as the tandem Peterborough canoe race, and the same number of Indian races as last year. The latter will be looked after by Chief Cooper.

The sports committee held a meeting last evening when it was decided to ask for an appropriation of \$200.

Mayor McCandless and Aldermen Yates and Graham this morning visited Rear-Admiral Blackford at Esquimalt to discuss the forthcoming Victoria Day celebration. The commander-in-chief and his officers expressed themselves as greatly pleased to lend all the assistance in their power. They also called upon Col. Grant, R. E. at Work Point, and he also said he would

most heartily co-operate with the citizens and navy in their effort to make the celebration a success.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Lieut.-Governor Has Not Yet Given Assent to Famous Bill.

At the opening of the House this afternoon Mr. McBride asked if the Lieut.-Governor would come down and assent to the bill which passed its third reading yesterday relating to the rescinding order.

Premier Prior replied: "I am not aware that His Honor intends coming down this afternoon."

ACCOMPLICES FINED.

Anderson and Sutton Were Found Guilty as Well as Stewart of Aggravated Assault.

The point of law which was to decide whether or not A. Anderson and S. T. Sutton were equally guilty with A. N. Stewart—who assaulted Law Fong on Thursday morning, the 21st inst.—was discussed before Magistrate Hall in the police court this morning. His Honor gave judgment in favor of the prosecution, which was conducted by Lindley Crease, and two offenders were each given the choice of paying a fine of \$75 or working for and lodging at the expense of the government for two months. The magistrate in giving his view of the case stated that, in his opinion, the case came under part "C" of section 61 of the code, which is as follows: Everyone is a party to and guilty of an offence who abets any person in commission of the offence. He stated that as would be noticed by Anderson and Sutton, and imposed the above mentioned sentence.

REDISTRIBUTION CASE.

Hon. C. Fitzpatrick Continued His Argument Before the Supreme Court To-day.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 22.—In the Supreme court to-day judgment was given in the case of the northern American Life Insurance Company vs. Elson. This was a British Columbia case. The appeal was dismissed with costs, the Chief Justice dissenting.

Hon. C. Fitzpatrick then continued his argument in the redistribution case, which will be concluded this afternoon. There is only one opinion here, and that is that the judgment will be in favor of the view taken by the justice department that in the B. N. A. Act the word Canada means the Dominion, and not the four old provinces. Judgment was reserved.

BILL REPORTED.

In the railway committee yesterday A. Morrison's bill respecting the Kootenay Central and the British Columbia Southern were reported to the House without discussion.

New Members.

Dr. Wallace Russell was introduced in the House yesterday by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and D. C. Fraser. Dr. Wallace succeeds Mr. Edwards.

Budget Debate.

Mr. Charlton followed in the budget debate.

SEEDING IN MANITOBA.

Weather Conditions Favor the Farmers—Large Increase in the Acreage Under Crop.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, April 22.—Throughout the whole of the agricultural area of Manitoba the farmers are busy with their seeding, and never before in the history of the province have the weather conditions been more favorable. The C. P. R. on Monday wired its agents in the principal centres throughout the province for a statement as to the conditions surrounding the seeding operations, and the replies received yesterday were of the most gratifying character. There is not a single word of complaint, and the reports are favorable from the west to the east, varying only in the advancement of the operations. In many cases the agents report that fully 50 per cent of the seed for this year's crop is in the ground, while in Southern Manitoba the average runs higher. Deloraine, for instance, having as much as 75 per cent. of its seed sown.

Another gratifying feature is that there is a large increase in the acreage under crop. Some districts, according to the agents, will have double the area of last year; others say 20 to 50 per cent. increase. With another week or ten days of the present favorable conditions, the seeding in the province will be almost over and the spring of this year will probably be a record one in the history of the province.

THE HUFF CASE.

Judge Harrison Hears Evidence at Nanaimo—Situation at Ladysmith and Cumberland.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, April 22.—At the Huff trial this morning Judge Harrison told the court stenographer to take every word uttered by witnesses, saying it was possible more perjurious cases would result from this one. Mr. Seymour, the court stenographer, was examined this morning. The case is proceeding this afternoon.

DID NOT LEAVE TO AVOID ARREST

AN INTERVIEW WITH R. GAMEY AT BUFFALO

Says He Will Soon Return to Canada, But Declined to State When.

(Associated Press.)

Buffalo, N. Y., April 22.—R. B. Gamey, M.P.P. of Manicoulin Island, is at present sojourning at the Manicoulin house in this city. Mr. Gamey declared, when interviewed, that he came to Buffalo not to avoid arrest for any alleged crime or breach of an accusation, and stated emphatically that he would soon return to Canada and "see all his trappers and all charges against his good faith and integrity."

"I came here," he declared, "because I had been through a trying strain and needed rest, and I will return to Canada very soon and meet my friends and enemies."

Mr. Gamey declined to state how long he would remain in Buffalo or when he would return to Canada.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Meekin, who have been visiting relatives at Albert, returned yesterday and are among those staying at the Victoria hotel. They have been away for some weeks, which time was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Rolands, proprietors of the new hotel in Albert. Mrs. Rolands is Mr. and Mrs. Meekin's daughter, and is well known in Victoria, having only a short time ago moved to the West Coast. They are much pleased with the beautiful weather and scenery of Vancouver Island. Before leaving on their return trip they will spend several days here taking in the sights.

G. H. Comree, assayer for the Yreka Mining Company at the Crofton smelter; M. Purdon, of Dunsmuir; J. W. Lewis, of Crofton; J. H. Gray of Alton; Emory Goldberg, of Seattle; G. Bassett and son, of Dunsmuir; A. W. Wood, of Manicoulin; J. Fraser, of Fairhaven; J. F. Walker, of Nelson; Herbert Gilley, of New Westminster; and Lester W. David, of Burnaby, Wash., are at the Dominion.

J. A. Humbird, of St. Paul; E. J. Palmer, of Chelan; and Mrs. W. M. Ogilvie, of Ottawa; Josiah Collins, of Seattle; T. S. West, of Portland; Lieut. R. E. Chilcott, R. N.; F. W. Clemen, of Hamilton; J. S. Davies, of Rochester; Allen D. Dods, G. A. Godson, Thos. Dunn, H. J. Cumble and A. E. Wood, of Vancouver, are at the Grand.

The new arrivals at the Vernon are: Thos. Kiddie, manager of the Ladysmith smelter, and Mrs. Kiddie; Giermont L. Livingston, manager of the Tyee smelter; H. G. Neelands, of Nelson; Henry O'Malley, of Baker, Wash.; T. C. Johnston and James Fowler, Lloyd's surveyor, of Vancouver.

Capt. J. S. Gibson, of the Victoria Lumber Mills at Chemainus, is laid up with a severe attack of a gripe, followed by rheumatism. A nurse from the Jubilee hospital has been sent up to attend the patient.

J. W. Sexton, who is prominently connected with a number of fraternal societies of the city, will leave in a few days to spend the summer up North. He has just returned from a business trip to Portland, Ore.

