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TO FORM REPUBLIC. Prof. Salmeron Begins the Task in Spain—Finance Minister Has Resigned. Madrid, March 25.—At a meeting of 5,000 Republicans held here Prof. Salmeron, the well known Republican, was elected leader of the Republican party. The secretary of the meeting announced that 20,000 farm laborers had joined the party. Senor Salmeron, in a speech, declared his intention to begin the work of establishing a republic in Spain immediately. Finance Minister Villaverde has resigned. There have been discussions within the cabinet over the budget for some time past. Both the war and marine ministers insisted on important increases in the credits for their services to which the finance minister was opposed. Senor Rodriguez San Pedro, a Conservative and a lawyer, has been appointed to succeed Villaverde.

IMMIGRATION TO STATES. Nearly Fifty Thousand Newcomers Have Landed Since the Beginning of the Month. New York, March 25.—The figures for March show an increase in immigration despite unusual strictness of inspection on both sides of the ocean. During the first 25 days of the month 49,162 immigrants arrived, or about 4,000 more than during the same period last year. About 10,000 more are due to land during the rest of the month.

"Seed Potatoes" Burpee's Extra Early Rose Seed Potatoes now ready at SYLVESTER FEED CO., City Market, Tel. 413.

MAIDEN TRIP. Steamer Hellig Olav Carries Fifteen Hundred Emigrants on First Voyage to New York. Copenhagen, March 25.—The Hellig Olav, the new 10,000-ton steamer of the Scandinavian-American line, has left here on her maiden trip for New York. She carried 1,500 passengers, which is a record number from any Scandinavian port. The American emigration fever is now worse than ever throughout the Danish peninsula, and has called forth a number of newspaper protests.

CUP CHALLENGER. Work of Fitting Out Shamrock III, is About Complete—Trial Spin on Saturday. Glasgow, March 25.—The fitting out of Shamrock III, practically is finished. She was towed to Gourock by this morning to have her sails bent. It is expected she will have a trial spin on March 29th.

Russian Reforms. Personal Friend of the Emperor Said to Have Made Suggestions to the Czar. London, March 25.—The Times correspondent at St. Petersburg says that it is believed that the original initiative of the Czar's recent manifesto came from the meteorologist, Dmitri Shchegolev, who is a personal friend of the Emperor. Dmitri Shchegolev presented the Czar with a long report explaining in the frankest way the causes, extent and dangers of the existing discontent. Manuscript copies of this report, says the correspondent, are circulating in St. Petersburg, and are doubtless authentic.

THEY OBJECT TO INCREASED TARIFF

PROTESTS MADE BY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

Against Demands of Manufacturers—No Decision Reached Regarding a Trans-Continental Railway

Ottawa, March 25.—A delegation representing the Canadian Farmers' Association waited on the government yesterday and made a protest against the demands of the manufacturers for increasing the tariff. They also protested against any subsidies to railways or private enterprises of any kind, and also asked for land drainage laws to prevent railway companies from drowning out agricultural lands.

In the House. Mr. Grant, North Ontario, was introduced in parliament yesterday by Sir William Mulock and Mr. Holmes, and got a great reception as the young man who defeated Hon. G. E. Foster.

Paris, March 25.—The body of Major General Sir Hector Macdonald, who committed suicide at the Hotel Regina here yesterday, was removed to-day to the British mortuary chapel, where it will await shipment to its final resting place in Scotland. The French law requires that the bodies of suicides be taken to the morgue, but owing to the urgent desire of the British officials that the body of the distinguished officer be not deposited in the public morgue, the usual legal requirement was waived.

It was said at the British embassy that no orders have been received from London concerning the disposition of the body, and it is expected that the family of the deceased general will make the final arrangements.

Both the officials of the British embassy and the consulate-general of Great Britain disclaim any knowledge of the existence of the letters which were reported to have been found in the room.

SOCIALISTS IN DENMARK. Defeat in Copenhagen Municipal Election May Result in Independent Ticket Being Nominated. Copenhagen, March 25.—The election of the municipal council of Copenhagen, just held, resulted in a defeat of the Socialist party, which recently elected the mayor. This defeat is consequent upon the defection of the present government party, heretofore fused with the Socialists, and is likely to result in the Socialists nominating an independent ticket at the elections to the Folketing in June. It is felt that the government party may lose a few seats by this course, but that it will gain in prestige.

The King, however, having hesitated to appoint a Liberal ministry through a fear of their alliance with the Socialists, an alliance which now seems to be broken.

ISLAND OF TRINIDAD. Chamber of Commerce Requests the Removal of the Governor. Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 25.—The Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution providing that a cable dispatch be sent Colonial Secretary Chamberlain urging the immediate removal of the governor of this island (Sir Cornelius Molony) and the principal officials "in whom the public has entirely lost confidence," and asking for the appointment of a royal commission of inquiry.

OVER ONE HUNDRED IDLE. Fire Destroyed Portion of Smelting Works at Canyon City, Colo.—The Cause Unknown. Canyon City, Colo., March 25.—Fire early to-day destroyed the main portion of the smelting works of the United States Reduction & Refining Company here. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The structure was 200 by 80 feet in area. The blaze broke out in the refinery from an unknown cause, and quickly spread through the newer portion of the plant. This was destroyed, but the old structure containing machinery valued at \$300 was saved. One hundred and fifty men are made idle.

ANOTHER MERGER. Companies Combine Which Will Result in Saving of Fees Paid to New Jersey. Trenton, N. J., March 25.—Articles of merger were filed in the office of the secretary of state merging the American Steel Hoop Co., National Steel Co. and the Carnegie Company. The merger corporation is to be known as the National Steel Company, with a capitalization of \$63,000,000. The combined capital of the old companies amounted to \$252,000,000. By this merger the new corporation will save over \$7,000 each year in fees paid to the state of New Jersey.

LONDON PAPERS ON THE LAND BILL

OPINIONS SO FAR ARE VERY GUARDED

They Agree That the Scheme Will Be Worth the Money, If Successful

London, March 25.—This morning's papers, in their editorials, comment on yesterday's proceedings in the House of Commons and the Irish land bill, universally complimenting Mr. Wyndham, but they hesitate to express a definite opinion on such a complex measure without having fuller acquaintance of it, on the ground that its success depends wholly on the nature and working of the complicated financial details. However, all the newspapers agree that, although the bill will place a burden on the British taxpayer, it will be well worth the money if the objects are attained. The Times says: "If the Irish landlords and tenants consider that Mr. Wyndham's plan satisfies to a reasonable extent the expectations that were aroused a few months ago, we do not believe that the people of the United Kingdom will show a seditiously spirit in giving the financial aid needed to forward an honest and earnest attempt to remove a grave difficulty in the way of the imperial policy."

Among those of guarded opinion, the feeling thus expressed by the Times is prominent in the comments of all the papers. The Standard remarks the extraordinary fact that the chief secretary for Ireland in a Unionist cabinet, introducing the land bill, should receive such universal and convincing tokens of goodwill.

The Daily Telegraph believes the bargain was an excellent one and one which the country will receive with a sense of positive relief. The Daily News congratulates Mr. Wyndham on the government on the boldness with which they have faced an absolutely vital issue.

The Morning Post thinks it is unlikely that the appointment of Mr. Wrench as one of the estate commissioners will satisfy any party in Ireland, and regrets that such an appointment should be expected to result in the success of the bill. In an interview, Timothy Healy says he calculates that the tenants will pay twenty years' purchase for the holdings under the new bill. He understood that the bill has undergone more transmutations than the coat of arms of the government of 1881. He anticipates that the government will adopt a give-and-take attitude in committee and that the bill will emerge from the committee stage much improved.

