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SHIP ASHORE. Owing to Heavy Sea Life Savers Cannot Go to Rescue of Those Aboard. Lewis, Dec. 3.—The Swedish ship Dharwar, with a cargo of matting from Hongkong for New York, is ashore a few miles from Ocean City, Md. It is feared the vessel will be a total wreck, as a heavy sea is running and the wind is blowing 35 miles an hour. The North Beach life savers have been unable to launch a life-boat to rescue the crew. Five members of the crew of the Dharwar were rescued in one of the ship's boats. The remainder of the crew, eleven in number, and a woman and two children, are still on the vessel.

SEARCHING RUINS FOR WOMAN'S BODY HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE OTTAWA FIRE Condition of Injured—Man Charged With Sending Letter Threatening to Murder Minister.

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It is feared now that Miss Rose Davis, an elderly woman employed for many years as domestic at Ottawa University, perished in flames which destroyed the building on Tuesday. A search is being made among the ruins for the body. She was last seen on the fourth day during the progress of the fire. Father Pullan, one of the injured priests, is now paralyzed from the waist down and ruptured as a result of his jump for life. Father Boyon landed on his head, and his neck is very badly strained. Father McGurty, who was slightly burned about the face, it is feared will lose his eyesight.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—The legislature was opened by Lieut.-Governor Jones yesterday. The speech referred principally to the proposed legislation in connection with the iron, steel and coal industries of the province. Committed For Trial. Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 4.—Edgar Crockett, of Perry Sound, has been committed for trial on the charge of sending a letter to Mrs. W. T. Lorimer threatening to murder her husband, a Baptist minister at Sawarville, Ont. Caught in States. Fort Francis, Ont., Dec. 4.—Frank Bates, a tramp lumber-jack, is under arrest charged with having attempted to murder James Short, merchant tailor, whom he struck on the head with an axe and then robbed him of a pocketbook and other articles, and made off to the United States. He was caught at Koochiching, just across the boundary line, and brought back here. Bates claimed to be a tailor, and was given work by Short.

GERMAN REICHSSTAG Opened by Chancellor Von Buelow—Reforms to Be Introduced. (Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 3.—Chancellor Von Buelow, as the Emperor's representative, opened the Reichstag to-day. Von Buelow said: "His Majesty has desired me to express his thanks to all those who have sympathized with his suffering and to say that his sympathy and hopes for his recovery have greatly rejoiced him." Emphasizing the necessity for regulating the financial situation of the Empire with the separate states, the chancellor remarked that, although a radical settlement of the question was not now feasible, the government would propose a measure introducing the most essential reforms. The government, continued the chancellor, would propose retaining the present army footing to April 25th, 1905, but it is desired to increase the salary list because of the growing cost of living. The department further proposed to continue the development of social legislation in the interest of the weaker classes. The government also intended prolonging the present "most favored relations" with Great Britain. In congratulating the members of the Reichstag on the very friendly relations of Germany with other countries, the chancellor said the Imperial government had contributed its share to the avoidance of serious complications in the Balkans.

THE DREYFUS CASE Will Probably Come Before the Revision Commission on Wednesday Next. (Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 4.—Gen. Mercier, senior member of the revision commission, received the Dreyfus documents from the war office yesterday, and the case will probably come up, though in a semi-official form, at a meeting of the commission on Wednesday next. An interview published in Rome gives particulars of the daily life of Dreyfus; he leaves his house only on very rare occasions, not because he is in any fear of insults, but for the reason that he suffers terribly from fever. The ex-Captain is devoting all his time to examining documents which may demonstrate his innocence, and only once in a while does he dine out even with intimate friends.

FIREMAN HANDICAPPED. No Water in the Main When Fire Broke Out in Railway Freight Sheds. Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 4.—With not a drop of water in the city main, which has been empty for the past 24 hours, due to a breakdown of the pumping plant, the freight house and sheds of the New York Central Railroad Company, in this city, were totally destroyed by fire this morning, together with an immense amount of freight. The only means the fire department had of fighting the fire was with water obtained from the Erie canal with two fire engines. The freight agent says it is almost impossible to estimate the loss, but it will be over \$50,000. On August 25th last they had a similar experience. The city water was turned off to make repairs at the pumping station and seven houses were destroyed.

FOUR CHINAMEN DROWNED. (Associated Press.) Buffalo, Dec. 4.—Four of eleven Chinamen being smuggled into the United States were drowned to-day by the wagon in which they were riding being overturned into the Erie canal. CRUSHED TO DEATH. Hamilton, O., Dec. 3.—In a head-on collision between two trolley cars here to-day, Dr. Clarence W. Lehman, a passenger, was crushed to death, and Motorman Young was fatally hurt.

ICE YACHT REGATTA. International Races Will Take Place on Gull Lake Next Month. (Associated Press.) Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 4.—The Kalamazoo Ice Yacht Club has decided to hold an international ice yacht regatta on Gull Lake, January 10th to 23rd. Besides the race for the sturtevant international trophy for boats carrying less than 850 square feet of sail, there will be another international race for boats not carrying over 400 square feet of sail for the Hearst trophy. Entries for the Stuart trophy are already numerous. Boats from Hudson river, New Jersey, Canada, Michigan and Wisconsin, will sail in the 850-foot class.

TOO REALISTIC. Travelling Showman Stabbed During a Farce, and His Wound May Result Fatally. (Associated Press.) Gervais, Ore., Dec. 3.—Robert Matteson, of Minneapolis, a travelling showman, was stabbed in the breast at the opera house last night, and is in a precarious condition. During the entertainment—a farce—is played—in which the woman in the case states the leading character. To make it realistic the actor wears a board under his clothing. In this instance the heroine struck too high, and the knife pierced the left lung, barely missing the heart.

OTTAWA NOTES. Provisional Regulations Concerning German Surtax Have Been Formed. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Zachariah Wilson, 88 years of age, at one time collector of customs in this city, and a pioneer of Ottawa, being in business in Bytown, died suddenly to-day of paralysis. An order-in-council has been passed confirming the provisional regulation concerning the German surtax, and adding a new clause thereto, defining the provisions of the surtax regarding goods partly manufactured in Germany and sent to other countries to be finished.

ELEVEN MINERS KILLED. Rope Attached to Cage Broke and Men Fell to Bottom of Shaft. (Associated Press.) Liege, Belgium, Dec. 4.—Eleven coal miners were killed to-day at the Gasson-Laquasse mine at Montegnée. Through the breaking of the rope, by which a cage was being hauled up, the men were precipitated to the bottom of the pit and their bodies horribly mangled.

TO MEET IN SEATTLE. Conference of Cannermen and Dealers Called For February. (Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 4.—The Fraser River Cannermen's Association has been notified of the holding of a big salmon congress in Seattle on February 23rd. Every cannerman and dealer from San Francisco to Alaska has been invited to attend. It is expected fifteen hundred will be present, all the expenses of the delegates being paid by the American government.

CO-OPERATIVE FOUNDRY. President Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, Outlines Plans. (Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Officers of the International Typographical Union, who are in Chicago, have perfected plans for the opening of an independent type foundry to be conducted on a co-operative plan. The foundry is to be established for the benefit of the type foundries of the country, all of whom are on strike or have been locked out on account of difficulties with employers. President Lynch says \$20,000 will be contributed by the International Union, and 5 cents a member assessed for the creation of a defence fund, which will net nearly \$1,000 a month, will be used for this purpose. Two local printing concerns are said to be willing to contribute capital, and to support the foundry, and the various trades unions will be given an opportunity to take stock.

MUSIC AND SPORT. Basketball During the Drill Hall Concert To-Morrow Evening. To-morrow evening in connection with the Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the drill hall, the first game of the senior league series of basketball will be played, the contestants being teams from the Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. clubs. An excellent musical programme has been arranged for the second part of the programme, when the spectators floor will be given over to promenaders. Basketball will be played in "port first" and commence at 8.40 prompt. The programme follows: PART I. Overture—Morning, Noon and Night. Supper. Basketball—Y. M. C. A. vs. Victoria West. Char. Piece—Creole Queen. Hall. Basketball—Second Half. PART II. Selection from The Serenade. Herbert. Char. Piece—Dance of the Fireflies. Lossy. Concert Piece—Wedding of the Winds. Hall. March—Chicago Tribune. Chambers. God Save the King.

GRAVE POSITION OF WARSHIP FLORA IS HIGH ON A REEF AT VILLAGE POINT Divers Have Closed Scuttles and an Attempt May Be Made To-Day to Float Her.

Rear-Admiral Rickford and staff, accompanied by W. F. Bullen, of the B. C. Salvage Company, arrived on the noon train to-day from the scene of the Flora wreck. The party landed at Esquimaux crossing, on Adair's road, and was here met by a representative of the Times, who received confirmation of the news of the serious position of the Flora on Village point, Decima Island. Rear-Admiral Rickford stated that the ship was lying on the rocks with her bow high out of water, but further than to say that he had hopes that she would be floated if he was not disposed at the time to discuss the wreck. The party, as stated, left here on special train yesterday afternoon, and taking the steamer J. A. H. from Nanaimo proceeded at once to the Flora. This morning instructions preceded their arrival regarding the necessary preparations for the floating of the ship by means, in the case of such a wreck time being a most important factor. The Flora left for the stranded vessel last night, and this morning the Gratton was floated out of the dry dock and was to follow the Flora at noon to-day. She will tow the barge Isabel to Village point, together with a couple of barges from the navy. On the Isabel there is a complete wrecking plant belonging to the B. C. Salvage Company. It includes among other gear four large 10-inch pumps of tremendous lifting power, and four portable boilers for the supply of the necessary steam. In addition some of the most modern equipment used in salvage work has been shipped. One of the two torpedo boats which were recently laid up in Esquimaux will, it is understood, be commissioned, and will be employed in establishing a rapid means of communication between the wreck and either Union or Esquimaux. As for the position of the Flora to-day, a Nanaimo dispatch to the Times says: "Daylight this morning showed the Flora to be in a pretty bad shape, in fact a good deal more so than yesterday. The tide had left her half out of the water, showing that she rested amidships. An examination showed that her forward plates are badly twisted and strained, and that a portion of the keel is broken. She lies at an angle of fifteen degrees, with a decided list to starboard. At low tide there are five fathoms of water at her stern, and two about midships. At low tide she is high and dry from the funnels forward. Serious fears are entertained that at extreme low tide the vessel will cant over completely. "At the time of the accident she was steaming seven knots, the weather being very thick, the sailing master mistaking the beacon light and going on the wrong side. Land suddenly loomed up ahead, and although the engines were put full speed astern the engine crashed heavily on the rocks. She went on at full tide, and as the scuttles were open when the stern was forced down the water rushed in and the stern sank immediately. So quickly did she fill that the officers found great difficulty in getting out in time to save their lives, losing all clothing and other effects. "Divers succeeded in closing the scuttles this morning, and an attempt will be made to raise her this afternoon. "It is reported that there is a big hole somewhere in the bottom, probably aft of the engines, which are free from water and undamaged. "The men are camping ashore on Denman Island, and working like beavers removing the coal and stores into barges from Union Bay. The guns will also be unshipped and taken out. Traps are now being placed to clear out the water. "The Gratton and Egeria are expected hourly with wrecking apparatus and machinery. Out on the water a naval launch ceaselessly patrols in order to prevent the approach of strangers, and it is with great difficulty that the facts of the situation are learned. The admiral and party passed through this morning, driving straight from the boat to the train. Supplementing the above message the following special dispatch was received from Vancouver this afternoon: "Captain Ritchie, of the Joss, who visited the Flora last night, says at low tide she was standing nearly on her length her smashed forefoot and forty feet of her bow high in the air and the after compartments and stern out of sight under water. He says she is apparently in no danger of breasting, as her bow appears to be resting on a fairly even keel, which is badly damaged, and the forward compartment filled with water. It floated it will be by putting screws around the stern. The gessel is being stripped of guns and ammunition. "The news that the Flora is resting on a fairly even keel is one of the most gratifying features of her position, for it will be remembered that the Williamson launch amidships on a rock and broke her back before she was floated. But unlike the warship she carried a full cargo of coal, and work in raising her did not end until some considerable time after the wreck. There is a spar beach located on the outer extremity of the rock, and this is the only one in the