L. W. and M. B. Hamington, of Rutherford; J. H. Read and Col. and Mrs. Pennington, of London, were among the arrivals on the Empress last night. They are at the Grand.

Mrs. Blyth has gone up to Nanaimo at the request of the Attorney-General's department, where she will act as official stenographer in the Huff perjury case.

Dr. C. J. Fagan, provincial health officer, who has been visiting the Mainland on business for some days past, has returned to Victoria.

G. Seaman, of Roseland, a member of the executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association, is at the Dominion.

A. S. Innes and wife have returned to Victoria, after spending a number of weeks on a tour through England and Scotland.

Mrs. A. Koepf, of the Koepf hotel at Shawanigan Lake, spent yesterday in this city and was a guest at the Dominion.

Joshua Holland, who has the contract for the erection of the enlarged C. P. R. hotel at Glacier, is in the city.

C. F. Bannfield, of Bannfield & Jewell, is confined to the house with an attack of la gripe. J. T. Belyea has gone to Vancouver to take a position on the C. P. R. office staff there.

E. C. Adams, of Port Townsend, is among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

Hon. J. H. Helmcken is confined to his room on account of rheumatism. E. R. Chipman, of Kaslo, is at the Balmoral.

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His Failure to Attend Opening of the Investigation Yesterday Caused Some Excitement.

Toronto, April 20.—Starting developments occurred in the Gamey investigation this afternoon, when Mr. Crossin, Mr. Gamey's partner in the piano business, was placed on the stand for cross-examination by Mr. Ritchie.

Toronto, April 21.—Owing to the non-appearance of Gamey, there was considerable excitement at the hearing in the court this morning.

Toronto, April 21.—According to a tradition, this was the 2650th anniversary of the foundation of Rome, termed here Rome's birthday.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Veterinary Surgeon's Suicide—Brakeman Fell From Train and Was Drowned.

Body Found.—The body of Wm. Jordan, missing since Christmas, was found to-day at Swan lake.

Cut His Throat.—Sherbrooke, Que., April 21.—Dr. F. J. Barton, veterinary surgeon, took his own life in his room at the Albion hotel last night.

Toronto, April 21.—Judge Duncan McMillan died in St. Joseph's hospital to-night.

Gen. Baden-Powell.—Montreal, April 21.—General Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, arrived in Montreal to-day and registered at the Windsor as "Horace Peel."

May Extend Line.—St. Thomas Shagnessy, president of the C. P. R., to-day said the Soo line officials were considering the question of extending that line from St. Paul to Manitoba, and probably to Winnipeg.

Gave Diggers Strike.—Some 15 or 20 of the grave diggers at Cote des Neiges cemetery went on strike to-day, asking an increase of five cents per day, and a 10-cent day.

THE KING.—His Majesty is in Good Health and Plans Have Not Been Changed.

London, April 21.—An investigation of reports circulated in the United States by a news agency that as a result of the alarming state of King Edward's health, he had been ordered to take four days' rest.

SOLDIERS SENTENCED.—Took Part in Riot During Which One of Military Police Was Shot.

Pretoria, Transvaal, April 21.—Five private soldiers belonging to the Second Battalion of the Leinster Regiment were sentenced to death in the Supreme court here to-day.

HILL'S COAL FIELDS.—Number of Railways Will Open Markets for the Fuel.

Chicago, April 21.—The Tribune to-day says: "Vast coal fields in Central Illinois are to pass to the control of a corporation with a capital of \$80,000,000."

SHOT TWO MEN.—Trouble Arose Out of an Attempt to Arrest a Former City Treasurer.

Rawlins, Wyo., April 21.—F. W. Keefe, head of the Keefe commercial house and formerly city treasurer, has shot and killed Thomas King and Policeman Baxter.

FIGHT FOLLOWED DANCE.—Woman Was Killed and Constable Wounded.

Bay City, Mich., April 19.—As the result of a shooting scrape at Amelith, Bay county, early to-day, following a dinner, Mrs. Marshall Hodges, April 21, wife of a coal miner, is dead.

Worn thin? No! Washed thin! That's so when common soap is used.



SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

COUNCIL WILL NOT BONUS ENTERPRISES

The Clause Regarding This Matter in Suggested Amendments to Act Struck Out.

In adjourned session last night the city council considered the list of amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act, which their legislative committee recommended should be urged on the provincial legislature.

An amendment in the first subsection of section 50, to enable the city to aid enterprises, both manufacturing, industrial or commercial, (including hotels or hydroelectric establishments) outside the city limits, but adjacent thereto which directly or indirectly add to the revenue or otherwise benefit the city, and we consider that the form, and extent of the aid can be left with the taxpayers who have to vote upon the by-law granting the same, and who will be the best judges whether the proposed aid will be in the interests of the city.

It would be very unwise, His Worship pointed out, to provide the city with the powers specified. The city had already bonused various enterprises to a liberal extent, and any further demand upon its resources should not be entertained. Doubtless the object of this clause was to give the promoters of the Oak Bay hotel project an opportunity to submit its proposition to the ratepayers, who were already taxed enough.

All Yates, Barnard and Vincent did not think the clause would place the city in any danger, because the decision as to the form and extent of aid would be left to the ratepayers. All Vincent reminded the council that the city had been clothed with the powers asked for a few years ago the Chemunius millage plant might have been established at Esquimalt. A bonus of \$10,000 would have given this city the advantages of the mill's operations.

Ultimately the clause was struck out.

Considerable debate was engendered when clause 9 was reached.

It was as follows:

"In regard to the engagement of the means of raising revenue by taxation on certain industries which have heretofore escaped attention, your committee suggest that some further amount of taxation could, without being burdensome, be accepted by the following trades: Lumber merchants or manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, paint and soap manufacturers, and suggest a tax of \$100 annually. Your committee also recommend that the tax be levied on each separate and distinct business, not at the departmental stores. The alderman pointed out that cities more advanced than Victoria had attempted to deal with departmental stores with no success. This clause also was struck out. The other clauses passed without amendment.

All Cameron opposed increasing the tax on certain manufacturers to \$100 annually, and by levying a tax on each separate and distinct business, not at the departmental stores.

An interesting comparison.

It would naturally appear that owing to the price for which imported champagnes are sold, the combined revenue for the sale of all those wines would be in excess of the amount paid annually for any single brand of bottled beer.

But such is not the case, as the United States Custom House statistics clearly and definitely prove.

Amhuser-Busch's Budweiser not only exceeds in sales all other bottled beers combined, but has proved itself the mightiest competitor of imported champagnes by exceeding their annual revenue more than three and one-half million dollars.

The sales of Budweiser during the year 1907 were \$3,700,300 bottles, averaging 25 cents per bottle, amounting to \$20,947,575.

The United States Custom House records prove the importation of all champagnes for the year 1902 to be \$30,708 cases, figuring on a basis of 12 quart bottles per case—4,284,960 bottles, and if sold at the maximum, \$4.00 per bottle, to the consumers, amounted to \$17,313,840.

From these figures it will be seen that Budweiser's total was \$3,623,201.