THE GRAIN TAX. London Paper Says It Is Likely to Be Abolished by Chancellor of Exchequer. London, March 25.—According to the Pall Mall Gazette Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie is likely to abolish the grain tax in the forthcoming budget, besides making a reduction of three pence in the income tax. This belief, however, is hardly borne out by the chancellor's recent statement to a deputation of grain dealers.

CONTINENT FAR SOUTH. President Markham on Results of the Voyage of Exploration Ship Discovery. London, March 25.—President Markham, of the Royal Geographical Society, commenting on the achievements of the British Antarctic ship Discovery, says it has been proved conclusively that the greater part of the Antarctic region is a vast continent, Captain Scott, R.N., the commander of the Discovery, penetrated one hundred miles further south than any previous explorer, and discovered an extensive mountainous region hitherto absolutely unknown, extending to 83 degrees 20 minutes south. He thinks this indicates that the land stretches to the pole in a series of very lofty mountains, which is considered the most important result ever achieved in Antarctic exploration. The Discovery wintered 400 miles further south than any other vessel.

INVITATION DECLINED. President Roosevelt Will Be Unable to Include Victoria in Western Tour. The invitation extended to President Roosevelt to include this city in his Western itinerary has not been accepted, but has nevertheless been appreciated. In reply to the telegram sent to the President, Mayor McCandless this morning received the following message:

White House, Washington, D. C., March 25th, 1903. Hon. A. G. McCandless, Mayor, Victoria, B. C. Telegram received and invitation gratefully appreciated. Regret very much, however, that it will not be possible to change itinerary, which has been completed. (Signed) WM. LOEB, JR., Secretary.

MUST ANSWER QUESTIONS

Bill Introduced in Ontario Legislature Dealing With Powers of Commissioners

Toronto, March 25.—In connection with the Gagey charges, Attorney-General Gibson to-day introduced a bill in the legislature for the purpose of establishing beyond doubt the power of the commissioners to compel witnesses to answer questions. The bill was read a first and second time, and then laid over until to-morrow on Mr. Whitney's request. The debate was continued, and did not yet being in sight.

The legislature met till half-past ten to-night. Premier Ross gave notice of motion that when the House adjourns it stands adjourned to April 21st.

DEATHS FROM CONSUMPTION. Dr. Ledere, of New York Recommends That Immediate Action Be Taken. New York, March 25.—Dr. Ledere, of the board of health, to-day reported to Mayor Low that "Tuberculosis remains the greatest single cause of death in this city, and one which, in many opinions, demands more attention from the municipal authorities in the interest of the public health. The number of persons suffering from tuberculosis is variously estimated at from thirty to forty thousand, and many of these undoubtedly are infecting their associates, thus adding to the extent of the disease. I believe that the time has come when the city of New York should extend its facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis." He recommends the erection of a sanitarium on the tent plan. The deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in New York last year numbered 7,571.

CONCERT TO-MORROW. Programme of Miss Jessie N. Macleachlan's Entertainment at Victoria Theatre. The Jessie N. Macleachlan Concert Co. will give an entertainment at the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening. The following programme will be rendered:

- Viola Solo—Adoration... Perzowski
English Song—The Holy City... Adams
Miss Jessie N. Macleachlan
Piano Solo—Recollections of Scotland... Macleachlan
Scottish Song—The Rowan Tree... Lady Nairne
Miss Jessie N. Macleachlan
Violin Solo (Scottish)—Glenloch... Murdoch
Wauking Song (Gaelic)—Mo Dhachaidh (My Home)... Macfarlane
Miss Jessie N. Macleachlan
Violin Solo—Introduction... Mascagni
New Canadian Song—(a) Constancy... Albert Nordstrom
Irish Song—(b) Barney O'Hea... Lover
Miss Jessie N. Macleachlan
Violin Solo—March... Muzs
Jacobite Song—(c) Will Ye No' Come Back Again... Lady Nairne
Patriotic Song—(d) Rule Britannia... Dr. Arne
Miss Jessie N. Macleachlan
God Save the King.

A PRETTY WEDDING. Marriage of Mr. Arthur H. A. Bird and Miss Ruby M. G. Pemberton Last Evening. Last evening, at 24 Henry street, the residence of the bride's father, in the presence of a number of friends, a very pretty wedding took place, when Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Arthur Henry Ashmore Bird and Miss Ruby Marguerite Grant Pemberton. The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Thompson MacQuarrie, and the bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. Edward Joseph Bird. The bride was artistically decorated with flowers. The bride's popularity was seen in many beautiful and useful presents. After the congratulations of the company had been extended to the happy couple, supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Bird will make their home in Victoria, to which Mr. Bird has just returned from England, where he had been visiting his father and mother.

SHERIFF REDGRAVE DEAD. The Sheriff Old Officer Passed Away at Golden Yesterday. The death occurred at Golden yesterday of Sheriff Redgrave, well known to provincials of this city and throughout the province. For years he served most capably as an instrument of justice, and when called by death was still in harness, despite his age. He was stricken down by heart disease while making an arrest. The late Sheriff Redgrave was born on March 24, 1831, in Birmingham, England. After residing there for seven years he moved to South Africa. From there he returned to England and afterwards migrated to Toronto. In 1852 he came overland to British Columbia as a member of an expedition which was organized in the East. He was a victim to the gold fever, he went to Cariboo and secured claims on Lightning and Williams creeks. He afterwards returned to the East, where he resided until 1874. In that year he went to California, and in the following year he came to Victoria to reside in this city. In May, 1876, he again went to the interior, being in the employ of the government at Cassiar. In 1882 he was appointed sheriff, mining recorder, registrar and stipendiary magistrate for Kootenay. Off and on he resided in Victoria for many years, being at one time in charge of the old jail. He leaves a large family. Capt. Redgrave, of Fairfax, Virginia; Mrs. G. D. Troy, of New York; Harold Redgrave, of Vernon, B. C.; Mrs. M. G. Kerr, of Calgary; Sergeant Street, of Redgrave, of this city; fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE. London, March 25.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

SCRIBES CALLED TO WITNESS BOX

GAVE EVIDENCE AS TO ACCUSED'S SIGNATURE

This Morning's Proceedings Were Productive of Very Little Interest to Outsiders.