locally. The point is very rocky, and there is no sandy beach close by. The slope from the rocks into the water is not gradual, but very abrupt, and the water around about is very deep. The position of the ship, therefore, presents many difficulties in the way of salvage operations, although lying in a fairly sheltered place.

TIMBER INDUSTRY. Representatives Gathering Here to Discuss the New Assessment Act—In the House. The timber men of the province are gathering in Victoria with the evident intention of entering their protest against the features of the new Assessment Act which affect their industry. Among those now in the city are Messrs. John Hendry, H. H. H. De Pencier and others from the Mainland. Mr. Hendry stated to-day that the timber men had not waited upon the government in the matter yet, though individual members of the ministry had been seen. The representatives of the industry were seeking by conference among themselves to ascertain just how the new measure would affect them. That done, it would be possible then to proceed independently in the matter. Vancouver lumber representatives of the industry are also expected to appear upon the scene very shortly, and for a few days the subject will be fully studied. In the House this afternoon a petition was presented for the incorporation of a railway from Sarita townsite, or some point on the Alberni canal, through the Nitinat valley, to a point at or near Cowichan.

PERSONAL. Capt. Wallace Langley, who arrived from the North a few days ago, leaves for San Francisco on the steamer Queen to-morrow night, where he will join Mrs. Langley and daughter, now visiting in California. W. C. Perry, of Vancouver, E. A. Blair, of Rossland, W. A. Law, of Dawson, and D. Patterson, of New Westminster, are at the Victoria hotel. John Hendry, Jas. A. McNair and T. E. Shuebotham, of Vancouver, arrived last night on business and are registered at the Driford. J. C. Churchland, a well known resident at Surrey Centre, is over from the Mainland for a visit. He is at the Dominion. J. Hazleton, a lumberman from Fredrickton, N. B., who is on his way to Australia, is stopping at the Dominion. John Coughlan and C. W. Miller were among the passengers for the Sound by the steamer Clatsop yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Russell, of England, and L. C. Style, of Portland, Ore., are among the guests at the Vernon hotel. A. C. Flumerfelt, John Hendry and J. H. Higgins were among the passengers from the Charmer last evening. A. E. Banta, A. R. Johnson and E. M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, spent yesterday in the city. Max Laiser and Mrs. Laiser came over from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Chatham. Robt. Wood, of Greenwood, is in the city and is among those registered at the Driford hotel. Mrs. A. M. Cook left last evening to resume her profession as nurse at Seattle. Mrs. L. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens, of Hanford, are among the Dominion arrivals. W. H. Lecker, of Ladner, is in town and a guest at the Dominion. McKing and Mrs. King arrived from Seattle yesterday. Arthur H. H. H. of Calgary, is at the Dominion. Sam H. H. H. of Stallock, is at the Dominion.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS. A London dispatch announces the death of the Earl of Shaft. He was born in 1814. The rise in cotton caused intense excitement in Manchester and Liverpool, where American cotton has advanced 28 to 34 points since yesterday's closing prices. It is said that if the official crop estimate of the United States department of agriculture is correct, it means a terrible calamity for Lancashire. An agreement has been concluded between the Hamburg-American and White Star lines whereby each will provide four steamers for the American-Mediterranean service, the Hamburg-American steamers sailing from New York and the White Star vessels from Boston. The Hamburg-American office at Ginnon will manage the White Star's portion of the business. Representative Livernash, of California, has introduced a joint resolution in the United States House "defining the intention of the United States concerning the Isthmus of Panama." It disclaims on the part of the United States any intention to impair the Colombian sovereignty or to support the republic of Panama against Colombia, or to interfere in the relations between Colombia and Panama. Federal Judge Kjolhaug appointed Dowle temporary manager of Zion City industries. It is the idea of the court and receivers to interfere as little as possible with the established order of Dowle's industries. Dowle will be the agent of the receivers, and the arrangements will be discontinued if it is found that the interests managed by him are not made to pay. Receiver Currie says: "I believe that Dr. Dowle will be able to pay off all his obligations in time."

The name of J. G. Quailletti was inadvertently omitted from the list of those who contributed to the Allison fund. He donated \$5.

SENT TO PRISON. New York, Dec. 4.—Timothy McCarthy, the walking delegate of the House Smiths and Brimley's Union, who was convicted of extortion, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. McCarthy was found guilty of extorting \$500 from Louis Andrews.

HEARING OF WILL CASE CONTINUED MORE EVIDENCE IN HOPPER VS. DUNSMUIR Reading of Testimony Before Commission in New York Has Not Yet Ended.

The reading of the evidence of Edward A. Crossinshield, of New York, in the case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, was continued at the afternoon sitting of the Civil Assizes yesterday. In it witness stated that when James Dunsmuir visited New York, he "reproached" the idea that the trip to San Francisco would be dangerous to Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir in her weak condition, and suffering from cancer, and persuaded her to take the trip. The witness saw Mrs. Dunsmuir when she returned, several weeks afterwards, from San Francisco. She had an operation for cancer soon after, and returned to San Francisco in June, 1900. Witness attended to her business affairs, and was on very friendly relations with her. Russell-Wilson had strongly advised Mrs. Dunsmuir not to go to San Francisco after the operation, fearing she would be influenced by James Dunsmuir to sign some document that would prejudice her case.

In his cross-examination witness expressed the view that Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's mind was not as good in 1901 as in 1900 for transacting business. A great deal of the evidence was devoted to the state of Mrs. Dunsmuir's mental capabilities and to Alex. Dunsmuir's condition. The testimony of Wm. Leslie Covert, a New York physician, taken by commission, was read. He had attended Alex. Dunsmuir in his last illness, and his medical diagnosis was in-line with that of Dr. Marshall. He had also advised Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir that it would be dangerous for her to go to California with her husband's body before she was operated upon for cancer. He went into particulars of Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir's condition, stating she had become feebler in health. She might have been capable of making a will in June, 1900, but a person suffering from cancer was not so capable mentally as if healthy. She had given him to understand that James Dunsmuir did not want her to have any of Alexander's property. Mrs. Edna B. Stevens's evidence was in effect that she knew Alex. Dunsmuir and his wife in California in 1897, and she saw instances of Alexander's poor condition mentally and physically. She also told of seeing him in New York on his last visit, and expressed the view that he was a mental and physical wreck for some time before he died. She also stated that whereas in 1898 Mrs. Alex. Dunsmuir seemed gay and light-hearted in California, she had changed in 1900, fallen away in flesh, was pale, and irritable. At this point the court adjourned till this morning at 11 o'clock.

To-Day's Proceedings. When the court met this morning the reading of Mrs. Stevens's evidence was soon finished, and this was followed by that of her husband, John E. Stevens. Mr. Hopper, who was manager of the De Wolf Hopper Company, gave his opinion some what along the same lines as his wife in regard to the mental and physical condition of Alexander Dunsmuir in San Francisco, and in January, 1900, in New York. Dr. Cornelius J. Dumond, of New York, whose evidence followed, gave medical testimony of his attendance on Alexander Dunsmuir at his last illness, not differing materially from that given on the same point yesterday. Then came the examination before the commission in New York of Wm. De Wolf Hopper, the actor. He had given a supper in New York in honor of the plaintiff, at that time his wife, in 1894, and here he first met Alexander Dunsmuir. He was witness ordered wine, and from the embarrassed looks of the ladies saw he made a mistake when it was too late to rectify it. His evidence related to Alexander Dunsmuir's intemperate habits in New York and San Francisco, where he saw him frequently at the Pacific Union Club during a visit in 1884 and in 1897. Mrs. Rita Schrober, wife of the woman of the Hopper Opera Company, spoke of meeting Alexander Dunsmuir in 1895, 1897 and the following year, and also in 1900, the last occasion being before Dunsmuir died in New York. His mental and physical incapacity was testified to by the witness. She also spoke of Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's past failure health and change of disposition, to that of a changeable, irritable condition after her husband's death. She had heard Mrs. Dunsmuir during a visit to Montreal, shortly after her operation in 1900, say that she intended leaving all her property to her daughter. At this point the court adjourned for lunch.

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ISLAND ELECTORS ENDORSE LAURIER

PASS RESOLUTIONS AT PUBLIC MEETING

Ralph Smith, M. P., Asked to Be Liberal Candidate for Nanaimo Constituency.

Ralph Smith, M. P., who has been in the southern portion of his constituency for over a week, held a meeting at Sidney last Saturday evening of his supporters in that section.

Mr. Smith also visited Sooke, where a public meeting was held, and where he delivered an address dealing with the political situation in the forthcoming election.

At this meeting strong resolutions of confidence in the Ottawa administration and in Mr. Smith were passed on motion of Messrs. C. F. S. Muir, seconded by Edward Milne.

The resolutions which were carried unanimously were as follows: Resolved, That we, the electors of Sooke, endorse the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and his government for the policy pursued in regard to preferential duties, enabling Canadians to exchange the product of their own farms and factories for the mechanical products of the Mother Country, thereby establishing a friendly relationship which should always exist, and which is largely the result of the great increase in our imports and exports, creating the handsome surplus of \$14,000,000 for the last fiscal year.