It is a noteworthy fact that this pure and wholesome beverage is fast supplanting imported champagnes upon the banquet table, just as it is supplanting the domestic upon the sideboard in American homes.

This is as it should be, and marks a perceptible advancement in the direction of true temperance.

Budweiser is a brew that is known the world around, and is not only preferred by discriminating customers because of its rare flavor, fine effervescence and perfect maturity, but prescribed by physicians everywhere on account of its absolute purity, nourishing and unbuilding effects.

There is only one sudden death among women to eight among men.



"April Fool!" Where Are the Two Boys Who Put the Brick Under the Hat? In yesterday's puzzle, by using the upper right corner as base, one of the squares can be found between the mast. With the left side as base, the other can be found in the upper left corner.

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WANTED—Position by experienced housekeeper. "Competent," Times Office.

WANTED—Girl to help with care of children. Apply Mrs. Pierce, 109 Menzies St.

WANTED—Manager for general store; must be competent and produce reference; and commission agent, 53 Blenheim street. Office phone, B518; res. phone, B710, Victoria, B. C.

MAN OF GOOD APPEARANCE and business ability, to act as district agent; must be able to sell goods and appoint agents. E. P. Blackford, nurseryman, Toronto.

WANTED—Immediately, a nurse maid. Apply by telephone B405, after 6 p. m.

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Forecast. For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with showers.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild, with showers.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, calm; rain, .08.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E. S. E.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles E. W.; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 36; minimum, 24; wind, calm; snow, .10; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 51; minimum, 62; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

The executive boards of the mine workers in session at Wilkesbarre, Pa., has issued an order to all mine workers now on strike to return to work under present conditions pending result of meeting of the conciliation board and coal operators.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FAMOUS BILL AWAITS GOVERNOR'S ASSENT

Measure Introduced to Give Pioneer Settlers in Railway Belt Their Undersurface Rights.

The afternoon sitting of the legislature yesterday was occupied in great part with the consideration in committee of the bill modifying the cancellation of the Crown grants of two lots of land to the Columbia & Western Railroad Company and with the Assessment Act Amendments.

In connection with the first mentioned considerable latitude was given the members, and in consequence the discussion became very general. The particular amendments were forgotten, and all the points generally raised in connection with the matter were brought up for discussion.

The bill passed its third reading, however, with some slight amendments, the words "duly executed" referred to in yesterday's discussion and relating to the Crown grants for the lots, were struck out at the suggestion of the Premier, and instead of them "signed and sealed, but not delivered," were substituted.

In the last clause of the act, it is also stated, in connection with the blocks not having been conveyed to the company, that the "said lands are hereby declared never to have passed from the Crown by virtue of said Crown grants."

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes introduced during the afternoon the measure promised in the speech from the throne, respecting the securing of the undersurface rights to certain pioneer settlers within the E. & N. railroad land belt.

Prayers were read by Rev. R. B. Blyth.

A petition presented by Mr. Munro from Jos. H. Callison and others, asking for amendments to the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act," was laid on the table.

The committee on private bills reported "An Act to amend the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company Act, 1891."

The Late Sir O. Mowat.

Before the orders of the day were called, Premier Prior took occasion to make reference to the death of Sir Oliver Mowat. He thought it was but becoming to make note of such a sad event.

He referred to the late statesman's connection with Confederation. He spoke of Sir Oliver being a valiant champion for provincial rights. He was one of the noted jurists of the Dominion. The late statesman had had, if not the longest, at least one of the longest reigns as a Premier of any in any part of the British dominions. He was a safe man. In temperament he was a Conservative.

He became a Liberal by study, and was true to the cause of the Dominion. His administration, which passed through six general elections, had had no scandal of any consequence connected with it. He had pleasure in adding his testimony to the ability of the public services of Sir Oliver Mowat.

He moved as follows: "That the members of the legislature assembled here learned with deep regret of the death of Sir Oliver Mowat, K. C. M. G., late Lieut.-Governor of the province of Ontario, former Minister of Justice of Canada, many years Premier of Ontario, and a distinguished Canadian and jurist."

"And it is hereby further resolved, that the members of this legislature express their high appreciation of the notable and lasting services rendered to Canada by the deceased, and their sincere desire to tender to the members of his family their deepest sympathy in the bereavement thus fallen upon them."

Mr. McBride, in seconding the motion, said he could add little to what had already been said, and which was known to the members of the House. Sir Oliver was a great politician, but he was a greater lawyer. His reputation would go down to history in this respect. The training which Sir Oliver got in the office of that great man, Sir John Macdonald, did much to prepare him for the duties he performed. During the 20 years that Sir Oliver Mowat was Premier of Ontario he led a strong government. Since he retired from that position what a change had taken place. The legislature of British Columbia was but doing its duty in putting on the records this motion.

"Sir O. Curtis said the remarks of the Premier had done him honor in the words he had spoken in recognition of the late statesman's services. He would fill a place in the Dominion second only to that of Sir John Macdonald. During the 35 years of public life and the eight years at the bar, Sir Oliver had never done anything which could be pointed to as disgraceful. Another point was that Sir Oliver proved that a statesman could be a Christian."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Pill Passed.

The House then went into committee of the whole, with The Hon. G. H. G. in the chair, to consider the bill intitled "An Act to ratify an order-in-council approved on the eighteenth day of March, 1902, rescinding certain provisions of an order-in-council approved on the fourth day of September, 1901, respecting the land grant of the Columbia & Western Railway Company."

A. E. McPhillips wanted every precaution taken so that there could be no admission construed that the legislature had admitted that any title had ever passed to the railway company. He wanted the company safeguarded, and in consequence was moving for the incorporation of the bill the statement that these grants should be considered as never having existed.

of the Attorney-General on this subject. H. Gilmore, in introducing an amendment in the shape of the following additional clause to the bill: "The lands hereinafter referred to, save and except as to the timber thereon, shall not be sold, leased or otherwise alienated, except by an act of the legislature of British Columbia," said that he objected to the change being afforded for some other corporation to get this land. He did not favor saving it from the C. P. R. simply for five members of the Ministry to pass it to some other corporation.

Premier Prior objected to Mr. Gilmore's amendment.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite was glad that Socialist principles were spreading, and that these lands were to be recognized as vested in the Crown.

J. Oliver thought there should be no more giving away of Crown lands. He said that he was informed that there was an "organized gang" preparing to go to take this land up. He said that 100,000 acres had already been staked in order to grab it.

Premier Prior explained that there were two blocks of lands. The one was a reserve. The other was public land and was open for timber leases, coal grants or prospectors. They were not going to take this matter as out of order and grant it to any one else. The lands were not in the possession of the C. P. R., and never would, unless they took them up in the regular form.

Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that the reservation did not cover coal rights. The reserve did not therefore exempt the lands from coal mining licenses.

The Premier said that he did not know what a lawyer's view of the matter was, but he judge that these lands were open for coal leases.

Mr. Oliver said that therefore he expected that the Premier would see that the men who honestly want in and prospect coal limits three years ago would be respected, and that their claims would take precedence over those of the organized gang now prospecting there.