This morning's proceedings in the Estes hearing were productive of very little interest. There was a marked diminution in the attendance which, in most instances throughout this cause celebre, has been exceptionally large. Probably the fact that curious habitues of the court were not compelled to-day to ascend the woodpile in the corner to command an unobstructed view of everything worth seeing may be taken as an indication that the public are becoming surfeited. There is little doubt, however, that, guaranteed red-hot argument between counsel, a witness with just enough Hibernian in him to reel out spontaneous vituperations, the spectators' accommodation in the court room would be taxed to its utmost capacity. Two scribes from the Terminal City, the storm centre of the big strike, were examined this morning. They were S. Robb, of the Vancouver World, and W. F. Findley, of the Province, and it is whispered that they are only the vanguard of members of the Terminal City fraternity who will pass under the scrutiny of the court, the lawyers and spectators in grand procession. The first of the train to be called was Mr. Findley, of the Province. Under examination by Mr. McNeill he stated that he knew Mr. Estes, having made his acquaintance since the strike began. He had interviewed Mr. Estes on several occasions—on March 7th and 11th. The first interview was by telephone. During this conversation Mr. Estes, in reply to questions, had said that negotiations were broken off and that a telegram would in all probability be sent to Calgary and Winnipeg calling on the men there. He had further stated that the U. B. R. E. would continue the strike to the end, and if necessary tie up all the shipping of Burrard inlet. The report of this interview was then read and the witness described it as a correct reproduction of what was said. He also interviewed Mr. Estes the following Wednesday, March 11th. In that conversation Mr. Estes, who had just returned from a meeting of the executive of the U. B. R. E., gave witness to understand that it had been decided to call out the crew of the Champer at Victoria. He knew Mr. Estes's signature, and had seen him write it several times. Mr. McNeill produced a document and asked the witness if he identified the signature on it as that of Mr. Estes. Mr. Findley, after examination, said he would do so, but in his own mind that it was the handwriting of Mr. Estes but would not swear that it was, unless he had seen the signature written. Mr. Estes wrote a hand that could be easily copied. On the prosecution desiring to put in the document as evidence, considerable argument was given, but the court was of the opinion that the signature had not been proved and insufficient basis was afforded on which to prove other signatures by comparison. Until it was definitely shown to the satisfaction of the court that the signature was Mr. Estes's the document should not be received. Finally Mr. Findley was recalled for cross-examination. He said he had seen Mr. Estes affix his signature to reviews of the strike situation which he had given to the press. On one occasion he had seen the defendant actually write his signature. He had no doubt that the signature on the document was that of Mr. Estes. Mr. Powell further claimed that this evidence was not sufficient to permit of the document being admitted for purposes of comparison. Mr. Bodgell called another scribe to give evidence on this point. Samuel Robb, of the Vancouver World, positively identified the signature on the document as that of the defendant. To Mr. Powell he said he was prepared to swear solemnly that it was. The much-debated document was then only admitted as evidence. Previous to the examination of these witnesses D. A. Upper, of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, was called and after reading the company's rules governing the production of telegrams in court made way for Augustus Ferraro, a counter clerk in the Great Northwestern office in Vancouver. The last witness identified a telegram produced as one received by him for transmission. The dispatch, which was tendered as evidence, was one addressed by Geo. Estes to E. B. Smith, of Winnipeg, and asked that the Montreal Star's report that the strikers had returned to work be denied. The telegram also stated that all the steamships of Vancouver were out. This message was dispatched on the morning of March 10th. The proceedings were adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHANGED HIS MIND. President Castro, of Venezuela, Decided to Withdraw Resignation. Caracas, March 24.—After reading the special message to congress to-day Geo. Castro withdrew his resignation of the presidency of Venezuela.

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THE SUICIDE OF GEN. MACDONALD

DETAILS OF SAD TRAGEDY IN PARIS

He Shot Himself After Reading of the Charges Against Him in a Newspaper.

Paris, March 25.—Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide at the Hotel Regina here. He shot himself in the right temple shortly after noon, and expired a few minutes later.

The general was alone in his small chamber at the hotel at the time of the tragedy. One of the female attendants heard the pistol-shot, and opening the door, saw the general's figure outstretched on the floor, with the blood oozing from a bullet wound in the head. She ran screaming to the balcony overlooking the lobby of the hotel, where many guests, including a number of ladies, were assembled.

The proprietor was the first to reach the expiring man. Medical help was immediately summoned, but was found to be useless, death ensuing quickly. The commissary of police was notified and, accompanied by a doctor, proceeded to a preliminary investigation.

No money or papers of any kind were found in Sir Hector's baggage. Two notes written in English were found lying on a table in his room, and they were taken possession of by the authorities, but it is understood their contents have no bearing on the suicide. In the general's coat, lying on the bed, were found some photographs.

The British Ambassador and Consul-General were notified later, and Consul-General Inglis came to the hotel and took charge of the body, which was placed on the bed. The door was then locked, the consul taking the key. The French officials took possession of the revolver.

Sir Hector Macdonald arrived in Paris last Friday evening from London on his way back to Ceylon, where it was understood that an immediate court-martial would be held to clear up the charges made against him.

COMING HOME.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Will Not Discuss the Results of His Visit to England.

Montreal, March 25.—The Star's London cable says: "Sir Thomas Shaughnessy leaves London to-morrow, and will sail from Southampton in the North German Lloyd steamship Deutschland. That the president of the C. P. R. is compelled to resort to a German steamer, arriving at a foreign port, best illustrates the Canadian need of a fast Atlantic service.

Sir Thomas is chary in discussing the results of his visit to England. Substitution of London for Glasgow as one of the ports of the C. P. R. new service is, however, directly due to his initiative. When the Canadian Pacific decided to omit the port of Glasgow from their service, the sole question was, which port produced the best business? Sir Thomas regards the new insurance arrangement with Lloyds as the highest tribute the English business world has yet paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

MISSING FOR YEARS.

American Found in Private Sanitarium in Paris.

Paris, March 25.—United States Consul-General Gowdy to-day succeeded in locating in a private sanitarium in this city Misses Fowler-Chase, grandsons of a leading capitalist of Lafayette, Ind., whose whereabouts have been the subject of diligent search for several years. Two French physicians examined the youth and pronounced him insane. The institution has handed Chase over to Mr. Gowdy's care. Secretary Hay cabled to the Consul-General an authorization to act as the guardian of the youth.

CLAIMS OF POWERS.

Britain and Germany Agree on Terms of Protocol Case to the Hague.

London, March 25.—With the exception of one or two minor details, England and Germany have now agreed on the terms of the protocol submitting the claims of the allies for separate treatment in the settlement with Venezuela to the Hague. Italy yesterday instructed her ambassador at Washington to agree to the Anglo-German draft. It is expected that the finished protocol will be submitted to Mr. Bowen this week.

READ FIRST TIME.

Opinions on the Government's Irish Land Bill—Redmond Hopeful.

London, March 25.—A hush of expectancy fell on the House of Commons to-day as John Redmond, the Irish leader, rose to speak after Irish Secretary Wyndham had introduced the government's Irish land bill. When the galleries of the House found him sympathetic and non-compulsory, there was a feeling of relief. What Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, and the others said had little effect. Even T. H. Russell, who, with others, criticized the merits and various omissions in Mr. Wyndham's plan, wound up with a guttural and reluctant admission that "it is a great bill."

The passing of the first reading of the bill was followed by a rush to the lobby. The tall form of Lord Dudley, the lord lieutenant of Ireland, could be seen amidst a crowd of Nationalists, who scarcely a year ago would rather have suffered a year's penalty than associate with the official hand of the government. Beside Dudley stood the arched little Sir Anthony McDonald, the first Nationalist assistant Irish secretary. He it was who drafted the bill. Horace Plunkett, Lord Iveagh, Lord Ashburnham and many Nationalist members joined the group. The Duke of Devonshire, a powerful landlord in Ireland, asked to be introduced to John Redmond, and a mutual friend brought the Duke to the leader of the Nationalist party, with whom the leader of the Irish landlords heartily shook hands, and they parted on the promise of a meeting at the House of Commons refreshment bar.

A MYSTERY.

Bodies of a Man and His Wife Found in a Cabin.

Ukiah, Cal., March 23.—Robert Stokes and his wife were found dead on the floor of their cabin, a few miles from Boonville, this morning, by a brother of Stokes, who lives some distance from their cabin. He heard two shots and commenced an investigation, which resulted in the finding of the bodies of his brother and sister-in-law with bullets through their bodies. Nothing was disturbed on the premises.

CHINESE DISORDERS.

French Troops May Be Sent to Disperse Bands of Brigands.