And be it further resolved, That we hail with the greatest satisfaction the building of another transcontinental railway through Northern Canada with its terminals on the Pacific Coast of British Columbia, the financial arrangements of which are the admiration of all fair-minded Canadians, being practically government ownership, with the regulating of freight and passenger rates by a commission. The fair wages clause inserted in the act makes the employment of Asiatics an economic impossibility, therefore settling once and for all time this vexed question.

And be it further resolved, That we, the electors of Sooke, have every confidence in Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., and take great pleasure in endorsing him as the Liberal candidate for Nanaimo electoral district, and pledge our support and influence on his behalf at the polls on the day of election.

A similar resolution was passed at a meeting held at Metehosin, Wednesday night. At this meeting there was a large attendance, the chair being occupied by A. J. Fisher, and the utmost enthusiasm manifested.

Throughout Metehosin Mr. Smith found a general sentiment of satisfaction with the provision of the recent redistribution bill whereby that section is included in the Vancouver Island constituency instead of in Victoria, as formerly.

Through all parts of the riding a strong pro-Liberal feeling prevails, and Mr. Smith considers the outlook for the election of the Liberal candidate to be very bright indeed.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE PAST MONTH

Sickness and Reasonable Precaution Against It Responsible in Some Degree for Meagreness.

Sickness and reasonable precaution against it account in some degree for the meagre attendance at some of the public school classes last month. But it is to be feared that a large part of the absenteeism is preventable. Parents often do not consider how serious is the harm done by keeping children home, or letting them stay at home when they ought to be at school.

Table with columns: School, Boys, Girls, Ave. P.C. mens, High, Boys, Girls, Ave. P.C. mens, etc.

In the following divisions the attendance reached the 80 per cent. mark: High school, division 1, 98.7 per cent.; South Park, division 1, 96.07 per cent.; North Ward, division 1, 96.73 per cent.; Boys', division 1, 95.92 per cent.; Victoria West, division 1, 95.92 per cent.

Other divisions which reached 80 per cent. were: High school, divisions 5, 6 and 7; Boys', divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10; Girls', divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7; South Park, divisions 2, 3, 4 and 7; Victoria West, divisions 2 and 3; Spring Ridge, divisions 1 and 3.

In the Boys' school 272 pupils out of the 500 or 64.4 per cent. were present every day, making a perfect attendance.

In the Girls' school the number with perfect attendance was 172 or 87.45 per cent. At Victoria West the total was 95 or 47.7 per cent., and at Hillside the number was 36 or 29.2 per cent.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF BOARD OF TRADE

Will Be Held To-night to Consider Sealing Question - Communication to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In view of the importance of to-night's meeting of the board of trade it is imperative that there should be a large attendance. The chief business will be consideration of the resolution regarding the sealing industry. The principal points in the question were pretty fully set forth in an article which appeared in the Times on Wednesday.

On November 4th the board of trade council endorsed a petition to the crown from the Victoria Sealing Company, by the following letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

Dear Sir:—The attention of this board has been directed to the disadvantages under which our citizens are engaging in the Pacific sealing industry, and endorsement of a petition to the crown, a copy of which is enclosed, has been asked.

The case as laid before the board is as follows: By the award of the tribunal of arbitration, 1893, the use of firearms in the Behring Sea by British subjects was prohibited, as also hunting seals within sixty miles of the shore, and the strict observance of a close season. These restrictions were a very serious blow to those who had capital invested in the industry, but after making a formal and vigorous protest the best possible ground, and for some years past have been accepted in consequence of their international import without much complaint. In later years, however, most serious grounds for complaint have arisen, viz.: The Japanese have exerted their right on the high seas and have been hunting seals in the Behring Sea with firearms at all seasons to within the three-mile limit of the seal islands.

There is another aspect from which these conditions must be viewed, the humiliation of British subjects being prohibited from using firearms, observe a close season, and approach within sixty miles of the seal islands, while a foreign country can engage in sealing without any such restrictions.

Very deeply impressed with the changed conditions, and without hesitation unanimously resolved to heartily support the petition of the Victoria Sealing Company.

I was instructed when transmitting the accompanying copy to advise the board's action herein, and it being understood that the award of the tribunal of arbitration will be considered in the very near future to ask your best endeavors to secure for the Canadians engaged in the sealing industry similar privileges to those enjoyed by foreign countries, most particularly in so far as close season limits from the shore and the use of firearms are concerned.

Yours faithfully, (Signed) F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.

Copies of the petition referred to and the communication to Sir Wilfrid Laurier were transmitted to Premier McBride. Subsequently a report from Phil R. Smith and Geo. Carter, a special committee appointed to inquire into the sealing negotiations, was submitted, but not adopted. Arising from the discussion which followed was a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which the Federal Premier was asked to make a settlement of the sealing question impossible until the board of trade and the people of Victoria shall have been given an opportunity to consider the nature of any proposed action.

At the meeting of the board of trade on Monday, Dec. 3, after a lockout which lasted three weeks the shoe machinists have decided to agree to the demand of the manufacturers and sign individual contracts. They had previously been working under a union agreement, and the manufacturers closed their factories because they found that the union was restricting production.

Increasing Force. Montreal, Dec. 3.—Police commissioners to-day voted to increase the pay of all first-class men, that is men with good record and who have been on the force for three years from \$12.50 to \$14 per week. The increase affects the majority of the men on the force. It has yet to be approved by the council, but it is expected to be granted without opposition. The committee also voted to increase the force by fifty men.

Still Idle. Quebec, Dec. 3.—The situation in the Quebec shoe trade remains unchanged. The manufacturers firmly decline to have anything to do with the union, but state that just as soon as the men are prepared to come forward and sign individual contracts they are ready to open their factory doors. There is much distress, and the celebration of the Church of St. Saviour has been postponed as the authorities do not think this a proper time for a celebration.

Narrow Escape. Toronto, Dec. 3.—John Mitchell, electric light employee, was working on the Esplanade this morning when he stepped on a live electric wire and received a shock which threw him to the ground fifty feet below. As he fell he cried out. Fred Nichol was passing at the time, and as Mitchell fell he stretched out his arms and caught him. The force of Mitchell's fall knocked Nichol to the ground, and his shoulder, right arm, body and legs were seriously bruised, while Mitchell escaped without injury, beyond the electric shock.

Will Reorganize. At the adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Cycle & Motor Company to-day a resolution was unanimously passed advising shareholders to deposit their stock for a reorganization, and to take advantage of the offer of a million shares worth of stock from the directors to be distributed among the shareholders who can meet the loss the reorganization will entail.

SPORTING

ROOBY FOOTBALL VANCOUVER V. VICTORIA

A Victoria intermediate team will leave to-night for Vancouver, and to-morrow will meet a similar Victoria City team in a return league match. The teams follow:

Victoria—Full back, Gowen; three-quarters, Sebel, McDonald, Patton (A.) and Bell; half backs, Newcombe and Sweetland; forwards, Tait, Keefer, Prior, Blackburne, Marchant, Lawson, Levy and Hurst.

Vancouver—D. Johnston, full back; A. Alan, C. Watson, R. Johnston and W. Donaldson, three-quarter backs; Crawford and Sawyer, half backs; and Hains, McConohy, N. Sayers, and Larsen, three-quarters; Shearer, Van Horn and Bout, forwards.

COMMUNICATING VS. OAK BAY. Commencing at 1:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the Caledonia grounds a junior match will be played between the Central and Oak Bay teams. The teams follow:

Central—Full back, H. Ouden; three-quarters, L. Netherly, P. Anderson, W. Tait and A. Sargison; halves, W. Kinlock and H. Sargison; forwards, W. Newcombe, L. Sweeney (capt.), P. Morris, A. Clegg, J. Keefer, C. Wilson, T. Dougal, W. Leat; reserves, A. Marson, O. Anderson, G. Loyall and M. Farr.

Oak Bay—Full back, Phair; three-quarters, S. Mason, G. Morley, N. Scott, J. Gidley; half-backs, F. Nason, A. Janion; forwards, S. Coulson, R. McInnis, T. Fisher, J. Renouf, S. Jeffs, J. Miller, A. Raymer, A. Ash; substitutes, F. Fawcett and H. Herd.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. GARRISON V. Y. M. C. A. At the Work Point grounds on Wednesday next a senior match is scheduled to be played between the Garrison and Y. M. C. A. teams. The kick-off will take place at 3 o'clock prompt. The teams follow:

Y. M. C. A.—Goal, Whyte; full backs, Bate and Norcross; half-backs, Robertson, Ritchie and Connor; forwards, Schoob, Hooper, Davidson, Elliot and Oakes. Substitutes, Wilson and Thomas.

Garrison—Goal, Harvey; full backs, Mitchell and Carnes; half backs, Fairless, Ward and Price; forwards, Clinch, Taylor, Rivers, Thompson and Wilks.

INTERMEDIATE MATCH. An intermediate match is scheduled to take place to-morrow afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock at Beacon Hill, between the Capital and Victoria West teams. The respective teams follow:

Capital—Goal, W. Loveridge; backs, A. Haughton and G. Temple; halves, W. Ross, J. Fawcett and W. Laing; forwards, A. Bulyea, B. Johnson, J. Hogg, T. Peden and J. Temple.

Victoria West—Goal, Willis; full backs, Provis and Stevens; half backs, Baker, McArthur and Muir; forwards, Dakers, Jones, Monegan, Tait and Tolson.

JUNIOR MATCH. To-morrow morning a game will be played, starting at 10 o'clock at Beacon Hill, between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams. The respective eleven's follow:

St. Louis—Goal, W. McArthur; full backs, J. Robbins (captain), and F. Brown; half backs, R. Hickey, W. Robbins and J. McArthur; forwards, E. Sweeney (centre), P. O'Rourke, T. O'Rourke, P. McDonald, H. Silver; substitutes, M. Keaspeck, G. Medina and P. Medina.

North Ward—Goal, S. Humber; backs, B. Hall and E. Taylor; half backs, T. Johnson, C. Bishop and R. Patton; forwards, C. McIntosh, C. McCarter, A. Penketh, G. Bishop and A. McGregor. Reserves, H. Constan and J. Gill.

GAME POSTPONED. The game announced to be played to-morrow between the Victoria and Grafton teams has been postponed indefinitely. All Victoria players are asked to attend practice at Beacon Hill.