Hon. Mr. Prentice objected to the introduction of this matter as out of order. Smith Curtis agreed with the position which the Premier now apparently took. He thought that the rights of men who had staked claims three years ago should be reconsidered. If the government was about to pursue this policy with respect to the coal lands, he expected them to carry it out in the Bulkley valley and on Vancouver Island.

If the Premier held this opinion he assumed that that was the construction to be put upon it by his government, said Mr. Curtis.

"I said it was my opinion," said Premier Prior. "The government have not discussed it yet."

"Well," continued Mr. Curtis, "but if after taking this position it is found by conferring with legal advisers that such could be done, the government will support it, will they not?"

The discussion then became very general, and all kinds of charges were made by members against fellow legislators.

Hon. Mr. Prentice said that the speeches of such men as the member from Delta did discredit to the House. Charges had been made that the Attorney-General's firm held a retainer from the C. P. R. This was false.

Mr. Oliver asked what charges had been made by him which were untrue. He had charged that members of the government had not brought down papers to the commission as promised. Such a charge was true.

Premier Prior said that all had been done to produce these documents. He had only received a letter two days ago asking for the papers, and he had instructed the departments to give all the information possible.

"I have a copy of a letter which has been suppressed," said Mr. Oliver. Premier Prior explained that he had given orders to have all papers produced relating to this matter. Could he do anything more?

The discussion was ruled out of order. Mr. Hawthornthwaite, in supporting Mr. Gilmore's amendment, said that the lands now available in this province were found to be under the control of corporations or set apart by the government as a reserve. It was difficult to get 100 acres of land now. He went into conditions in England. The policy of the government for 20 years had been one of giving to corporations. He was opposed to it.

E. C. Smith said that looking over the names in the Gazette it was found that many men who had staked properties were not bona fide prospectors, but many of them were bona fide prospectors. He was not in favor of working an injustice to these men.

Hon. Mr. McInnes explained that other Crown grants would be affected by this, and suggested providing against this. Mr. McPhillips suggested that nothing should be left open for any difficulty. They should wipe out in point of documentary evidence anything connected with this passing of the title to the C. P. R.

Ordinary Crown grants could be leased to those other people who held them if necessary.

Hon. Mr. McInnes said that as a matter of fact some of these lands had passed into other hands.

The Provincial Secretary's suggestion was agreed to, and Mr. McPhillips's amendment was added to the necessary provision.

Mr. Gilmore's additional clause being introduced, Mr. Helmcken said he would like to know what the Attorney-General thought of this. (Laughter.) Mr. Gilmore's addition was ruled out of order.

Mr. Smith asked that the order-in-council be inserted in the preamble. It would be wise to do so, he thought.

The Premier thought this unnecessary. Upon the House resuming the committee reported. In amendment to the motion for the adoption of the report, Mr. P. R., and Gilmore moved again the addition of his clause.

Mr. Nell asked if it was in order for a private member to move to insert a clause interfering with the administration of crown lands and restricting the government in dealing with the same?

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order, following a decision of Mr. Speaker Booth on 23rd August, 1900. The report was adopted and the bill then passed its third reading with explanation.

As amended it is as follows: "An act to ratify an order in council approved on the eighteenth day of March, 1902, rescinding certain provisions of an order in council approved on the fourth day of September, 1901, respecting the land grant of the Columbia & Western Railway Company."

Whereas on the fourth day of September, A.D. 1901, an order in council was approved by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, by which it was provided, amongst other things, that certain blocks of land (hereinafter called "deficiency blocks") be granted to the Columbia & Western Railway Company, to make up deficiencies in the alternate blocks of land selected by the company along their line of railway as land to be granted as aid in respect of the construction of the first and third sections of their railway:

"And whereas the said deficiency blocks, as described as lots 4,593 and 4,594, group 1, Kootenay district, were signed and sealed but not delivered, bearing date the third day of October, A.D. 1901, and were not handed over to the company; and whereas the lands described in the crown grants were not lands within the scope of the Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896:

"And whereas by an order in council approved by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor on the eighteenth day of March, A.D. 1902, the said order in council of the eighteenth day of March, A.D. 1901, was rescinded in so far as it related to the said deficiency blocks; and whereas it is expedient to ratify and confirm the said order in council of the eighteenth day of March, A.D. 1902:

"Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, enacts as follows: 1. The said order in council of the eighteenth day of March, A.D. 1902, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. The said crown grants of said deficiency blocks are hereby cancelled. 3. It is hereby declared and enacted that the said crown grants of said deficiency blocks did not convey to the said company any right or title to the lands embraced in said blocks, and said lands are hereby declared never to have passed from the crown by virtue of said crown grant.

Committee's Report. The railway committee reported on the following bills: "An Act to incorporate the Adams River Railway Company," "An Act to incorporate the Kootenay, Cariboo & Pacific Railway Company," and "An Act to amend the Pacific Northern & Okanogan Railway Act, 1900." The reports were received.

First Reading. R. Greco introduced a bill to incorporate the Kootenay Development & Tramway Company, which was read a first time and referred to the private bills committee.

Assessment Act. The House then went into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the Assessment Act. The committee rose and asked leave to sit again.

Settlers' Rights. By message from the Lieut.-Governor Hon. Mr. McInnes introduced a bill intitled "An Act to Secure to Certain Pioneer Settlers Within the Esquimalt & Nyanimo Railway Land Belt Their Undersurface Rights." The bill was taken into committee and passed its first reading.

Second Readings. The Attorney-General in moving the second reading of "An Act to amend the Benovolent Societies Act," said that the object was to provide for incorporation of such a body as a chamber of commerce. The question of providing also for incorporation of tourist associations was being considered, and he would probably introduce an amendment later to give this effect.

Mr. McPhillips called attention to the fact that care should be taken to guard the revenues of the province by providing that no commercial organization having for its object the getting of gain should be open under this. The Attorney-General said the act now provided against this. This passed. The Attorney-General also moved the second reading of "An Act to amend the Wellington Recreational Act, 1901." This was done to extend the time of the original act so that the business might be wound up. The second reading passed. Medical Act Amendment. The House went into committee with

A. W. Smith in the chair, to consider the bill intitled "An Act to amend the Medical Act, 1898."

An amendment was introduced by Mr. Hayward providing that the Medical Council should consider a charge upon the order of two justices of the peace.

Mr. Gordon, in amendment to the amendment, proposed that this be possible upon the order of a County court or Supreme court Judge. The amendment of Mr. Gordon was lost and the former carried.

Another amendment providing for the depositing of the minutes of the Medical Council in cases of this kind was carried.

The committee rose and reported progress, the amendments to be printed and left open for consideration at another sitting of the committee.

Before adjourning, Mr. McBride asked if it was the intention to have the bill passed earlier in the afternoon as resorted to the next day.

Premier Prior said that was a matter for the government to decide. The House adjourned until 2 o'clock to-day.