Paris, March 23.—It is said at the foreign office here that recent official reports show there is a growing state of disorder in South China, particularly along the border of French Indo-China, chiefly due to the operations of bands of Chinese brigands. Although the French authorities have not yet taken definite action, the officials here confirm the reports from Shanghai to the effect that a continuation of the sending of French troops across the border to suppress the brigands and insure protection of French interests.

TRAFFIC NOT DELAYED.

And Many Strikers Are Returning—Says P. R. General Passenger Agent.

E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, while in Seattle on route home from Portland, stated that the strike situation along the border of French Indo-China, chiefly due to the operations of bands of Chinese brigands. Although the French authorities have not yet taken definite action, the officials here confirm the reports from Shanghai to the effect that a continuation of the sending of French troops across the border to suppress the brigands and insure protection of French interests.

THE MONTREAL FLOOD.

Lower Portions of City Are Well Protected From the Water.

Montreal, March 25.—Never but twice in the history of floods in the city of Montreal has the water reached the figure attained to-day. At midnight last night the gauge at the harbor office indicated 42 feet 3 inches, which is 2 feet 2 inches lower than the highest mark attained in the flood of 1886, and 1 foot 1 1/2 inches lower than the highest mark in 1887. Fortunately the facilities for handling higher water have been greatly improved since the lower portions of the city would be under several feet of water. The new granite wall, which now encircles the harbor front protecting the city from the water, has given ample proof of its stability, for now the water washes against it to a depth of two and one-half feet, and still there is no leakage to speak of, and the gates which are also now holding against tons of water in a manner which is most reassuring.

The ice jam, which extends from the Ronde well down the river to a point opposite the House of Industry and Refuge, is one solid mass of unknown thickness, and from present indications it looks as if it would be some days before it gives way. Men connected with the harbor board, who have watched the movements of the St. Lawrence for many years past, are of opinion that the ice is likely to hold for some time yet, perhaps a week or ten days. Men and teams are working on the river at Longue Pointe as late as Friday last, and even on Sunday the ice at that point looked solid and fine. The damage done so far is limited.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE red deer of New Zealand are estimated to number between 5,000 and 6,000 individuals, the offspring of two stags and six hinds that were turned out in 1902.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON RAILWAY ROUTES

Was Submitted at a Meeting Held Last Evening—A Preliminary Survey is Necessary.

The sub-committee to whom was allotted the task of obtaining information regarding the various routes for an island and railway, submitted their report to a meeting in the city hall last evening. The report, a synopsis of which has already appeared in these columns, was accompanied by one from William Ralph, P. L. S., C. E., which also has been published. Mayor McCandless presided, and there were present John Jardine, D. R. Harris, C. E., Dr. Milne, C. H. Lagrin, T. W. Paterson, Ald. Grahame and Walter Solomon, Secretary of the committee.

After the reading of the previous meeting minutes a letter was read from the president of the E. & N. Railway Company offering a free right-of-way to a road laying for its object the opening of a survey of the route, by every possible means. The letter was received and will be referred to a meeting of the general committee.

PICKETING PROHIBITED.

Strikers Must Not Interfere With Business of Philadelphia Firm.

Philadelphia, March 25.—An injunction was issued by one of the Common Pleas courts of this city restraining the striking moulder of Isaac A. Shepard & Co., stove manufacturers, from picketing or picketing the plant, molesting and following the non-union men or in any way interfering with the firm's business. An abstract of the court's order follows:

TORONTO FIRE.

The Opera House Destroyed—Damage Amounts to \$80,000.

Toronto, March 25.—The opera house was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. The loss is about \$80,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an electric wire. Caretaker Chambers, his wife and four children, had a narrow escape from death. They had to climb through the skylight and over roofs in order to save themselves.

Draw Your Own Conclusions After Reading This Letter.

Mr. T. W. Dobbie, a popular citizen and Provincial Land Surveyor and Conveyancer, of Thompson, Ont., writes as follows:

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Judge Lacombe, of New York, has denied the application of Whittaker Wright for bail without prejudice to its renewal when evidential papers arrive and the precise acts complained of are more fully set forth. Counsel for Wright will appeal to the United States Supreme court.

FOR SALE.

FOR IMMEDIATE SALE—Six-roomed cottage, stable, etc., about 2 acres of land. 125 Fort street, 2 doors from Blanchard. Apply A. Williams & Co., Ltd., 104 Yates street.

FOR SALE—Good Island Potatoes—a quantity. Apply, F. J. Bittencourt, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant, 55 Blanchard. Phone, 8518.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

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Victoria, March 26.—a. m.—There are indications of an extensive storm area approaching our coast...

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh easterly to southerly winds, unsettled, with occasional rains...

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 40; minimum, 29; wind, 12 miles N.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .16; weather, cloudy.

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THE COMPOSER OF "ST. CECILIA'S DAY"

PUNCH INTERVIEWS SIR HUBERT PARRY

Something About the Rare Old Musician Whose Composition Will Be Sung in Victoria.

Among the compositions to be given in the great musical festival here in May is Sir H. C. Parry's "St. Cecilia's Day." Victorians will read with interest the following sketchy interview with this rare old musician, appearing in Punch: "Avast there!" cried the genial director of the Royal College of Music, playfully saluting us with a belying pin and several marlinspikes, as we entered his sumptuous stateroom in Prince Consort road. "Sir Hubert, it should be explained, was originally intended for the navy, and to this day spends all his available leisure on the briny deep. But having inadvertently become a Bachelor of Music while still at Eton, it was impossible for him to be altogether wedded to the ocean waves. Proceeding from Eton to Exeter College, Oxford, he took kindly to cricket, and foreshadowed his distinction in other fields of activity by his free and easy scoring. After Oxford the laval instinct once more asserted itself, and for a short time he occupied a desk at Lloyd's, where he edited a collection of sailors' "chatties," and practised assiduously on the tromba marina. Encouraged by the reception of these efforts, young Parry studied composition under Herreshoff, Kiel, Darnreuther, and, having submitted a masterly exercise in demonstration of the hitherto unsuspected traits that two consecutive fifths are equal to a submerged tenth, was granted his certificate as master mariner, and was shortly afterwards ap-



SIR H. C. PARRY.

pointed musical critic to the Pilot. His deep interest in the mercantile marine was further evinced in the fact that perhaps his most resounding success was achieved in a cantata richly scored for a pair of sirens. His notorious prowess as a swimmer is fully commemorated in his incidental music to the Frogs, while his favorite song is "L'esperito nocchiero."

The readiness with which Sir Hubert vouchsafed information on these points encouraged us to ask a few further questions. "Have you time," we asked, "to play any instrument nowadays?" "Nary a blooming one," was the prompt response. Then with a swift return to the decorous diction of the Evolution of Music, he added, "Unfortunately premature baldness rendered it absolutely impossible for me to attain distinction as a pianistic virtuoso."

"Is it true, Sir Hubert," we timidly queried, "that in one of your lectures you allude to the old masters as 'those old buffers'?" "Great Caesar Cui!" exploded the director, "did I really now? Well, it isn't so, but I am a Choragus, and lapse into the breezy vernacular. You see it's harder to play the part when you don't look it. We may add that it is the great sorrow of Sir Hubert's life that no stranger ever took him for a musician."

Adroitly changing the subject we then inquired: "Which do you think the greater composer, Richard Strauss or Sousa?" "Great Caesar Cui!" said Sir Hubert Parry, "you might as well ask me the difference between a March King and a March Hare—or a May Queen," he added, as a familiar strain of Sterndale Bennett's floated up the corridor. "Personally I am more akin to Sousa, as we are both J.P.'s."