BASKETBALL. Y. M. C. A. 20; F. Y. M. A. 5. Last evening at the F. Y. M. A. hall the first of the intermediate series of games was played between the Y. M. C. A. and Fernwood teams. The result was an easy win for the former aggregation by a score of 20 to 5.

A large crowd in attendance. When the Y. M. C. A. team began to take a lead in the commencement of the game the cheering on the part of their backers was enthusiastic. Thus encouraged they worked the harder, and started in to pile up the score. The Fernwood boys put up a hard fight, but they were no match for their opponents. They were forwards were allowed but few opportunities to shoot, and when they did the ball always went wide of the mark. Individually the Fernwood men are good players, but if they intend holding their own they should put in more practice in shooting and combination. The teams were the same as given in last night's Times. From the commencement, the ball was taken to the Fernwood basket. Occasionally it was thrown to the other end of the hall, only to be returned by the Y. M. C. A. men, who were always vigilant. Mulcahy and Loveridge, who were forwards for the Y. M. C. A. team, were playing a great game. The first goal was put in by the former, and following this Loveridge scored four times in succession before the finish of the first half. Two fouls were also converted, making the total score for the Y. M. C. A. in the first half 11, and the Fernwood's score 1, they having succeeded in converting a foul.

After ten minutes intermission the game recommenced. In this half it was more evenly contested. The Fernwoods undoubtedly played a better game, the guards checking the Y. M. C. A. crack forwards very closely. Bate, centre for the latter team, played a rattling game, but seemed to be out of luck. About this time the Fernwoods developed excellent combination, which resulted in some close shots being made on the Y. M. C. A. basket. One of these

was successful. V. Heather doing the scoring. The Y. M. C. A., however, again got down to work, and Loveridge and Mulcahy scored in rapid succession. At the finish of the game the score had reached 20, and the F. Y. M. A. score was 5.

R. Peden acted as referee, and he performed his duty most impartially. Throughout the match his efforts were to suppress rough play. In all there were about 25 fouls called, and 18 of these were against the Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. team is, of course, new to the game, but before the players take part in a match they should be thoroughly conversant with the rules.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 4-5 a. m.—The barometer remains abnormally high from the Rockies eastward to Manitoba, while off the coasts of Oregon and Washington there are indications of an advancing storm area which may cause a return to unsettled weather before the end of the day.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh northerly winds, continued fair and cold, followed by higher temperature on Saturday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.21; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles N.; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 16; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Mr. Hobbs, Jas McNeil, M. Pound, M. Dewar, Miss Spain, A. Taylor, G. H. Hayes, J. A. Grant, F. Hacking, Father Rigum, D. Nicola, W. R. Flewin, F. McLennan, Capt. Garland, W. C. King, T. McKell, J. Edwards, J. Fraser, E. E. Welsh, Prof. Don Jouty, A. C. Flumerfelt, Mr. Guthrie and wife, H. Mitchell, Robt. Wood, E. H. Farpe, H. H. Stein and wife, Mr. McCallin, J. Horns, H. Michelson, F. Weston, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Dewar, J. Winters, E. Alcock, M. Ward, G. Watchorn, wife and child, Mr. Forrest, S. A. Forrest, Ralph Brydon, J. H. Brydon, M. Campbell, B. Houston, Mrs. Wilson, P. R. Osborne and wife, T. Washpat, M. Stringer, Capt. Gaudin, D. Patterson, N. Gwin, H. Jessie, H. D. Woods, J. W. Hackett, J. C. Stiles, H. J. Spencer, B. H. Alexander, W. H. Higgins, J. A. L. Appellan, P. Davis, T. B. Shoecart, E. P. Bunnell, J. Hendry.

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MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Friday: Target practice with gallery ammunition.

Saturday: Band concert.

Earl Roberts witnessed an experiment with alarm guns invented by Major Rose of the Black Watch. The guns are intended for safeguarding blockhouses. They are connected with wires laid around the blockhouse, and an enemy approaching in the night and merely touching the wire causes the discharge of the gun, which is loaded with bullet shot.—London Telegraph.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FEATURES OF LOAN BILL WERE ATTACKED

First Division Reached on an Amendment to It Introduced by John Oliver.

Victoria, Dec. 3rd. Before 5 o'clock to-day the legislature had cleared the order paper and had appointed standing committees.

The feature of the afternoon was the debate on the Loan bill, upon which a division was reached by the opposition moving an amendment expressing disapproval with the principles of the bill. With Messrs. Wells, Ellison and Hous-ton absent, the division resulted in a vote of 22 to 16, the two Socialists and the Labor member voting with the government.

Prayers were read by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

The following petitions were laid on the table:

By W. W. B. McInnes, from Abram C. Rhinehart and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company.

By Dr. King, from W. F. Gurd and others, citizens of Cranbrook asking for appropriations for a court house, government offices, and streets and bridges.

W. G. Cameron moved "That an order of the House be granted for a return giving a statement of our public accounts from the 30th of June, 1903, to as nearly the present date as possible." The motion carried.

Chas. Munro moved "That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of instructions given to H. D. Benson to inspect the lower Fraser dykes; also a copy of the report made by Mr. Benson." The motion carried.

John Oliver moved "That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the number of coal prospecting licenses granted for lands in blocks 4,503 and 4,504, West Kootenay district, from June 1st, 1903, up to date, with the names of the grantees and the quantity and locality of the land covered by such licenses." The motion carried.

Mr. Oliver moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence, telegrams, orders of court, and report of the returning officer in connection with the late provincial election in the district of Fernie, and in connection with the application made for a recount of the ballots cast in said election before a judge of the County court."

In doing so Mr. Oliver said he thought all the information on the subject should be available. The motion carried.

Mr. Oliver moved "That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the dates upon which the different returning officers in the provincial election lately held forwarded the ballot boxes in their custody to the deputy provincial secretary." The motion carried.

J. A. Macdonald moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the coal and petroleum licenses, with names of grantees and locality of lands covered by same, issued since the 1st of August last to date, for lands in East Kootenay district outside of blocks 4,503 and 4,504." The motion carried.

Questions and Answers.

R. L. Drury asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What was the government engineer's estimate of the cost of the New Westminster bridge across the Fraser river? 2. What sum has been expended on account of the bridge to date? 3. What further sum will be required to cover its completion? 4. Has the government entered into any contract or negotiations looking to a contract with any railway company for the use of said bridge? 5. If so, what company, and on what terms? Hon. R. F. Green replied as follows: "1. \$306,314. 2. \$678,279.28. 3. \$258,034.72, approximately. 4. No. 5. Answered by No. 4."

Mr. Oliver asked the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. What amount of money has been paid under the head of temporary assistance from June 1st, 1903, to the present date? 2. How many temporary assistants have had their services dispensed with since June 1st, 1903? 3. How many permanent civil servants have been discharged since June 1st, 1903? 4. Who are the civil servants whose services have been dispensed with? Hon. R. G. Tatlow answered as follows: "1. \$5,557.25. 2. 27. 3. 28. 4. W. J. Rant, mining recorder; Wells; W. B. Smith, clerk; Wells; W. Dalby, mining recorder; Bennett; J. Mackay, deputy recorder; Horsely; W. N. Rolfe, mining recorder; Creston; W. H. Ellis, immigration office, Victoria; S. H. O'Neil, treasury, Victoria (resigned); Munroe Miller, registry office, Victoria; J. H. Austin, registry office, Victoria; H. C. Killen, works department, Victoria; D. R. Irvine, works department, Victoria; E. A. Wilnot, works department, Victoria; W. Englehardt, mines department, Victoria; S. F. Hone, registry office, Vancouver; T. E. Whitehouse, janitor, Vancouver; F. G. Heal, constable, Saanich; E. Hodgson, constable, Extension; D. McKinnon, constable, Ladysmith; H. McIndoo, constable, Nanaimo; W. C. Winkel, constable, Nicola; T. Smith, constable, New Westminster road; J. Snell, constable, Ladysmith; J. Liddicott, constable, East Stoolie; G. N. S. Fraser, constable, Rivers Inlet; W. J. Bowden, assistant, reformatory, Victoria; G. H. Tutbill, M.D., resident physician, Nicola; A. L. Kendall, M.D., resident physician, Surrey."

On motion of J. H. Hawthorthwaite, a bill intitled "An Act to amend the

'Coal Mines Regulation Act,' was introduced and read a first time.

Revenue Tax Amendment.

On message from His Honor, a bill intitled "An Act to amend the Revenue Tax Act, 1901," was introduced by the government and read a first time.

The Loan Bill.

In moving the second reading of the bill to borrow \$1,000,000, the Finance Minister said that the measure required self-denial on the part of citizens, and as such was a patriotic one.

He proceeded to show the necessity of the measure. Quoting the relative figures as to expenditure and receipts for the years from 1892 to the present time, he showed that from year to year there had been a deficit aggregating over \$8,000,000.

He thought that no party could be blamed more than another for this state of affairs.

When the government took power they found themselves amounting to \$250,000 included in this was work on the Fraser river bridge. In the bank they had \$30,831 to face this bill.

Immediately after coming into power the bank asked for a statement of the requirements for the year. After going into it they found that about \$1,000,000 would be required. This was described as altogether larger than they thought they could advance money on. The year previous an overdraft of \$2,000,000 had been allowed, and they did not feel like repeating it. It was promised the House would be called together as early as possible. This and the fact that about \$300,000 was due in London in December accounted for the House being called together.

He did not think it possible to get the money proposed to be borrowed for less than 5 per cent.

The estimated revenue for the year could be said to be practically \$2,300,000. The expenditure was estimated at \$2,500,000.

The uncontrollable expenditure, including provision for debts and civil service, administration of justice, etc., would amount to about \$2,064,000. About \$100,000 might be cut off, bringing it down to that much. Other necessary expenditure would bring it to the estimated expenditure. There must therefore be a deficit. He asked this loan, letting the House know that additional revenue must also be provided for, as was proposed in bills brought in.

In opposing the argument in favor of a temporary loan, he said that this was really a temporary loan. If conditions changed they might substitute this with a more favorable one under the Inscribed Loan Act. Two loans were maturing within four years, which would reduce the charges upon the province of over \$48,000 per annum.

Taking up the question of the rate of 5 per cent, being asked for, he said that conditions had changed within the past few years. It was true the city of Victoria got a 4 per cent, but it was a fifty-year loan, which made the money much more valuable.

Going into the financial position in England, he showed that the money market was quoted at a higher rate.

The Australian government of Victoria a short time ago asked for a loan at 4 per cent, for 22 years. That government had \$7,000,000 income. These bonds were forced to sell at a price which made the bonds really higher than 5 per cent.