Notices of Motion. By Mr. Houston on Thursday next: "Whereas a resolution, asking the Dominion government to increase the duties on lead, and the products thereof, entering Canada, was adopted unanimously; and

"Whereas resolutions having the same object in view have since been passed by provincial boards of trade, mining associations, traders and labor councils and other representative and non-partisan bodies, and delegates from these bodies have visited Ottawa and have laid the depressed condition of the lead mining industry before the government, together with the unanimous opinion of the province that the only remedy is the imposition of increased duties on lead, and the products thereof, entering Canada; and

"Whereas the members of parliament and senators representing British Columbia have, without exception, endorsed this remedy; and

"Therefore he resolved, That this assembly deplores the fact that no action has been taken by the Dominion government upon the representations made; records the fact that the need of the lead mining industry is now greater and more pressing than at any previous time, and earnestly urges upon the Dominion government a reconsideration of its attitude upon this question as the only means by which prosperity can be restored and extended in an important Canadian industry, and this too without a departure from the fiscal policy of the government, for every other industry in Canada;

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, W. E. Fielding, and other members of the government, and to the senators and members of parliament from British Columbia.

By Mr. Curtis on Thursday next: "Resolved, That it is highly in the public interest that the assent of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor be given immediately to bill No. 16, passed this session."

Mr. Curtis to move, on the motion to adopt the report of the bill (No. 4) intitled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act," that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after the word "be" and substituting therefor the following words:

"postponed, because the present basis of taxation by the province of the income of railway trainmen is very inequitable and unfair, and because the net personal property of farmers and artisans is not exempted from taxation up to \$1,000, instead of only to \$300."

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POLITICAL ROTTENNESS.

The political barometer of British Columbia indicates stormy weather ahead. But that is not an unusual condition of affairs. The people of this province may have become calloused in mind by repeated revelations of a scandalous character in connection with their political affairs, but we cannot believe they will not be aroused by reading the report of the evidence brought out before the committee which is investigating the connection of the government with the grants of land made to the Columbia & Western Railway Company and afterwards withdrawn by order in council and later repudiated by the House, taken in conjunction with the statements made on the floor of the chamber by the Ministers in explanation of their conduct and the evidence of such witnesses as George McL. Brown and Hon. D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General. These statements are absolutely contradictory. The members of the government have evidently forgotten the words of a statesman of renown that it did not matter what the members of his cabinet said as long as they all said the same thing. The government is either utterly demoralized or one section of it is conspiring against another section. Under the circumstances, we should say it is incumbent upon any member of that government who values his political reputation or has any regard for his political future to hand in his resignation without loss of time. A cabinet with a solid support in the House might be divided against itself and stand for a time; a cabinet such as that of Colonel Prior, without any majority at all, under the conditions which confront it at present is bound to dissolve into its original fragments in a very short time. More than that, the record of the government smelt so high that they would be very shortsighted politicians indeed who would step into the gaps which may occur at any moment in the hope of securing their own advancement and saving the Premier from the condemnation of the electors of the province have prepared for his government. If the members of the opposition, forgetting all petty personal affairs and ambitions, prove true to the interests committed to their charge, they will soon have the opportunity of purging the House of the members who have offended beyond forgiveness against all canons of political honesty and integrity. From the record of the Premier there is little doubt that he will approach the opposition and endeavor to win sufficient support from that side of the legislature to enable him to carry on the government. But the fact must not be forgotten that he is equally guilty with his colleagues and shares the responsibility of all their sins. In addition, he bears a personal load of unfulfilled pledges made to the people of Victoria which practically preclude the possibility of his re-election in this constituency. More than that, many members who have hitherto supported him are so disgusted with the scandalous revelations of the past few days that their continued allegiance is a matter of speculation. They would probably be quite willing to join with a united, harmonious opposition in purging the House of a government that is an offence to the people of British Columbia and has done so much to add to the already none too savory political reputation we have gained in our own and in foreign countries. The Times has too much regard for the delicacy of the position of the Lieutenant-Governor to undertake to tender His Honor advice. Sir Henri has had too much experience in political life and has too doubt followed the course of events too closely to require advice from anyone as to his duty under the extraordinary circumstances of this particular case. But there is no doubt whatever that if he were to exercise the extreme prerogative and dismiss from office the government of Colonel Prior his action would receive practically unanimous endorsement. Under such treatment the party of the Premier would dissolve and disappear.

OBSCURATION OF GAMEY.

The investigation into the charges made by Mr. Gamey against the Ontario government was in some danger of coming to a sudden and inglorious end yesterday. Mr. Blake, the leading counsel for the prosecution, who it is particularly noticeable has not entered into the affair with the enthusiasm and spirit which are his special professional characteristics, was inclined to throw up his brief and retire from the case. He said but for the interests of the province in the matter he would have refused to proceed. The cause of the consternation was the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the chief figure in the drama, Mr. Gamey. The inquiry developed in a direction which must have caused some misgivings in the mind of the member of Manitowish, as when the court opened for business it was announced by counsel that it was practically impossible to proceed because of the unaccountable absence of the moving spirit in the proceedings. The telegraphed account of the business is not very clear, but it is alleged that some one tampered with some bank books, and that Mr. Gamey and another person alone had access to those books. The other fellow swore that he had nothing to do with the mutilation of the accounts. Mr. Gamey has been discovered in Buffalo, from which city of refuge he announces he will emerge in good time and confound his enemies. That is all very well, but the member now has the opportunity of a lifetime to do some confounding, and we surmise that after his theatrical effort in the Legislature when he strode up to his honored leader and deposited in his custody portentous looking documents which contained nothing there will be great disappointment in Ontario among a certain class of politicians unless Mr. Gamey returns and scatters the Grit horde who would drag his honored name in the dust. We are biased, of course, and liable by mental processes peculiar to politicians to twist the evidence thus far produced into such shapes as to make it appear favorable to the Liberal Ministers in the Ontario government, but we cannot help noting the fact that Conservatives in Ontario and elsewhere are not very jubilant over the cause of their valiant champion and self-sacrificing detective, Mr. Gamey. The testimony thus far published shows that the south auditor he burned up the only bit of documentary evidence he held in proof of the charges he made. In his statement in the House he said the money was paid over to him by two men. When those men were produced in court for his inspection he could not identify them. Instead of fransuring up the three thousand dollars alleged to have been paid him and keeping it handy against the time when the confounding process was to commence, he mixed it up in his private bank account and used it in his business. And now in accentuation of those peculiarities of conduct we encounter the episodes of the mutilated bank book and the flight to Buffalo. All things considered, we do not wonder that Mr. Gamey and his leaders of the Conservative party insisted upon a Parliamentary investigation rather than an inquisition into the charges by a duly constituted court. A committee of the House could not have probed so deeply into the matter, but it might have brought out just as much as Mr. Whitney and his followers considered necessary to enable them to proclaim with lusty voice and without scruple the unspeakable corruption of the government. The opposition was wise in not identifying itself too intimately with the charges of Mr. Gamey. But it is involved deeply enough to confirm the public mind in the distrust with which all the reckless charges in the past have been regarded. The investigation cannot proceed much further without the presence of Mr. Gamey. He has practically announced that he has no immediate intention of returning. A contemporary says it may be a long time before the Ontario Legislature again assembles for business. We do not think so. We are of the opinion that the commission will finish its business in short order now, that it will not require a great deal of time to prepare its report, and that more than one prominent member of the House will retire into obscurity in consequence.