"Your duties then must be very arduous?" "They are indeed. The crew of the Royal College numbers upwards of 400, and as they all sing or play, the noise is sometimes tremendous. However, I have a bomb-proof turret into which I retire at times. And then I have a splendid set of officers—an eloquent Parrott, an Arkos who is never up a tree, a Wood who never shivers his timbers, a Bridge who plays his game two-handed—wonderful fellows all of them."

"And what are your recreations?" "Well, an occasional novel—being a skipper comes in handy there—and attending my parish council in Gloucestershire. And that reminds me that I have only eight minutes to catch my train at Paddington. You'll excuse me if I leave you."

To light a powerful cigar, to seize his hat, and a huge bundle of MS. scores, he lay leaping into a passing hansom, was for Sir Hubert the work of fewer seconds than it takes us to describe his meteoric movements. From his courteous registrar, who accompanied us to the vestibule, we learned that the director is causing his friends no little anxiety by his avowed intention of purchasing a submarine yacht, having so often previously attempted to commit Parricide on sea and land.

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A SHORT SITTING.

An Early Adjournment Taken in the Estes Case Yesterday Afternoon.

The proceedings in the Estes case in the police court yesterday afternoon were very short. Only Capt. Christiansen, of the tug Car, was examined. The captain said he was in charge of the Transfer running from Vancouver to Ladysmith. The vessel was tied up. He endeavored to have it released by applying to Mr. Thomson. He was taken to the Commercial Hotel to meet Mr. Estes. An agreement was made that the crew would resume work upon it being ascertained that no coal would be carried for the C. P. R. He went to the Commercial Hotel because Mr. Thomson could not give a satisfactory answer until he saw Mr. Estes. He saw Mr. Brock at the Commercial Hotel. The cargo was allowed to go upon condition that no coal was to be taken into Vancouver for the C. P. R. An adjournment was then taken until 10.30 this morning. Mr. Bodwell said he was in doubt as to what further witnesses would be called. He would not be in a position to say until the arrival of the mail from Vancouver in the evening. They might be able to dispense with calling some they had intended to have examined.

THE TRANS-CANADA.

Sir Sanford Fleming's View on a Direct Route.

The promoters of the Trans-Canada railway have written to the secretary of the board of trade, enclosing a paper read by J. G. Scott, of the Quebec & Lake St. John railway, before the Literary and Historical Society. In it Mr. Scott quotes from an interview given by Sir Sanford Fleming, in which there occurs the following: "I am inclined to think Mr. Blair is on the right track in proposing to extend the intercolonial railway to the Pacific. It seems to me, however, that it would be a mistake to try to form a new transcontinental line in a haphazard way by connecting various fragments of railway which have been located without any general plan. The effect would be to lengthen the whole line and unduly lower its engineering character, and almost certainly give it features which would be forever regarded as blemishing to a great transcontinental line. To reach Mr. Blair's conception of a new national railway, it should, in my judgment, begin at the Quebec bridge, now building, where it would form a direct connection with the Intercolonial, and it should extend from Quebec by the most direct route to Port Simpson on the Pacific. From what I know of the general character of the greater part of the intervening distance, I believe a line with splendid engineering features could, with ordinary care, be secured. It would pass away to the north of the rugged shores in Lakes Huron, Superior, Nipigon and Winipeg, through a vast region reported generally of alluvial soil, with abundance of wood and water. "When the day arrives to open such a railway as a through route it will be found to possess advantages in respect to distances, as compared with the route via San Francisco and New York. From Yokohama to Liverpool—the passage across the Pacific ocean would be 605 miles less than the distance via San Francisco and New York. From Yokohama to Liverpool—the passage across the Atlantic 1365 nautical miles less than the distance via San Francisco and New York. This would be 502 statute miles less, making a total saving on the whole distance of about 1,423 statute miles. "Regarding simply from a Canadian standpoint, I cannot conceive any public undertaking which would better meet the wants of the New Dominion, throughout its whole extent. I rejoice to know that it has so soon in Canadian history been brought up for serious consideration."

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 18th to 24th March, 1903.

The weather during this week has been similar to the preceding seven days, but markedly fine and dry over the North Pacific slope. The amount of bright sunshine recorded here was over eight hours per day, whereas no rain or snow fell, except a trace in Cariboo. This phenomenal weather was due to an unusually high barometric pressure over British Columbia and low pressure further south. No storms have crossed this province from the Pacific, our winds have been chiefly from the northward and light to moderate in force. Upon several days strong winds or moderate gales from the eastward were reported at Cape Flattery, however, no rain or snow fell. The island to California the winds have been light to moderate in force. Sharp frosts settled on the Lower Maland upon the first six days of the week, and upon two of these days the afternoon temperatures exceeded 50 degrees. In Kootenay the weather has been comparatively mild and about the average in Cariboo. The temperatures have been moderate in the Yukon, at Dawson the temperature only fell below zero three days. The weather has been generally on in Alberta, and light snow has fallen upon several occasions over portions of the Territories.

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Sometimes in a case of disease resulting from the use of improper food the symptoms are so complex that medical science cannot find the seat of trouble, and even the most careful hospital treatment fails to benefit. A gentleman of Lee Falls, says: "On April 1st, 1900, I was sent home by one of our Massachusetts hospitals, saying nothing more could be done for me. I have been a great sufferer from nervous diseases and rheumatism and nervous prostration, and had previously been treated at Sharon Springs and by a number of doctors without getting much assistance. "One day I was feeling worse than usual when I read an article about your Grape-Nuts that impressed me so that I sent out for a package. I commenced using it at breakfast the next day. "For fifteen months I never missed one day. If you ever saw anyone grow strong and improve it was I. I gained from 125 pounds to my old weight 165. I will always be a cripple from rheumatism but otherwise, I am so much improved that I now feel as well as any man in this country." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There is a recipe book in each package of Grape-Nuts that will interest the housekeeper.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Irish land purchase bill, as introduced in the Imperial House of Commons, appears to be plain enough in intent, however complicated it may work out in detail. It is proposed to grant about sixty million dollars for the purpose of getting the scheme under way. This will in effect be a free-will offering to the Irish leaseholders. The government will advance the tenants' money at a low rate of interest and they will acquire their holdings from the landlords. The object is to plant upon the soil a peasant proprietary. In this way it is hoped to accomplish the final and permanent pacification of Ireland. There appears to be no reason why the hope should not be realized, because the history of the country proves how devotedly the people are attached to the land of their fathers.

For generations they have labored as a community without hope. When Mr. Wyndham's bill becomes law and goes into operation there will be an opportunity for all to acquire their holdings upon reasonable terms. It is estimated that with the assistance proposed to be granted by the government titles to a large portion of the land of the country will pass into the hands of the tenants or their successors, with a considerable mitigation of the burdens carried under the leasehold system.

Capable observers have asserted that there is more than a matter of land tenure at the bottom of the troubles of Ireland. They have maintained that the landlords are not the only class who impose upon a simple, credulous and industrious people. Probably they are prejudiced. The Imperial government has gone to the root of the matter on this occasion. Time will apply the final test. Under the system that it is hoped will soon be superseded by one more in harmony with the spirit of the times Ireland has been the only unprogressive portion of the British Empire.