Coming to the question of the province of Ontario paying 5 per cent, for money, he wished to say that the province of Ontario was paying 5 per cent, for money in spite of the statement of the member for Alberni.

The member for Alberni being absent, Mr. Oliver rose and said that was not the statement made. Mr. McInnes had denied the statement made by the government that Ontario had recently effected a loan paying 5 per cent.

The Minister of Finance said that the province of Ontario had borrowed \$2,000,000 to carry on railway construction in the northern part of the province and paid 5 per cent for the money.

"Is that not really a current account?" asked Mr. Oliver.

The Minister of Finance contended that the Ontario government was borrowing money at 5 per cent, and with that dropped the subject.

It was necessary that the bill should be put through, in order to place the finances on a satisfactory standard.

J. A. Macdonald reiterated the fact that the opposition was not going to offer any opposition. The reference to patriotism was not necessary in this case. It was not a question of whether this money should be borrowed or not. Taking the statements of the Minister of Finance as correct, it was admitted that the money must be borrowed. The question was the terms. A temporary tightness on the money market made it necessary, according to the minister, to pay 5 per cent, for the money.

With the province going behind at the rate of about half a million a year it became a question of altering the financial position by rectifying this, reducing expenditure and increasing revenue. Depressions in the money market were usually only temporary. It was fair therefore to believe that this depression would be the same. He did not approve of extending this loan at depressed rates over 10 years. In three years he thought the conditions on the money market should be changed and the situation in the province should also be better.

He would like to know from the Finance Minister if three-year bonds would be obtainable at 5 per cent, as well as for ten-year loans. He asked the question of the minister.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied "No."

Mr. Macdonald, continuing, said that they took it for granted that the bank sought to get a ten-year loan at 5 per cent, knowing that it would not be possible to do so again except under the peculiar position in which they were now.

Then again, was it not possible to effect a loan on conditions by which it would not be necessary to make annual repayments? In that way a charge of \$100,000 a year might be removed from the revenues of the province.

If the minister consented to consider these features in connection with the bill the committee on the second reading, he would not move any amendment or oppose it.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said the government

could not consent to this, but would stand or fall by this bill in its entirety.

John Oliver held that it appeared that the government had considered this with but one financial institution.

"More than one," interjected Hon. Mr. Tatlow.

"Well," continued Mr. Oliver, "the members on this side believe that money can be obtained for less than 5 per cent, for less than ten years." He held that better terms could be obtained, and therefore moved in amendment the following:

"That all the words of the proposed resolution, after the first word 'That,' be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: 'In the opinion of this House, owing to the stringency in the money market and the present unsatisfactory state of finances of the province, it is inexpedient to borrow the money proposed by Bill No. 2 for a longer period than three years, within which time this House believes that a loan to retire the proposed loan may be floated at a lower rate of interest than 5 per cent. Also, that this House is of the opinion that, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the revenues, no part of the principal should be made payable within the said period of three years.'"

He regretted that he had to move the amendment.

Premier McBride did not think that the unfortunate financial situation in the province should be elaborated upon. The opposition said that they did not wish to embarrass the government. He challenged this because they came and challenged the statement of the Minister of Finance that it was the best terms possible, and in doing so gave no proof that they could do better. The opposition were condemning themselves out of their own mouths in saying they were not retarding business.

The Finance Minister had consulted with all the financial institutions with branches in British Columbia. Nothing was left undone to find if any Canadian bank could carry them on until better financial conditions prevailed. That had resulted in no success. The attempt was also made in London and New York without better success.

The government had to maintain consistent dignity in the matter so as not to injure the credit of the province. No better terms could therefore be obtained. Under other conditions it might be possible to get better terms.

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H. Cuthbert, Esq., Secretary The Tourist Association, Victoria, B. C., Society:

Dear Sir:—A gentleman friend of mine has handed me a copy of a very excellent illustrated pamphlet of your beautiful city. I contemplate a trip to America next year, and feel that I cannot afford to lose the opportunity of visiting what has been described by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as the most beautiful place they had seen during their travels.

As I have never previously visited America, you no doubt could give me some further information regarding routes, etc., to the Pacific Coast that would be invaluable to me. If you have any illustrated pamphlets other than the one I have, "Picturesque Victoria," I shall be greatly obliged if you will forward same to me.

I must really congratulate you on the energy displayed by the Tourist Association in advertising the beauties of your Canadian cities and their surroundings, for hitherto I, in common with many people out here, were of the impression that Canada was a country of perpetual snow and ice—a place rather to be "steered clear of" than visited by tourists.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR FRASER.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY.

The McBride government was sustained on the first division by a majority of six. The Socialists voted on the side of the majority, not because they have any confidence in the administration, but because, as they say themselves, it makes no difference to them how the affairs of the province are managed so long as the consequences of mismanagement are not visited upon them individually or directly, and also because the grosser evils to which the province is subjected under a "capitalistic" form of government the sooner the eyes of the people will be opened and the quicker they will fall in behind the Socialists. In all candor we are compelled to admit that if the reasonings of our Socialist friends are sound; if they are firm in the belief that the industrial regeneration of the world is dependent upon the triumph of the principles they profess, and if they have substantial ground for the belief that incompetence, selfishness, greed and corruption in governments will convert the people from the exponents of their political ways, they are by their votes in the House keeping in power splendid instruments for the advancement of their cause in Hon. Messrs. McBride, Green and Wilson. If it be possible for a display of venality to bring about the speedy triumph of Socialism, then Providence is indeed dealing kindly by the Socialists of British Columbia. But we fear when the electorate proceed to straiten out affairs they will hold the advanced party responsible for the course of its representatives. They may take the ground that there are reasonable limitations to the application of the doctrine that it is justifiable to countenance and support the powers of evil in order that good may follow.

This public has not been favored with the reasons of the member for Sleocan for supporting the government. Probably Mr. Davidson, who in his opening speech gave evidence of very acute powers of analysis, argues that as he defeated an avowed supporter of the administration, he owes a modicum of gratitude to Mr. McBride and intends to discharge the

debt before assuming his proper functions as an independent.

Whatever the causes which have operated to give the government its handsome, but by no means substantial, majority, the dominant party and its friends are justified in their feelings of triumph. The fact, apparent enough to any impartial person, that if the ministers attempt to pass any measure objectionable to the advanced wing of its supporters it will find itself in a minority, can hardly be expected to dwell upon in the hour of triumph. Nor is much consideration likely to be given by the great Conservative party of British Columbia led by Hon. Richard McBride to the palpable and inevitable fact that it is at the mercy of the radicals, whom, in accordance with the traditions of Toryism, it despises and hates in its heart.

We do not believe the Liberals in the House are deeply grieved at the result of the first division. We do not believe they are extremely anxious to drive the government out. McBride and his colleagues are preparing the way very nicely for them. For our part, we think from a party point of view it would be good policy to let the taxpayers of the province feel the full weight of the burdens they are told are necessary for their financial regeneration. But it is the duty of the opposition to protect the people if it can, and it may be possible to convince the really independent members of the House that the interests of the province demand the deposition of McBride.

Things are happening in these days of sudden changes calculated to make the Tories of Canada and of British Columbia, and even some Liberals, open their eyes. Yesterday the Colonist referred in eulogistic terms to the preferential trade question that is occupying so much attention in Canada and Great Britain, and which some foreign powers are regarding with anxious eyes. More extraordinary still, the Mail and Empire, a newspaper which was never known to concede the possibility of any good thing proceeding from Laurier or anyone connected with his party, is advocating preferential trade. But of course the leading organ of the Conservative party does not admit for a moment that the Liberal government of Canada has had anything to do with the inauguration of the preferential trade movement. It has closed its eyes to all the events of the past five years and regrets that "anyone on the other side of the Atlantic should fall into the mistake of supposing that any member of the Ottawa government could be found advocating a policy so patriotic." This is the policy Sir Charles Tupper declared would close up almost every factory in Canada; that on the first intimation of the purpose of Mr. Fielding a wail; "a miserable wail," had arisen in all parts of the Dominion at the dismal prospect. During the last general election in Victoria the Conservatives made a strong and determined stand against the policy of preferential trade. Mr. Borden and his principal lieutenants in their late tour of the West rested their case against the government almost entirely upon the injustice certain industries were subjected to under the British preference. And now we have Mr. Foster, another vituperative opponent of the preference, and who suffered defeat in two elections largely because of his opposition, going over to Great Britain and enlarging upon the beauties and the possibilities of preferential trade. The ex-Finance Minister having been convinced against his will is naturally an enthusiast upon the subject, and was impelled to cross the water and let some of his ardent bubble over for the benefit of the Britons. His tour of education is complete; the British are convinced, and all is well.

But the most remarkable fact in connection with the whole business is the sudden conversion of the great Conservative party. And the ludicrous feature of the situation is the calm assumption of the Tory party that it has been at the back of the movement from the beginning; that the Liberals are incapable of any policy so patriotic.

The United States now appears to be really anxious for a treaty of arbitration with Great Britain that would remove all possibility of war. A very commendable movement, and one which Canadians will heartily support. But before committing herself to too much it would be an act of wisdom for Great Britain to find out something about the composition of a tribunal that would be agreeable to the United States. Uncle Sam has peculiar notions about "impartial jurists of repute." He is also firmly convinced that Great Britain is willing to make any sacrifice, even to half of her possessions, rather than offend his republic. The success that attended the case of the United States in the Alaska boundary dispute has had the effect of stimulating the feeling in favor of arbitration. It might also have the effect of raising disputes that would be considered worthy of arbitration, and which might not have a healthy effect upon the patriotic sentiments of Canadians. It is well to get rid of matters of such a kind from all possible points of view. A few years ago a treaty of arbitration that appeared to be perfectly fair in its provisions was rejected by the United States. Why was it rejected?

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There is a good deal of talk about a hitch in the negotiations with the Grand Trunk. In the meantime we may note that the company has engaged a general purchasing agent, whose headquarters will be in Winnipeg, a centre the old line does not touch. It has also from ten to fifteen surveying parties in the field. It means business. Its locomotives will be running to the Pacific inside of five years.

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—Dr. A. A. Humber has removed his office to Government street, over Redfern's.

—Tom and Jerry sets have just arrived. Only a few sets in white and gold or decorated. See them at Waller Bros.

—The Companions of the Forest held one of their enjoyable fortnightly dances at the Sir William Wallace hall last evening.

—The Royal Engineers quadrille club is preparing for a round of gaieties during the present winter. These include a dance on December 17th and a ball on New Year's eve.