GERMANS AND THE PREFERENCE.

The Colonist says: "Under the Canadian preferential tariff German goods have been freely imported into Canada as British goods. It reminds us of the story of the savage who was converted and baptised, being given a Christian name and then told, among other things, not to eat meat on Friday. The missionary was surprised one Friday to find him eating meat, but when he remonstrated the savage told him that he had poured water on the meat and called it fish. In the same way German goods entered Canada via Great Britain under the preference, the only difference to Canadians being one of label and price." That story reminds us of another story that is not a fable. A strolling company of political mountebanks were making a tour of Western Canada. Part of their properties was a "chaney tempel." That commonplace vessel was used in illustrating the lecture of one of the fakirs. It was represented as being smuggled into Canada, although of German manufacture, by a reputable British house, it

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WILL INSPECT THE HOME INDUSTRIES PLAN SUBMITTED AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Merchants and School Children to Visit Factories—Question of Harbor Commissioners.

Important business was transacted at last night's weekly meeting of the chamber of commerce. The report of the home industries committee showed that the work being done would, if carried through successfully, be of wide benefit. Definite action was also taken in regard to harbor commissioners. There was a fair attendance, President Carter presiding.

IN THE SPRING. Nature Teaches a Lesson That Tired Exhausted Men and Women Should Follow.

The spring is the season when nature prepares for summer. All the trees and plants are clad with new sap to build and brace them up to withstand the coming hot season. Without new sap in the spring a plant would wither and die beneath the midsummer sun. It is the same with men and women. All physicians are agreed that everyone needs a fresh supply of new blood in the spring.

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IN THE ANTIPODES. Two Business Men of New Zealand Tell of Conditions in That Colony.

John W. Shearer and George Tombs, of Christchurch, New Zealand, were among the passengers on the steamship Mowara. The former carries on a very large retail stationery establishment, having numerous branches in the colony, and the latter is a real estate agent. Both are touring for pleasure.

Mr. Tombs has been a resident of New Zealand for 51 years. He states that while Australia is in very bad shape owing to seven years of drought, the last year being the worst, New Zealand, strange to say, has had a bountiful harvest and an abundance of grass. As regards Australia Mr. Tombs says that it does not express truthfully the situation to say that the sheep are dying by millions, and there is not enough rabbit on some of the ranches to feed a rabbit.

Mr. Shearer spoke very interestingly in regard to the labor situation in New Zealand. He stated his impression that the labor laws as they existed in New Zealand were not a success. These laws were framed by Premier Seddon, who was not a statesman. The coming man in the colony, the man who was a statesman, was now the Premier's right hand man, was the present Postmaster-General. Under Seddon's direction and at the instigation of the labor party, a plan was arranged by which all

opinion that the motion was most desirable, and the amendment was dropped. Mr. Morley spoke in favor of the motion. It was what was wanted, and would be the quickest and best method of dealing with the question. The motion was finally put and carried unanimously.

The committee was selected as follows: Messrs. Henderson, Kingham, Hanna and Carter. Mr. Henderson thought the passing of an insolvency act was an important matter and should be taken up and dealt with by the chamber. Mr. Carter also favored the proposal. The chamber should take some action.

It was finally decided, on motion, that the matter should be left in the hands of the legislative committee of the home industries committee for report. This committee is composed of the following: J. Grant, W. G. Cameron and Hardress Clarke.

Mr. Morley protested against the suggestion of the legislative committee of the council to increase the tax to \$100 upon certain industries in operation here. In view of the efforts that were being made to encourage the introduction of new industries this suggestion would have a most injurious effect.

Some discussion ensued and the following motion was carried: "The chamber of commerce regrets the proposed action of the committee of the city council on amendments in further taxing the manufacturing industries of Victoria."

The meeting then adjourned. A naming tree of the largest size will produce no more than five pounds of nutmegs.

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matters in dispute between employees and employers should be first submitted to a conciliatory board, and if unhappy this board could not induce the employees and employers to compromise matters or adjust their differences, then, and not till then, should the matters in dispute be submitted to the compulsory board for arbitration.

In spite of this elaborate labor legislation the conciliation board was a failure, a dead letter, and the compulsory arbitration board a failure, for very often this board, composed of just and upright men, judges of the Supreme court, etc., would bring in decisions that were not satisfactory to labor or capital. Frequently the employers were dissatisfied with the ruling as well as the employed, and instead of recognizing the fact that they were the losers, they would appeal to Premier Seddon, and he, of course, could do nothing. These rulings of the compulsory arbitration board were also often directly contrary to public opinion, which of necessity often brought the arbitration board into more or less disfavor.

Mr. Shearer was informed that in America New Zealand was looked upon as far in advance of the rest of the world in regard to labor legislation. He did not imply that labor legislation in New Zealand had been a failure through lack of merit in the cause, but he did say that the legislation as it existed was found impracticable. Even when the employers won their demands for higher wages, as they frequently did by the board of arbitration's award, it was unfortunate, but nevertheless true, that no one benefited, and worst of all the poor clerks in the stores who have no union and are not recognized by the labor unions. Wages are constantly being advanced to the laborer, and the price of living keeps pace with the advanced wage, while the clerk struggles along under the high living condition with the small pitance he has received since the labor agitation started.

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I am always pleased to have people call at my office when they possibly can. I like to talk to them on this subject, "Electricity," there is more in it than you think when it is properly applied. I don't want any man's money if I cannot cure him. Beware of the schemer offering you a Belt for a few dollars or perhaps a "free gift." Many have been victimized by such offers; they quickly find that the only result given them was a burnt back (if they got any current at all). I have a large collection of these magnetic bands which have been brought to my office in exchange. My only object in taking them was to demonstrate what a properly applied current will do. I make special inducements to anyone having one of these so-called electric belts.

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SEEKING TRUCE AT EXTENSION MINES

ATTEMPT BEING MADE BY A BUSINESS MAN

Two Years' Agreement Which He Says Meeting of Miners Was Willing to Sign

A. H. Gardon, of Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, is at present in the city. Mr. Gardon has attracted some attention within the past few weeks in his attempts to bring about a settlement of the trouble between the miners at Lady-smith and James Dunsuir, the president of the colliery company. Such a task is not an enviable one, but Mr. Gardon is working assiduously in the direction of a settlement.

Mr. Gardon occupies a peculiar position in relation to the trouble. He and the merchants and other business men of Lady-smith find themselves in consequence of the cessation of work face to face with the serious problem of how to avoid financial ruin. He says that in this case he is financially ruined if a settlement is not soon reached. His interest in seeking a conciliation between employer and employees is one purely of a business nature. He says he represents neither Mr. Dunsuir nor the miners. He has no ends to serve with either side in the trouble. What he wants is work recommenced, so that he may be saved from bankruptcy.