In 1841 the population was more than eight millions. In ten years it fell away and was recorded as about six millions and a half. But in those days there was a famine in the land. The retrograde movement which commenced in 1841 has been going on ever since to a greater or a lesser extent. In 1901 the population was less than four millions and a half. This despite the fact that the birth rate has during the fifty years vastly exceeded the rate of mortality. There has been a constant stream of emigrants to the United States and in constant and mere trickling streams to the colonies of the Empire. The emigrants and their children have not been failures in the foreign climes in which they have applied their energies. They have been welcomed in the United States and in Canada. A large percentage of them have risen to prominent positions, and they have adorned them all. The success of Irishmen in England has been quite as pronounced. When they are transplanted to more congenial soil they flourish and wax strong, standing commanding and distinct among their distinguished contemporaries. This is perhaps quite to be expected, because men of ability, to which is added industry, are naturally impelled to seek the widest possible field for the exercise of their talents. What is the reason why the stay-at-homes, who should at least be as prosperous as their fellow-subjects in England and Scotland, have so long been the despair of the British public man? One authority, and that authority an eminent one, said lately that "the calamities of Ireland were less due to the malice of man than was supposed, and more that was supposed to be the misfortune of fate." One of the misfortunes of fate was that about 1649 one of the men of destiny, Oliver Cromwell, led his Ironsides into Ireland, made himself unquestionably supreme, and it is said confiscated four-fifths of the soil, which has had to support absentee landlords as well as present tenants ever since. The bill at present under discussion is practically an acknowledgment by the British government that there is something in the complaint that the drain upon the Irish soil has been too heavy; that the landlords had had more

than his share of the products of the ground. The knowledge, too, that every improvement made by the tenant but added to the amount of his annual rental was not calculated to inspire enthusiasm. Well, the government has concluded to put an end to all this sort of thing and to give the Irish peasant a chance to prove his mettle. If he rises to his opportunities Ireland will soon take the position she has lost to Scotland as the second of the three ancient kingdoms. One important result has been achieved already. Great Britain and Ireland are appreciably closer together. The evident desire of the predominant partner to deal generously with the weaker has broken down the barriers that have kept the two peoples asunder. Nationalist and landlord have shaken hands over the bill and have congratulated each other on the prospect of an enduring peace and an abounding prosperity. Hopefulness and enthusiasm are the predominant characteristics of Irishmen. Perhaps they are rejoicing in anticipation of a consummation that may never be realized. That may be the case if the pessimists who declare that landlordism is not the real cause of Ireland's depression should prove to be right.

In the meantime we note that the desire of Great Britain to deal fairly by Ireland is likely to cost her something. The immense addition to the public debt has had a serious effect upon the price of securities. The depression will of course be only temporary. At the same time the government has lost strength in England because of the support it received from the Nationalists in pushing through its education bill. The mass of the people abhor ecclesiasticism. The distrust thus engendered will not pass away. Now that foreign complications have been cleared away and there are no mist to obscure the domestic political horizon, the people appear to be looking to the Liberal party for the reforms that are considered essential to progress. It is curious that there are always abuses to reform out of existence. When the reformer has accomplished one improvement there is always something else beckoning him on. It is a pity the Liberal party is not acting under one supreme head at the present time.

WHAT NEXT? If the Irish land bill proves a success, as is devoutly to be wished, is there not a possibility that it may open up a much larger and perhaps a much more difficult question? The progress of the world cannot be arrested. There is always work for the reformer. He must press on until his work is completed and man emancipated. The emancipation is not likely to be completed during the present or for many succeeding generations. If it is the duty of a government to release one portion of a population from monopoly, is it not as clearly its duty to step in and suppress all other forms of monopoly? The relief that has been granted to Ireland will assuredly in years to come, if not immediately, be demanded by the tenant farmers of England and Scotland. In view of the precedent which will shortly be established, how shall governments of the future be justified in refusing such assistance when it is demanded? Then the circle will continue to widen until it has spread through all the businesses and industries of the land. At least it must be confessed that such a movement is possible and that it would appear to be justified if the Irish experiment should be successful, and there is very little doubt about that, judging from the experience the Imperial authorities have had with less elaborate experiments in the Emerald Isle. Let our socialist friends should claim a great moral victory in this connection, we might point out that the Irish land purchase scheme is the very antithesis of their propaganda. The British government is going back to first principles. It proposes to place a premium upon individualism by furnishing the leaseholders of the land with the opportunity and the incentive for the attainment of absolute titles.

One week from to-day the trouble over the bay will begin. And there will be trouble. The government, it is said, has determined not to introduce any contentious legislation, but there are said to be some matters of administration that will raise a contentious spirit, and which will test the sincerity of some members who are always very loud in their professions of usefulness and patriotism.

If a Liberal government had proposed such a measure for the pacification of Ireland as that which was introduced yesterday by Mr. Wyndham, what an uproar there would have been. Then the House of Lords would have been appealed to as the bulwark of the rights and liberties of the Empire. The Lords will accept this, probably, without so much as a tremor.

The Crofton smelter people are not the men to be daunted by unfortunate occurrences. They have gone into all corners of the northwest and arranged for a supply of ore. Leves will be made from White Horse in the north to Mount Sicker in the south and from Republic in the east to the stores of Vancouver Island in the West. For the present it appears that the Yreka mine, one of the most promising properties in British Columbia notwithstanding that it has not been boomed so systematically as some of its better known contemporaries, is by one of the chief sources of supply for the Crofton smelter. Messrs. Bees and

Bellinger had probably measured the capacity of this district for ore production before they undertook the erection of their works. Their courage, faith, energy and business capacity should be emulated by all the people of Vancouver Island.

LET THE LAWYERS IN. To the Editor—It has been suggested by different union men that it is the duty of all the unions to endorse the action of the Longshoremen's Union in refusing to handle unfair freight on the C. P. N. Co. boats to aid them financially in their fight for what it is believed is their legitimate rights. Already several unions have endorsed the longshoremen in their strike, and contributed to the funds of the strikers. I would suggest that inasmuch as the lawyers have a union that is a meeting of the Law Society be held at an early date for the purpose of extending sympathy to the oppressed longshoremen and that the financial sum be voted out of the funds of the society for the purpose of the strikers.

THOS. GADSBY. NO WARNING NEEDED TO WORK. To the Editor—Unlike O. C. B. I am very uncertain that your recent editorial on labor troubles did strike the keynote of popular sentiment. On the contrary, I should say the masses were entirely opposed to the unconditional surrendering of principle and rights to despotic corporations and employers. Unfortunately for the working classes, as Mr. O. C. B. says, the would-be champions of the capitalist only give these subjects a casual or passing glance, instead of sifting the causes from an unprejudiced standpoint. Anyone following the so-called sympathetic strike on the C. P. R. knows it was not as stated, but was a strike by responsible trackmen for a living wage. The Hon. Clifford Sifton, in an article on the needs of the Northwest, points out that the actual real cause of the country not being able to get the full benefit from a bountiful harvest is the inability of that much-bought monopoly—the C. P. R.—to supply freight cars to handle the millions of bushels of corn still to be moved out, and coal and lumber to be moved in. And yet this monopoly continues to pay interest and dividends on millions of watered stock, without as much as a passing comment from editors of independent newspapers or would-be champions of capitalists. "The reason is obvious."