—The Royal Artillery minstrels will give a performance in the five court, Work Point barracks, next Wednesday evening. The programme including two amusing sketches besides songs, jokes and up-to-date specialties.

—The second of the series of Advent organ recitals will be given at St. John's church after evensong on Sunday next, when the organist will have the assistance of the following vocalists: Miss Quenna McCoy, Miss Eva Haughton and Wm. Hicks.

—The Kentish Mercury of November 13th, gives the election of E. J. Knight as alderman for six years, for the borough of Deptford. Mr. Knight is a brother of A. W. Knight, the bookseller on Yates street. He was elected in the interest of the Progressive party.

—At their meeting last night L. O. L., 1420 elected officers as follows: W. H. Trousdale, W. M. Harvey, Green, dep. master; Rev. S. S. Osterhoff, chaplain; George Okell, recording secretary; E. C. B. Bagshaw, financial secretary; John Walsh, treasurer; Fred. Allett, director of ceremonies; A. R. Nobis, lecturer.

—One of the chief festive events of the year is the annual dinner of the B. C. Pioneer Society. At some of these events in former years many important utterances have been made, especially in regard to civic affairs, and there are always good speeches, jolly songs and a general good time. To-night the pioneers dine at the Hotel Victoria, and the standard of former years will no doubt be lived up to.

—The Japanese who was accused of the murder of Charlie King, the Chinese gambler, at Stevenson some time ago, was acquitted in the Vancouver police court yesterday by Magistrate Alexander. The magistrate refused to credit the evidence of Li Ping, the strongest witness for the prosecution. This Chinaman claimed that he knew the prisoner well, but the latter failed to recognize him. Li Ping was arrested pending investigation as to possible perjury or conspiracy.

—A meeting of the Victoria Aerie of Eagles was held Wednesday evening at the F. O. E. hall, government street. There was a large attendance. After the transaction of routine business and the initiation of two new members, the matter of electing officers was proceeded with. This resulted in the selection of the following: Worthy past president, W. E. Wheeler; president, Jas. W. Hunter; vice-president, H. F. W. Robinson; chaplain, H. J. Geak; secretary, Frank Leary; treasurer, M. O. O'Keefe; conductor, Jos. Radcliffe; inside guard, H. A. Frederick; outside guard, Peter Christensen; trustees, A. W. Von Rhein, T. O. G. and Geo. Howard; physician, Dr. J. G. Gibbs; musician, Frank Billingsley. A commission of appointment was then read, naming Past President J. M. Hughes a district deputy grand president.

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—If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio. Sit now, no time to lose.

—H. de Pencier with Messrs. Hackett & Alexander, arrived last night from Vancouver for the purpose of interviewing the government regarding the proposed changes in the timber taxes.

—The sparkle and glitter of cut glass among the Christmas presents is bound to be appreciated by the woman with a pretty home. Waller's cut glass has always been distinguished for its beauty and richness.

—Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

—On Tuesday evening next a meeting of the Knights of Maccabees will be held at the K. of P. hall. Important matters will be dealt with, among which will be the election of officers for the ensuing term. A full attendance is desired.

—The Times has received the following self-explanatory communication: "Editor Times—Just received a wire that Santa Claus will make his headquarters at the Edison theatre during matinees of each day, arriving here Monday, December 14th. Manager, Edison theatre."

—Escorted by Messrs. R. W. Clark, president, and J. T. Little, general secretary of Victoria Y. M. C. A., Mr. and Mrs. Rawl visited the various beauty spots on the outskirts of the city yesterday. The visitors expressed themselves as being charmed with the scenery, and an enjoyable time was spent.

—The steamship Shinano Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, will be due to arrive on the 27th inst., several days ahead of schedule time, her agents being desirous of getting her here in good time before the increased tax on Chinese entering the Dominion goes into effect. The Aki Maru, of the same line, is expected to arrive a week from Tuesday.

—At a business meeting of the Ladies' Societies of St. Barnabas's parish, held on Wednesday last, much satisfaction was felt at the way in which parishioners and friends assisted at their recent sale-of-work held in the Victoria hall on November 24th and 25th, and especially for the beautiful way the refreshment tables were provided for. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all.

—A Christmas tree entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Sunday school of the Centennial Methodist church on Tuesday, December 22nd. It is the intention to place on the tree a present for each scholar. They will be distributed by Santa Claus. Afterwards there will be an excellent musical programme. The interior of the school-room where this entertainment is to be held, will be appropriately decorated for the occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to be present.

—The prize winners at the exhibit of dolls, held last Wednesday, follow: Best historical, Miss Wollaston; bride doll, Miss Isabel Demerworthy; oldest best preserved doll, Miss Taylor; prettiest girl doll, V. E. M. Sweet; smallest doll, Miss Alma Clark; largest doll, Mrs. McDermott; best rag doll, Master Forrest; best wooden doll, Miss Blossom Fawcett; best baby doll, Miss Gundrid Rebbeck; best darkey, Miss Taylor; best character, Miss Vernon; 2nd prize, Miss A. D. Cameron. Mrs. Appleby had on exhibition the oldest doll, it being 99 years of age.

—Lord Dundonald, commander of the military forces in Canada, left Vancouver on D. G. S. Quandra at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He will make a visit to the islands off the mouth of Portland canal, recently given to Canada in the Alaska arbitration award, for the purpose of determining their value for purposes of strategic defence. He is accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Denny Col. Evans (Winnipeg), Col. Holmes, Capt. Newton and his private secretary. The party will be away two weeks, and returning will visit Victoria, it being arranged, it is said, that Lord Dundonald will be the guest of the Lieut.-Governor for a couple of days.

—Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

—Dr. A. A. Humber has removed his office to Government street, over Redfern's.

—Have you seen Waller Bros.' little Christmas folder, it is full of suggestions for that gift. Get one.

—The board of licensing commissioners will meet in quarterly session on Wednesday next. Four or five applications will be dealt with.

—An inquest was held at Esquimalt this morning in consequence of the finding of Mrs. Astle's body at Constance Cove yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of suicide by drowning while temporary insane.

—The post office department has arranged for three round trips from Wrangell to Telegraph Creek during the winter months for the distribution of mail. J. F. Calvert has been appointed carrier, and will leave the coast on the 1st of January, 1st of February and 1st of March.

—Steamer Senator is due to-night from San Francisco. Local agents of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company have been advised that she is taking the place of the City of Puebla but are unable as yet to explain why the latter has been laid off the route.

—The Orpheum continues to attract large audiences. The programme opens with Miss Kneeshaw, who sings "The Maid of the Mill." Then comes Cozzino, the hand balancer; the act is the best of its kind on the coast, the several tricks being done with grace and precision. Carl R. Hubb's excellent voice is heard to advantage in the beautiful illustrated song, "The Only Way." Andrews and Thompson, the comedy duo, present their act from life. It is intended to amuse, and to judge from the amount of laughter it provokes, seems to fulfill its purpose. The moving pictures are Romeo and Juliet, up-to-date, etc.

—Denman Thompson's play, "The Two Sisters," the real companion to "The Old Homestead," is booked for this city on Monday next, and will be given a performance of surprising excellence, by Hickey & Warrington's company. The high standing of the author and management are an assurance to the public that this attraction will absolutely be one of the best offerings of the present season. It is some years since this wholesome play has been seen here, in fact it has been in retirement a few seasons, but it is remembered with affection by theatregoers, and as the author has rewritten it right up to the fashion and requirements of the minute, and the management has given it all possible artistic, pictorial and dramatic embellishments, it will undoubtedly do a record breaking business here.

—A recent number of Collier's Weekly contains an article on the Nootka monument recently erected by the Historical Society of the Washington State University, and which was fully described in the Times at the time. The article is written by E. Meany, the secretary of the society, and is illustrated by cuts of the monument. Accompanying this is also a cut of the monument erected to a great Nootka chief, which stands nearby. This consists of a whole and thunder bird with wings outspread. It is of gigantic size, and is cut in wood. Two sewing machines belonging to the chief are also depicted as standing alongside of the monument. The illustrated London News also used the picture of the monument at Nootka.

—A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Mill Bay Methodist church, Shawigan, the contracting parties being Miss Letitia Rose Garrett and Mr. T. P. Barry, both of Mill Bay. The bride was given away by her father, and her sister, Miss Minnie Garnett, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Arthur Barry supported the groom. The church was decorated for the occasion, and a wide circle of friends and relatives attended. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Schleicher, of Duncan, after which a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding presents were both numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Barry will spend their honeymoon in Vancouver and Sound cities, after which they will take up their residence at Ladysmith.

—R. M. S. Empress of India, which is due here from the Orient on Tuesday, is to be fitted up as a troopship on her outward trip. She is to carry Company No. 83, R. G. A., now stationed at Work Point, and which is to be transferred to Hongkong. She sails on the 20th inst. All told there are 125 members of the company and six officers, as follows: Major Gordon Capt. Wakefield, and Lieuts. Whyte, Cameron, Millman and Allen. The India will be the only ship of the C. P. R. line to reach here from the Far East during the remaining part of this year. The Tarar has been laid off for an extensive overhauling. She is to receive new boilers among other improvements, and will not be again in service until spring. The work to be done on her will be carried out at Hongkong.

—Wandering through the mountains of the Malhat range surrounded by canyons and almost impassable ravines may be found aking out a miserable existence a large Clydesdale, horse with white face. The horse was seen a week ago by Fred Hewlings, superintendent of the Victoria Gas Works, who with two friends had travelled several miles by canoe up the Saanich Arm in search of game. The place is one seldom visited by the hunter, who looks with fear in travelling over such rocky and dangerous ground, especially at this time of the year when the canyons are full of water, when the roar of streams rushing seaward can be heard for miles in the stillness of the woods. The horse is completely isolated. It cannot leave the little rocky islet because of the sea on one side and the canyons on the other, and a number of hunters are considering the advisability of shooting the animal before it starves to death.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 2.)

desa, with conditions which would exist in a few weeks.

The government had made no mistake as to the length of time over which the loan extended. Going to the banks they found that money could not be secured at a lower rate than 5 per cent. When banks could get investments for a longer period at 6 per cent, they were reluctant to take this up. The loan therefore would ultimately be supposed to pass into the hands of other institutions.

The opposition were inconsistent in saying that the times would soon be so good as to forbid the need of extending a loan over ten years, and again held that the payment of \$100,000 a year might be too great to be borne by the government. If it became necessary to go and seek another loan the government would have the strong argument to offer that it was paying off its liabilities and was thus in shape to negotiate a loan.

It was usually the best time to float a state loan in days of depression. When investors were at a loss to know where to risk money it was generally the time to get the best terms.