He is manager of "The Farmers' Produce Association," with whose organization he had a great deal to do. A large warehouse was about to be opened at Lady-smith, and all the merchants had consented to get their supplies from him. A weekly steambat service was to be kept up, carrying produce from Salt Spring Island to Victoria, Vancouver, Crofton and other coast points. Mr. Gardon had made his arrangements and had also entered into agreements in the matter. April first was to see the work begin, but the unexpected happened. The mines closed and with it Manager Gardon is forced to see his scheme destroyed.

He has gone to work, however, with a determination to bring about a settlement. This, he says, could soon be accomplished were it not that the miners of Lady-smith fear the consequences of withdrawing from the Western Federation of Miners. Many of them joined that organization without realizing what they were doing. They have been told that if they go back on it now they will be branded as "scabs," and need not expect work in any camp where the Federation is recognized. The men would, he says, willingly go back to work on the old terms, and would enter into an agreement in keeping with that, only for the fear connected with withdrawal from the Western Federation.

A meeting of the miners was held, he says, and the following agreement found favor with them. They are willing to sign it for a two years' term.

The agreement is as follows: The miners shall receive: Seventy-five cents per ton for digging coal—\$3.00 per yard with coal and 75 cents per ton for 12 feet wide, or \$6.50 per yard for 12 feet wide without coal.

Twenty-seven foot wide stalls be paid \$2 per foot per lineal yard over the first foot.

Sixteen foot wide stalls, \$1.25 per foot per lineal yard over the first foot. One dollar for stringers. One dollar for cogs.

Pushers and drivers and timber men to remain on same wages as now paid. All workmen finishing places be started in new places in the order in which they finish.

No man shall contract for more than one working place at one time, then only the shift which he is working.

Coal miners to be paid not less than \$3 per day. In case of a miner being in a deficient place which is held in dispute, a standing committee appointed by the miners shall confer with the management, examine place held in dispute and report to the miners.

All miners, without exception, to be reinstated. This agreement to be signed by employer and employee, or by employer's nominee, and to hold good and be binding upon the parties for two years from date of signing.

ALL-BRITISH PACIFIC CABLE Is Said Not to Be Getting Business It Deserves From the Public.

It would appear from advices received from Australia that there is now considerable controversy in the south over the relatively small business done by the British Pacific Cable Company compared with the patronage which the Eastern Extension Company is receiving from the public. The issue is pretty clearly shown in the following communication published in the Sydney Morning Herald:

"Why the public do not use the Pacific cable as much as the Eastern Extension Company's one is a question which is easily answered. As one who has occasional cable business with England and elsewhere, I would prefer as a patriotic Australian to use the Pacific line, but experience has shown me that the private line is better and cheaper.

"As to cheapness, the government makes a number of small charges which in the course of the year mount up, viz. 1s. for a book of forms, 1d. for a receipt for the telegram, and 10s. 6d. a year to register your code address. The only way to send a message 'via Pacific' is through the post office, and the government insists on these charges, whereas, if I take a message to the Eastern Company's office a book of forms and receipt are given free, and no charge is made to register a code address. Naturally, therefore, one prefers to save this expense when possible. As to quickness, if I take a message to the Eastern Company's office I know it will be forwarded by their direct line to Adelaide, and is not likely to be blocked by either depart-

mental or private, state and inter-state messages, as may possibly happen if a cable message be sent 'via Pacific' on to Brisbane.

"If the government will abolish all these small charges and give a special line to Brisbane for cable business only, no doubt the Pacific cable will be able to compete with its rivals. Until then, it is as well as no doubt many others, will prefer the Cape route."

SEARCH FOR NORTH POLE.

Sir Clements Markham Says It Is a Useless Task.

The Young Man has been interviewing Sir Clements Markham about the North Pole. Sir Clements was emphatic on the point that the search for the Pole was as useless a task as a man could set before him, and seemed little disposed to sympathize with any sentimental reasons put forward to justify the undertaking. "People talk about finding the North Pole," he said, "but there is no question at all of finding the North Pole, since it is an imaginary point the exact position of which is known. As for reaching it, there would be no great difficulty in doing so by those who really understood the business of Arctic exploration. English officers have made much longer and more difficult journeys to the Arctic regions, but there is absolutely no object in travelling several hundreds of miles over ice to reach any particular point, and it would be a sheer waste of money and power." Nevertheless, Sir Clements thinks that exploration of the Arctic region will repay the trouble because of the scientific results obtained.

REGULATIONS AS TO TEACHERS' SALARIES

Something of Interest to the Local Pedagogues and Taxpayers in General.

The by-laws of the Victoria School Board, approved by the Council of Public Instruction February 3rd, 1903, have just been published in booklet form. The majority of the regulations have all been published before, but the following with regard to teachers' salaries, designated section 6, is new, and will be of general interest:

1. The salary of the principal of the High school shall not be less than \$1,500, and the annual salaries of regular High school assistants shall be not less than \$900 and not more than \$1,200.

2. The salaries of graded school teachers shall be governed by the following limitations:

(a.) No salary shall exceed \$1,200 and, except in the case of teachers under provisional or temporary appointment, no salary shall be less than \$480.

(b.) Not more than one-half the salaries shall exceed \$900.

(c.) Not more than one-third the salaries shall exceed \$700.

(d.) Not more than one-fifth the salaries shall exceed \$500.

(e.) Not more than one-eighth the salaries shall exceed \$300.

(f.) And not more than one-tenth the salaries shall exceed \$1,000.

3. During each mid-summer vacation, not later than August first, the salaries of teachers then on the staff shall be determined for the ensuing year.

4. Regarding with the school year 1903-4 the salaries of all teachers shall be paid in ten equal monthly instalments on the last day of each month from September to June inclusive.

5. A teacher who resigns at any time except at the end of a school term shall be liable to forfeit one-twentieth of the amount of his or her yearly salary; otherwise, payment for a part of a year's service shall be like that of a year's salary.

6. No deduction shall be made from the salary of any teacher for absence from duty on account of illness, or for any cause recognized by the board as unavoidable; provided such absence shall not exceed ten days in any term.

7. If the period of a teacher's absence on account of illness exceeds ten days, but does not exceed three months, the salary accruing during such extended absence shall be subject to a deduction of the amount necessary to pay the substitute serving therein; and the balance thereof shall be payable at the discretion of the board to the teacher so absent.

The board shall in all cases determine the sum which the substitute shall receive.

YANCOUVER NOTES.

The steamer Danube on Sunday brought down from Lake Beautiful power tunnel a man named Stevens who had almost been overcome in the workings of the tunnel. It is supposed that the fumes of the explosives had been stronger than anticipated, and when Stevens went back in after a blast had been set off, he was almost asphyxiated. John O'Leary, a man who was about to leave for the north on the steamer Danube, is dead through an accident which occurred last Saturday evening at the wharf of Evans, Coleman & Evans.