Then when all is peaceful and the capitalist is piling up his millions O. C. B. sees looming up in the distance one of those fellows who, like barnacles on a ship, sap their life out of the workingman, but who in reality is a benefactor to the millions and an agitator of the serenity of the despoiler of the workingman. It is true that after almost every strike in the Dominion mines the prices for mining have been reduced owing to defective organization and the introduction of Chinese and other cheap labor. It is not natural, nor is it reasonable, to suppose that coal should be produced at the same prices to supply the San Francisco, London markets, where wages and living are higher, than it would be if China and Japan were the only markets for our surplus coal. It is right and reasonable that the enhanced value of coal "no matter by what means it has been enhanced" the extra should be fairly divided by capital and labor. I would here remind O. C. B. that coal lands are concessions from the people and should be so safeguarded as to be of benefit to the people. How is it that in the deal between the Dominion government and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company that coal was not to cost the consumer more than two dollars per ton on the cars at the pit mouth? Why did the government not stipulate that it should be landed at the coast for, say, three fifty?

Now if two dollars per ton, include the cost of mining, royalty and profit to the C. N. C. Co., how is it that Comox and Wellington coal cost six dollars and fifty cents to Victoria consumers? I suppose O. C. B. will say it is owing to the unreasonable demands of labor. Again, when a royalty of five cents per ton was put on coal mined in British Columbia, why did coal advance in price fifty cents per ton? Of course labor was the cause. "How thin, Mr. O. C. B." How loyal to Canadian institutions some people are when it does not affect their pockets. Mr. O. C. B. is shocked at the idea that Canadian workmen should affiliate with similar institutions in America for the purpose of making themselves a power in the commercial world, and to be better able to more effectively combat those despotic corporations when they attempt to take away their freedom and manhood. Yet he can with the utmost complacency sanction international railway combines, mines, steel and shipping trusts, etc. "Why this inconsistency?" There is not the slightest reason to sound an alarm in reference to national obliteration. It is the "old red herring" and snatches of jingoism with a good deal of lip loyalty. I would ask who filled the ranks of the contingents that went to South Africa? Who fills the ranks of the militia of Canada to-day? Actions speak louder than words. Men who show themselves able to take care of themselves during those unequal and bitter struggles are able and willing when the time comes to take care of their country. Personally, I deplore strikes of any kind, no matter under what circumstances. Win or lose, the workingman always loses. What's to be done? We have no legislation to take the place of strikes. The capitalist is afraid of exposure, so we must not have legislation. There is no other system by which the attention and sympathy of the public can be directed to existing disputes. The action of the C. P. R. and Mr. Dunsmuir, while it is despotic and deplorable, inasmuch as it denies the individual his freedom to join any union unless sanctioned by the employer, which makes the whole thing a farce, nevertheless it should be made to recoil on their own backs by helping on by leaps and bounds modern unionism, which stands for the emancipation of the toiler through politics. It is necessary for all those whose interests are identified with labor to organize and stand shoulder to shoulder in the political ranks for the purpose of filling the legislature with men identified with unionism, so that all railways and coal mines in the near future will be run for the benefit of the people. W. P. W.

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Sample Wrappers, on Sale Friday. 25 only in the lot. Prices. 28 new styles of Walking Skirts marked to-day. Prices from \$2.50.

Good Shoe News. 50 cases or 3,000 pairs of new 1903 spring styles arrived this week. This shipment is a special buy from one of the leading Canadian manufacturers. We will allow the following qualities for Friday to Saturday of such bargain prices that the shrewdest buyers will appreciate.

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City News in Brief.

For a good lunch go to the Escalot Cafe.

Fast steamers for Skagway. Steamer Dolphin sails April 6th, steamer Humboldt sails March 31st. E. E. Blackwood, agent.

The regular meeting of Court Columbia, No. 234, will be held in Sir William Wallace hall to-night at 8 o'clock. Every member is urgently requested to attend.

The full rehearsal for the Musical Festival will be held this evening at the city hall at 8 o'clock. Stanford's "Reverence" and Parry's "St. Cecilia's Day" will be studied.

All ladies interested in the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held for this purpose at the association rooms, No. 40, Broad street, to-morrow at 3 p.m.

If you live out of town we are very anxious to have you write to us about your wants. We will take just as good care of your money as if you were spending it yourself. Our mail order business is on the increase. Our object is to give entire satisfaction. Write us your wants. Weiler Bros.

Dining service will be held at Congregation Emmanuel to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen will deliver the fifth of the special series of sermons on "My Attitude Towards Religion," entitled, "The Godly Nature, or the Attributes of Divinity." All are welcome.

India that country of glorious deeds and fascinating history, reminiscent of Clive, Outram, Havelock, Lord Clyde and others equally illustrious, is always a source of interest. F. J. E. Tyler will bring it nearer to Victorians than it has ever been before, in his lecture at the Victoria theatre to-night. He will tell of the mutiny and the Durbar, that magnificent Oriental fete which celebrated the coronation of King Edward as Emperor of India. The lecture will be profusely illustrated.

As will be seen in the advertisement columns of the Times, a petition may be filed by any person dissatisfied with the number of feet frontage with which he is assessed upon the roll, whether upon the ground that the measurement is incorrect, or that the land and real property are not liable to taxation or are inequitably assessed under the provisions of the Sewer By-law, not later than the 1st day of April in each year for an alteration in the roll, and shall state the grounds for requiring an alteration. In the paragraph the other night May 1st was erroneously mentioned as the date.

Victorians will be delighted to learn that the Follard Jay and Opera Company will appear in this city again in the near future. A letter received from a member of the management states that the company will inaugurate its American tour shortly, and will probably open here. A number of new faces will be seen in the organization which is said to be stronger in talent than ever. Some of the older members have graduated into the ranks of the senior company, and their places have been filled by recruits from the preparatory classes. Daphne Toland and others of the principles who scored so many successes here will come. The company has been playing in Hongkong.

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NEW FERRY WILL CALL TO-MORROW

REPORTED FROM SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY

Sealers at Bamfield Creek—Number of Excursions Arranged Between Victoria and Sound.

Victorians will have an opportunity of getting just a glimpse at the new C. P. N. ferry to-morrow. If they hope to see more of her they will have to be on hand promptly when the ship arrives, otherwise she will have gone before they have satisfied their curiosity.

The Princess Victoria passed San Francisco yesterday morning, and will therefore, it is thought, be here early to-morrow morning. Capt. Troup says that the steamer will call at Victoria, but that her stay will be very brief, and that no time will be allowed for a public inspection. The ship has not got far enough advanced for that, in fact she will look nothing like the picture or description of her given in the Times some months ago. That description and picture will represent the steamer when completed. She is far from being finished now, and for that reason is being taken to Vancouver, where the carpentry work and finishing are to be carried out.

The Princess Victoria left Newcastle-on-Tyne on January 29th, and her voyage when completed will have broken all records made on the same run. So far as known she has made three stoppages, these being St. Vincent, Rio de Janeiro and Coronal, where coal was taken aboard.

EXCURSION TO SOUND.

The Puget Sound Navigation Company will put into effect excursion rates in both directions between this city and Seattle on May 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, on account of President Roosevelt's visit to Seattle on May 23rd and 24th, and Victoria Day celebration here on May 25th. In fact, excursion rates will be provided from all points en route to both Victoria and Seattle.

In view of the musical festivals to be held here on May 7th and 8th to commemorate the coronation of King Edward, the company has made a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its route to Victoria and return. Tickets sold under this rate will be good until May 10th. The principal points on P. E. N. Co.'s route are Seattle, Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Tacoma. The double daily service will likely be in effect at this time and it is expected many people from the Sound will attend the festivals.

The steamer Clallam, now being built at Tacoma for the Victoria-Seattle route, is to be launched on April 15th. As the machinery and boilers for the vessel are now practically completed, it is thought that the steamer will be ready to take her place on this route on June 1st, and possibly a little earlier.

QUADRA FROM COAST.