Clipping from the depression in British councils he went on to show how that investors often sought what were regarded as investments giving better rates than those which were very secure as British consols.

The treasury bonds at 4 per cent, referred to by the Minister of Finance as being recently floated by the Victoria government were for two and a half years. These, with the underwriting and other expenses, made the rate paid 5.15 per cent, by the government on that loan. He went on to show that enabling involving bank discounts would work further against the rate paid the Victoria government loan. In the proposed provincial loan this was wiped out. But in the Victoria government bonds it was also provided as an inducement that if the holders of these bonds wished they could surrender them, getting Victoria government 3 1/2 per cent stock at £104 in its place.

In the proposed loan it was possible to redeem them and convert them into inscribed stock.

The proposal of the member for Alberni respecting the land in Southeast Kootenay might stand looking into. They required money right away. The proposal for \$500,000 was not possible, because in addition to the money required in London, money was necessary on the Westminister bridge and in other ways. Nothing less than \$1,000,000 would be enough. He thought it would help to re-establish the credit of the province if the loan bill were passed without discussion.

This closed the debate. A division was demanded and a vote taken, with the following members absent, Messrs. Wells, Ellison and Houston.

The amendment lost on the following division: Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Hawthornthwaite, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Wilson, Cotton, Clifford, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, A. McDonald, Green, Fulton, Garden, Taylor, Wright, Young, Gifford, Macgowan, Shatford, Grant, 22. Yea—Messrs. McInnes, Drury, King, Brown, McNeven, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Hall, Cameron—16.

The committing of the bill was pressed for by the Finance Minister, but on objection of Mr. McInnes, left over until next sitting of the House.

Railway Act Amendment.

The second reading of the amendment to the Railway Act was proposed by the Minister of Finance, who explained that it was the intention of the bill to raise the assessment on railways from \$3,000 a mile to \$10,000 a mile. There were other features which tended to avoid any escape from the provisions.

John Olivee said that the opposition did not intend to move any amendment, but he wished to point out some features of the bill which showed it was not very poorly considered.

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GAZETTE APPOINTMENTS.

Items of Interest Culled From Current Issue of Official Gazette.

Yesterday's Official Gazette notes the following appointments:

Leon Egan Lather, of Ainsworth, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia. Theophilus Richard Hardiman, of Lower Nicola, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

John Stanley Burris, of Kamloops, M. D., to be a coroner in and for the province of British Columbia, vice Dr. M. S. Wade. Andrew Colla McDiarmid, M. B., to be resident physician at Atlin, vice Dr. H. E. Young.

Certificates of incorporation have been granted to the following companies: Fred Irving Company, Ltd., capital \$50,000; Light Traffic Company, Ltd., capital \$150,000; Nelson Brewing & Ice Company, Ltd., capital \$20,000; Pacific Pile Preserving Co., Ltd., capital \$20,000; Stanley Dollar Co., Ltd., capital \$50,000; Surrey Shingle Manufacturing Co., capital \$15,000; Trout Lake Rink Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000; Trust Agency & Loan Corporation, Ltd., capital \$20,000.

Two hundred and fifty-six coal prospecting licenses were issued during November, the names of the licensees being gazetted.

On and after December 1st the mining divisions known as the Bennett Lake and Chilkat mining divisions were abolished, and the territory within them merged in the Atlin Lake mining division.

The date of holding a Court of Revision for the purpose of revising the register of voters for the Similkameen electoral district has been fixed for Monday, February 8th.

The partnership heretofore existing between Tass E. Atkins and J. M. Atkins, carrying on the druggist business in Vancouver and Nanaimo, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

A list of the barristers and solicitors of the Supreme court, who have taken out their annual certificates entitling them to practice until November 1st, 1904, is published.

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ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 46, TAKING EFFECT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29. Table with columns for Northbound, Southbound, and Saturday/Sunday services, listing stations like Victoria, Esquimalt, and Nanaimo with arrival and departure times.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

And Soo Pacific Line WORLD'S SCENIC ROUTE. LOWEST RATES. BEST SERVICE. To all points in Canada and the United States. The fastest and best equipped train crossing the continent. Through tourist cars for Toronto, Mondays and Fridays. For Montreal and Boston, Wednesdays.

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Athenian Dec. 14. Empress of India Dec. 28. Empress of Japan Jan. 25.

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Moona Dec. 11. Miwera Jan. 8.

ALASKA ROUTE.

Amur For Skagway Direct. Dec. 5. Amur Dec. 20. To Northern British Columbia way ports, 1st and 15th each month, 1-1 p.m.

To Westminister-Tuesday and Friday, 7 a.m. To Ahousat and way ports-1st, 10th and 20th each month, 11 p.m. To Quatsino and way ports-10th and 20th each month, 11 p.m. To Cape Scott and way ports-20th each month, 11 p.m. For full particulars as to time, rates, etc., apply to E. J. COYLE, A. G. P. A., Vancouver, B. C. H. H. ABBOTT, 86 Government St., Victoria, B. C.

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From Halifax, N.S. Iona-Alan Line Dec. 14. Tansie-Alan Line Dec. 21. Parisian-Alan Line Dec. 28. Dominion-Dominion Line Dec. 9. Lake Erie-Canadian Pacific Dec. 10. Lake Manitoba-Canadian Pacific Dec. 26. Lake Champlain-Canadian Pacific Jan. 9. From Boston, Mass. Ivernia-Cunard Line Dec. 8. Saxonia-Cunard Line Dec. 29. From New York, N.Y. Umbria-Cunard Line Dec. 12. Luania-Cunard Line Dec. 19. Oceanic-White Star Line Dec. 16. Teutonic-White Star Line Dec. 23. Cedric-White Star Line Dec. 30. Ethiopia-Anchor Line Dec. 19. Furberia-Anchor Line Jan. 2. For all information apply to H. H. ABBOTT, 86 Government St., Agent for All Lines. W. P. F. CUMMINGS, G. S. S. A., Winipeg, Man.

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LEAVE VICTORIA, B.C. Queen, Dec. 5, 20, Jan. 4. City of Puebla, Dec. 10, 25, Jan. 10. Umattila, Dec. 15, 30, Jan. 14. Steamer leaves every fifth day thereafter. For South Eastern Alaska LEAVE VICTORIA, B.C. Cottage City, Dec. 11, 25, Jan. 8, and every fourth day thereafter. Steamers connect at San Francisco with Company's steamers for ports in California, Mexico and Humboldt Bay. For further information obtain folder. Right is reserved to change steamers or sailing dates. TICKET OFFICES: VICTORIA, 96 Government and 61 Wharf Sts. SAN FRANCISCO, 4 New Montgomery St. C. D. DUNNAN, Gen. Passenger Agent, 10 Market St., San Francisco.

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2 TRANSCONTINENTAL 2 TRAINS DAILY

Direct connection with steamers to and from Seattle. JAPAN-AMERICAN LINE. Fortnightly Sailings. IYO MARU will sail December 18th, for China, Japan and Asiatic ports. K. J. BURNS, General Agent.

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ference shall be given to the applicant so entitled.
10. That in all respects patients from this source must conform to the rules and regulations of the hospital.
11. If special nurses are required the same shall be at the expense of the patient.

CANADA'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY NUMBER.

Regardless of race, creed or politics the people of Canada have come to regard the Christmas Globe as their national holiday number. It is the product of Canadian brains and enterprise, and the pride of the Canadian people. The publishers of the Globe assure their friends that the 1903 issue will excel in the wealth of its literary matter and in the richness of its artistic finish by its predecessors. It would be difficult to conceive of a publication better calculated to dispel the erroneous conceptions of Canada and Canadian life that have taken root in the minds of the people of Europe than the Christmas Globe. This year the list of contributors contains such well known names as Ralph Connor, author of "The Sky Pilot," "The Man From Glengarry," etc.; Mrs. Jean Blewett, James E. Lo Rossignol, Miss Agnes Dean Cameron, S. T. Wood and others. Accompanying the Christmas Globe this year there will be five superb supplements, the least expensive of which, bought in the regular way, would cost as much as a copy of the Christmas Globe, the price of which remains, as in previous years, 50 cents. The edition is limited, and, as has always been the case, the demand will, no doubt, far exceed the supply. All newsdealers handle the Christmas Globe.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

The Arrangement Made by Federated Board With Jubilee Directorate Explained.

As mentioned in the Times a few days ago, the Federated Board of Societies have made arrangements with the Jubilee hospital directorate to form a hospital association to enable members of societies to receive treatment in the institution for three weeks during the year by the payment to the board of a small amount per quarter. The arrangement is explained in a communication addressed by officers of the federated board to the various societies, to which the attention of members is directed. The communication follows: Dear Sirs and Bros.—The Federated Board of Societies desire to notify your society that they have made arrangements with the Jubilee hospital authorities to form an hospital association to give to all society members hospital treatment for a term of three weeks during the year, in the semi-private wards, by members paying to the Federated Board 75 cents per quarter, payable in advance.

rules for the guidance of members of the association. Enclosed copy of regulations for admission of members of the association into the hospital. Any further information will be gladly given by the undersigned.
Yours fraternally,
P. T. JAMES, President,
Director on Hospital Board (Invertavish Nursery).
W. F. FULLERTON, Secretary-Treasurer,
80 North Pembroke Street.

1. That for admission a patient must be provided with a medical certificate certifying that he requires hospital treatment, together with a certificate from the association.
2. That the limit of age for joining this association be between the ages of 18 and 50.
3. That the stay of a patient be limited to three weeks in the semi-private wards.
4. If there is no room in the semi-private wards, that the patients shall be placed in the public wards until a bed is vacant in the semi-private wards. Patients desiring to occupy a private room may do so on paying weekly in advance the additional fees reckoned on the basis of \$10 per week for the semi-private wards.
5. That anyone joining this organization must be in good health when he does so.
6. That the agreement is not to be in force longer than one year—after the expiration of that term a further agreement (if necessary) may be entered into.
7. That a patient will be entitled to be attended professionally by his own medical adviser.
8. That the amount be paid by the association into the treasury of the hospital quarterly in advance.
9. That in the event of two applicants for admission, one of whom shall be entitled to take advantage of the fund, preference shall be given to the applicant so entitled.

In order to make this association a success it requires at least 1,000 members to take up this benefit. It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be brought to the notice of all your members, and the number of your members who signify their intention of joining this association forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the Federated Board, who, as soon as 1,000 members have decided to take up this benefit will call a meeting of delegates, one from each society interested, to draft up

The Pope was most concerned at the reception of the news of the destruction by fire of the Roman Catholic university at Ottawa, and was especially solicitous in inquiring about the injured priests and students. He instructed Mr. Sharrett, the apostolic delegate in Canada, to send a detailed report of the disaster, and will decide on the best measures to be taken to repair the damage done.