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He went down to the steamer to enquire what time the boat would leave. By some mischance he lost his footing and fell into the water. A boom surrounded the piling of the wharf, and the unfortunate man must have struck on this on his head and neck. He sustained such injuries that he succumbed.

Dr. Fagan, provincial health officer, was in the city on Saturday. Dr. Fagan says that the quarantine has been removed at Blaine and at Midway and Myer's Creek, where there was some trouble regarding smallpox epidemic. Dr. Fagan said that these somewhat rigid quarantine regulations were established to force the American authorities to take some reasonable sanitary precautions against the spread of the disease.

One-third of the physicians of Berlin earn less than \$65 a month.

The new steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., the latest addition to the North German Lloyd S. & Co.'s fleet, sailed from Cherbourg on the 18th. Her principal dimensions are: Length over all, 705 feet 6 inches; beam, 72 feet; depth, 52 feet 6 inches; draught to load line, 29 feet 6 inches, and displacement, 28,500 tons. The estimated average speed of the vessel is from 23 1/2 to 24 knots per hour at sea.

"MY PHYSICIANS TOLD ME I MUST DIE, but South American Kidney Cure cured me of that awful Bright's Disease." This is a sentence from a letter of a well known business man in a western town who, through overwork and worry, had contracted this kidney pestilence. It will relieve instantly and cure all kidney diseases.—Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—102.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

Sewer Rental and Sewer Construction Tax.

Public notice is hereby given that under the provisions of "The Sewer By-Law, 1902," as amended for the year 1903 has been prepared and filed in my office, showing the owner and occupier, if any, of lands and real property fronting upon each branch, main, or common sewer, or drain laid in the city of Victoria, and showing the number of feet frontage of the land of each owner or occupier so fronting, and giving the amount, each one is assessed in respect to sewer rental and sewer connection fees thereon, as per the Council in manner hereinafter mentioned, viz: "Any person discharging with the number of feet frontage with which he is assessed upon such roll, whether upon the ground that the measurement is incorrect, or that the land and real property are not liable to taxation or are irregularly assessed under the provisions of this By-Law, may, not later than the 1st day of April in each year petition the Council for an alteration in such roll, and shall state his grounds for requiring an alteration."

CHAS. KENT, Treasurer and Collector, City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

An extension of the time by which petitions of appeal as above may be received is granted until the 25th day of April, A. D., 1903.

CHAS. KENT, Treasurer and Collector.

Tenders for Police Helmets, Etc.

Up to 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday, April 27th

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for Helmets, Belts and Caps for Police, in accordance with specifications and samples to be seen in office of the undersigned, to whom tenders must be addressed, properly signed, sealed and endorsed. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHGOTT, Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., March 23rd, 1903.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Mount Sicker and Breckenridge Mines, Limited, will be held at the offices of Higgins & Elliott, Law Chambers, Beaton Street, Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, the 23rd April, 1903, at 3 p.m.

Dated the 9th day of April, 1903. B. F. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, intended to apply for a transfer to T. D. Dea Briaay, of the said city, of the retail liquor license now held by the said Dea Briaay, and for the sale of liquors by retail at the premises known as Steele's Saloon, Beaton Square, in the said City of Victoria, on the 23rd day of April, 1903, at 3 p.m.

J. R. JENKINS, Secretary.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Canadian Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Common District, on the east by the Strath of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway. LEONARD H. BOLLAY, Land Commissioner.

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INTERVIEW WITH A FAMOUS SOLDIER
SIR FRED. CARRINGTON VISITING THE CITY

Was in Command of Force in Rhodesia - Met Late General Macdonald Recently.



SIR FREDERICK CARRINGTON.

ending warrior so wedded to the science destructive that he might be included among the 'unapproachables.' The scribe, however, found that such agreeably was not the case. Like the majority of superior officers in the service, the general was pleasantly, even generally, considerate and affable, and was willing to be interviewed without the formality so often required by personages who sit so uncompromisingly on the pedestal of renown.

the general's departure from Cepion that the matter obtained such wide-spread publicity. In Japan he took in the Osaka exhibition. "It was a good exhibition as far as exhibitions go," he remarked, "but," he added, "I don't care for exhibitions very much." Evidently there is still a great deal that is martial about the general, even in the piping times of peace. War's alarms would quench in insignificance in the mind of the veteran the most magnificent triumphs of industrial, commercial and artistic enterprise. As to reminiscences, Sir Frederick was not very communicative. "I could tell you some about the Kaffir war, of course, but they're ancient history now," he said. Major-General Sir Frederick Carrington knows South Africa as perhaps no other officer in His Majesty's service knows it. He has spent the greater part of his service there, and his name has been called him-self to the fullest extent of his opportunities of travel. He has hunted, shot, fished with an object, for he was one of those who were wise enough to foresee years ago that sooner or later the Dutch would give Great Britain a good thrashing, and his name has been called him-self to the fullest extent of his opportunities of travel. He has hunted, shot, fished with an object, for he was one of those who were wise enough to foresee years ago that sooner or later the Dutch would give Great Britain a good thrashing, and his name has been called him-self to the fullest extent of his opportunities of travel.

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desia called him back to South Africa, 1890, when he was entrusted with the direction of military operations, with what success was shown conclusively. He took over command of the troops in the Belfast district in March, 1890, and it was while exercising the duties of that important charge that he was ordered to proceed yet again to South Africa on his mission in the war recently closed.



SPORTING
BASEBALL
IMPORTANT MEETING.

A meeting of the Hillside club will be held on Thursday evening, when important business will be discussed. A full attendance is desired.

HILLSIDE V. WANDERERS.
Saturday's match between the Hillside and Wanderer teams for the championship of last season's league will no doubt be an exciting struggle. Keen rivalry has always existed between these teams.

TEAM REORGANIZED.
The players of the B. C. Electric Railway have reorganized their last year's baseball team and have already commenced practice.

PRACTICE LAST NIGHT.
A full practice of the Victoria senior baseball team was held last evening at Oak Bay.

ATHLETIC MANAGEMENT MEETING.
An important meeting of the management committee of the James Bay Athletic Association was held last evening.

THE CHALLENGER.
Shamrock III. Was Not Damaged Below Water Line in Recent Accident.

A SURPLUS.
Premier Tweedie, of New Brunswick, Delivered Budget Speech Last Night.

BORN.
ESCH-At Keesle, on April 12th, the wife of A. H. Esch, of a daughter.

MARRIED.
PRATT-BROWN-At Vancouver, on April 20th, by Rev. H. G. Finness-Clinton, William Henry Pratt and Evelyn Sydney Brown.

KING-BURTON-At Langley, on April 20th, by Rev. H. Lafors, Gardell A. King and Miss Stella Burton.

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F. O. E.
All members of Victoria Aerle No. 12 are requested to attend the regular session on Wednesday, April 22, at 8 o'clock, at the State Dept. Grand Press of Wash. U. S. A. will pay this Aerle an official visit. W. E. HIBBELDEN, Worthy President.

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to Mr. Atkinson, and that the work will commence immediately. A committee reported that the work of fitting up a new dressing room in connection with the club-house is now complete.

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