Itching of the Feet. INSTANTLY RELIEVED BY "FOOT ELM."

Have you ever had your feet itch and itch till you wished you could get your boot off and tear them to pieces? This is one of the forms of irritation of the feet that Foot Elm instantly allays and cures. We might mention some other things it does. It roasts tired feet, eases aching feet, prevents chafing and blistering of the feet, dispels disagreeable, sweaty odors, cures corns, bunions and ingrowing toenails and "breaks in" new shoes. Price 25 cents a box of 18 powders at druggists or by mail, D. V. Stott, & Co., Bowmansville, Ont.

Municipal Elections To the Electors of North Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: In response to the request of a representative deputation of the electors of North Ward, I announce myself as a candidate for the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming municipal election, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.
Yours faithfully,
W. F. FULLERTON.

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MUNICIPAL. Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Lot	Block	Section	Assessed Owner	Registered Owner	Total Amount of Taxes due to date of last assessment, with interest, by the owner	By the mortgagee	By the tenant	By the lessee	By the occupier	Total
115	B	1	L & J. C. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	128 02	12 33	23 15	104 10		163 50
116	B	1	L & J. C. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	129 16	12 37	24 14	104 77		166 24
117	B	1	L & J. C. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	130 30	12 58	26 11	105 00		169 00
118	B	1	L & J. C. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	131 44	13 02	28 08	105 74		171 24
119	B	1	L & J. C. V. Spratt	C. J. V. Spratt	132 58	13 06	29 05	106 48		173 59
N 1/2 811	10	N	L & J. W. Keller	J. W. Keller	43 04	5 00	7 57	55 61		60 18
888	10	N	P. R. Brown	P. R. Brown	23 10	2 40	3 59	29 09		35 18
889	10	N	P. R. Brown	P. R. Brown	24 24	2 80	4 00	30 04		36 84
1211	28	N	L & Mrs. Ada Lombard	Ada Lombard	29 40	3 10	4 30	36 80		44 00
1350	30	N	P. Ferrall	Patrick Ferrall	18 00	2 00	2 80	22 80		27 60
1351	30	N	P. Ferrall	Patrick Ferrall	19 14	2 20	3 00	24 34		29 54
1352	30	N	P. Ferrall	Patrick Ferrall	20 28	2 40	3 20	26 08		31 68
1353	30	N	P. Ferrall	Patrick Ferrall	21 42	2 60	3 40	27 42		33 42
3 of a	49-50A-C	Fairfield F. Es.	J. A. & J. Douglas	James Douglas	5 25	1 85	2 50	9 60		14 00
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5 of a	49-50A-C	Fairfield F. Es.	J. A. & J. Douglas	James Douglas	5 25	1 85	2 50	9 60		14 00
35 of a	49-50A-C	Fairfield F. Es.	R. Erskine & E. J. Wall	James Douglas	4 20	1 75	2 25	8 20		12 20
1	2-3	19	Geo. H. Maynard	James Douglas	2 52	1 01	1 43	4 96		6 39
46	3	74	Joseph Greer	Eliza Jane Greer	4 78	1 81	2 50	7 43		9 74
10	12 & 18	Fernwood	L & I. Peter Robinson	Charles F. Mackenzie	2 52	1 01	1 43	4 96		6 39
1	23 & 24	Fernwood	L & I. Peter Robinson	Charles F. Mackenzie	2 52	1 01	1 43	4 96		6 39
12	25-9	Fernwood	L & I. A. McL. Oliver	A. McL. Oliver	15 70	2 74	2 83	21 23		26 70
116	10	Fernwood	Mrs. A. Newman	Erastine Newman	1 80	1 90	2 50	6 20		9 50
23 103-9 of W pt 43	10-72	Spring Ridge	L & I. Mrs. M. R. Robbins	Clara O. Haggerty	9 97	2 25	1 80	14 02		18 04
10	5 acre lot 6		D. M. Eberts & W. J. Taylor	Auguste Pujol	6 30	1 94	1 14	9 38		12 46
1	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
2	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
3	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
4	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
5	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
6	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
7	M	Work Estate	D. F. Adams	Daniel F. Adams	5 24	1 85	2 50	9 59		13 94
8 of 2	7-9	Saanich Ex'n	Annie M. Colburn	Annie M. Colburn	3 78	1 72	0 58	6 18		8 48
9 of 2	7-9	Saanich Ex'n	Edmund Postekew	Edmund Postekew	3 78	1 72	0 58	6 18		8 48
10 of 4	7-9	Saanich Ex'n	Sam Wal	Sam Wal	9 15	1 67	1 27	12 09		15 11
11 of 4	7-9	Saanich Ex'n	Sam Wal	Sam Wal	10 50	2 20	1 80	14 50		18 00
12	31 Vic. West	Blisside Ex'n	James Jeffrey	James Jeffrey	4 20	1 76	1 25	7 21		9 22
13	31 Vic. West	Blisside Ex'n	George C. Shaw	George C. Shaw	4 20	1 76	1 25	7 21		9 22
14	31 Vic. West	Blisside Ex'n	George C. Shaw	George C. Shaw	4 20	1 76	1 25	7 21		9 22
15	31 Vic. West	Blisside Ex'n	George C. Shaw	George C. Shaw	4 20	1 76	1 25	7 21		9 22
16 of 72	G	31 Vic. West	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan, Jr.	1 48	1 54	2 00	3 52		6 54
17 of 72	G	31 Vic. West	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan, Jr.	1 48	1 54	2 00	3 52		6 54
18 of 72	G	31 Vic. West	Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan, Jr.	1 48	1 54	2 00	3 52		6 54
19	V	31 Vic. West	Jeremiah Nagle	Jeremiah Nagle	4 30	1 93	1 44	7 67		10 04
20	3	74	Ernest Escalat	Theodore Davie	3 12	1 47	1 04	5 63		7 13
47	7	74	Ernest Escalat	Theodore Davie	3 12	1 47	1 04	5 63		7 13
10 of 2	71	Fernwood	L & I. George Marsden	George Marsden	3 58	1 70	1 24	6 52		8 46
11 of 2	71	Fernwood	L & I. George Marsden	George Marsden	3 58	1 70	1 24	6 52		8 46
12 of 2	71	Fernwood	L & I. George Marsden	George Marsden	3 58	1 70	1 24	6 52		8 46
13	8-12	10 Vic. West	L & I. John Fraser	John Fraser	5 25	1 85	2 50	9 60		13 00

N. B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "I" means Land and Improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, A. D. 1903, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C. CHARLES KENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

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Notice is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria we will apply for a transfer of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the "Commercial Hotel," corner of Douglas and Comorant streets, in the City of Victoria, to W. H. Stafford.
STEPHEN WHITE, Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that we, Hannah Wall and William A. Smith, carrying on business as Grocers under the name of The Windsor Grocery Company, on the premises numbered 19 and 21 Government street, intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, for a license to sell spirituous liquors upon the said premises, in quantities of not less than a reputed pint bottle at any one time to any one person, not to be consumed upon the said premises.
Dated this 4th day of November, 1903.
HANNAH WALL, WILLIAM A. SMITH.

Notice is hereby given that I, Harry Thomas Cole, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at its next sitting for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous or fermented liquor by retail on the premises known as the "Pritchard House," situate on part of Lot 102, in the said City of Victoria, from the said Pritchard House to the premises situate at number 64 Yates street, in said city.
Dated the 28th day of October, 1903.
H. T. COLE.

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Tenders for Debentures

Tenders, sealed and endorsed "Tenders for Debentures," will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 7th December, 1903, at 3 p. m., for the purchase, in whole or in part, of debentures of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, amounting to \$4,043.21, maturing the 31st August, 1912, secured upon the credit of the whole Municipality, and issued under authority of the Langley and Bastion Streets Paying Local Improvement By-Law. Also debentures to the amount of \$4,704.90, issued under authority of the same by-law, payable on the same date, secured upon the credit of the real property immediately benefited by the work of local improvement described in the said by-law. Also a further issue of debentures to the amount of \$4,300.00, under authority of the Government Street Paying Local Improvement By-Law, payable on the 15th November, 1912, offered upon the security of the real property benefited by that improvement. The ordinary denomination of the debenture is \$500, and they bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly at the City Treasurer's office, Victoria. The tenderer must state the net price at Victoria which he will pay, in addition to the net price the purchaser will have to pay the Corporation the interest on the said debentures between August 31st or November 15th, as the case may be, of the current year and the date of receipt of the purchase money by the City Treasurer. The Corporation does not bind itself to accept any tender.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 24th, 1903.

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SPORTING NOTES. Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team Play To-Morrow Evening.

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ANNUAL BAZAAR. Attractions Presented by Ladies of Reformed Episcopal Church at Philharmonic Hall.

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CHRISTMAS 'CANADIAN MAGAZINE. The colored cover of the Christmas Canadian Magazine is emblematic of the season and of the contents.

WHERE SWIFTESS TOLD. Admiral Donville's Fleet Awaited the Victory in Naval Manoeuvres. Speed was the factor which determined on which side the victory remained in the British naval manoeuvres of 1903.

blow, he managed, by admirable tactics, to defeat the intentions of Admirals Wilson and Beresford, to bring him to action with their fleets between him and his base at Gibraltar, and in a running fight off the Azores he damaged his opponents so greatly and left them in such an unfavorable position as regards their coal supply that the command of the sea remained in his hands.

The point of interest lay in the speed of the fleets. Admiral Donville's fleet was superior in speed to that of Admiral Wilson's, and the lesson drawn from the battle of the Azores is that with proper handling superior speed confers such an overwhelming technical advantage that the faster fleet, even if inferior in numbers, has all the odds in its favor.

HOW OLD WAS ANN? Court to Decide Amount Insurance Company Will Pay to Pay Deceased's Widow.

HOW OLD WAS ANN? Court to Decide Amount Insurance Company Will Pay to Pay Deceased's Widow. The Connecticut Superior court, New Haven, has taken the first steps toward deciding judicially the awful question, How old is Ann?

Regimental Band Drill Hall Concert BASKETBALL VICTORIA WEST VS. Y. M. C. A. To-Morrow Night Municipal Election 1904.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

B. C. Pioneer Society's 33rd Annual Dinner AT HOTEL VICTORIA, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 8 P. M. Tickets may be had from Committee, E. Pearson, J. Robertson, Wm. Harrison, E. Redfern, R. Hall, M. P. P., and A. Graham, secretary.

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