D. G. S. Quadra returned from the West Coast at 6 o'clock last evening. Capt. Gaudin, local agent of marine and fisheries, was on board, and a call was made at Carmanah and Cape Neale lighthouses. A visit was also paid to Leonard island, where a new light is to be placed this summer. A site has been chosen for the station and the work was found to have been done in a satisfactory manner. At Bamfield Creek a brief stay was made. Two sealers were in port—the Triumph and Allie I. Algar. The former had lost three of her crew as previously reported. They had made off with one of the boats and no trace of them could be found. One man had been sent down from Victoria for the schooner and the owning company was of the impression that others were not needed. According to the company's address the schooner has a catch of 500 skins.

CHRISTEN THE CLALLAM.

Miss Hazel Beahan, the 14-year-old daughter of Weather Observer Frank R. Beahan, of Tatoosh island station, won out on the voting contest, which closed at Port Angeles on Monday for the honor of christening the new steamer or Clallam, to be launched by the Puget Sound Navigation Company at Tacoma on the 15th prox. The company requested that the citizens choose, in some popular way, a young lady to officiate at the launching. The Commercial club, of Port Angeles, took the matter up and arranged for a voting contest. When the polls closed Miss Beahan was found to have 3,766 votes, while her nearest competitor, Miss Anna Grubb, had 2,510. These votes represented 5 cents each, and the money is to go to charity. Miss

Sealers Come Ashore.

A boat containing three sealers from the schooner Enterprise has put into port on the southern coast of Oregon. The trio are John D. Redding, William Palmer and an Indian. They report having lost their vessel one evening, and having been two days and nights in making land. As they came ashore the boat capsized but plenty of help went to their assistance and the men escaped without injury. Since their arrival ashore the two white men, a Portland dispatch says, have gone to work in a cannery.

REDUCED PRICES.

Seal skins sold in the London market to-day for an average of sixty shillings apiece. The pelts were those secured on the Falkland island coast, and it is believed that there were in the neighborhood of 10,000 skins offered for sale. The prices obtained were about 20 shillings less than those brought at the annual sales last fall, and are not very encouraging to the vessels operating in southern waters, which include two from this port.

THE ALSTERNINIE.

The German ship Alsterninie will leave the dry dock, it is expected, this afternoon, where she has been undergoing repairs during the last few weeks. The Alsterninie is by far the largest sailing vessel that has ever been in the Esquimalt dock, or in fact that has ever been in port. In length she occupies almost as much room as the flagship of the Pacific squadron. After leaving dock she will probably remain in port for a day or so before proceeding to Portland for cargo.

MARINE NOTES.

Twenty passengers arrived from the West Coast on the steamer Tees to-day at noon. They were: C. Scott, Miss Conway, J. Cones, Miss McLean, G. Watson, A. Williams, J. Bryan, R. Wall, Geo. Burnside, L. R. Joseph, T. M. Baird, W. T. Watson, H. N. Harrell, J. Anderson, Geo. Wilmut, J. Carse, H. E. Newton, G. Johnson, E. Fletcher and J. F. Randall. Among the arrivals were three miners from the Yreka camp. The Tees went as far down the coast as Quatsino, but sighted only two sealers during the whole run, these being at Bamfield Creek. One was lying on the beach. The catches, totalling 69 skins, were shipped to Victoria. Of this number 55 were forwarded by Capt. Burns and 16 by Capt. Sinclair.

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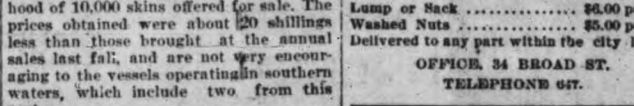
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All Wool Cashmere reduced from 65 cents to 35 cents a yard. Black Cashmere from 25 cents a yard up. Plaid Dress Goods reduced from 60 cents to 35 cents a yard. Scotch Tweeds reduced from \$1.00 to 60 cents a yard. Black Lustre Dress Goods from 15 cents a yard up. All-Wool Crepon reduced to 25 cents a yard. Gingham for dresses and aprons, 12 yards for \$1.00 up. Pillow Case and Sheet Cottons at Bargain Prices.

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Ladies, it will be greatly to your advantage to fill your wants in Dry Goods before we are sold out.

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The entire stock of Napkins, Towels, Table Linens, Blankets, Quilts, Comforters and Lace Curtains, all to be closed at slaughtering reductions. There are still a few Ladies' Tailor Suits left which must be sold this week. Dress Trimmings, Braids and Laces and Kid Gloves all reduced.

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Finest Ontario Creamery In 1 Lb. Blocks, 25 Cents Each FOR TWO DAYS ONLY Mowat & Wallace GROCERS, COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STS.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER. The mayor states that the Curfew Bell By-Law will be enforced just as soon as it could have the thirty days' publication.

Lester David, of Blaine, the manager-to-be of the MacLaren-Ross lumber mills near this city, was in town on Tuesday making preparations for the reopening.

Stephen Altmatt, an inmate of the Provincial Home, died suddenly early on Saturday morning. The deceased came to the home from Vancouver, and was 73 years of age.

The adjourned general meeting of the local branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held on Thursday night, the president, H. G. Ashby, occupying the chair.

The two boys, who were captured by a number of Japs up North some weeks ago, came to a very ignominious end on Monday. Since their arrival here the animals had been imprisoned in an enclosure in the Japanese settlement.

Mr. H. Boylan, the man arrested by Detectives Mulhern and Jackson some days ago for obtaining money under false pretences, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the police court on Tuesday.

Mr. Charleson, under whose supervision the Yukon telegraph line was constructed, is registered at the Hotel Vancouver. In an interview Mr. Charleson stated that his present trip was for the purpose of a general inspection of the telegraph line.

The death occurred on Tuesday at 801 Richards street, of Mrs. Margaret Ryan, aged 86 years. The deceased lady was a native of Ireland, and came to this province many years ago.

Williams, the striker who got on the train carrying three substitute sailors for the C. P. R., and induced them not to go to work, has been fined \$50 by Police Magistrate Russell for "trying to have the C. P. R. conduct their business the way the strikers wanted it, and for trying to compel men not to go to work."

The striking clerks who returned to work have issued a signed statement giving their reasons for going back. They claim the strike was unconstitutional, that it could only be called by the president, and that the vote taken which resulted in the strike was not representative.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung cables that Russia is trying to negotiate a loan of \$100,000,000 in France.

organized the Making relief column and occupied Liechtenburg two days before Lord Roberts entered Pretoria. General Hunter also expressed his views as to the capacities, physique, and intelligence of the regular, auxiliary, and colonial troops employed in the war.

If present plans are carried out, the new American cup defender will be launched at Bristol, R. I., about 5.30 in the evening of April 11th.

James Warrell, a prosperous farmer, of Gorrie, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. No cause known.

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"The Milwaukee" A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway knows all over the Union as the Great Railway running the "Milwaukee Limited" trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago, and Omaha and Chicago.

Reduction in Price. Owing to the reduction by the Post Office department of the postage on newspapers and periodicals for the Old Country, the Times is now able to take subscriptions for points in the Motherland at the same rate as for Canada or the United States.

HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE TO DO THIS FROM DAY TO DAY? MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS are a blessing to women in this condition. They soothe the inflamed and palpitating of the heart, faint and dizzy spells, weakness, listlessness, and all troubles peculiar to the female sex.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of British North America was held Tuesday at its offices at Gracechurch street, E. C.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that the proprietors had already had before them the accounts of the first six months of the year, but it was only at the end of the year that the accounts were finally made up.

The report and balance-sheet, which were adopted, showed that the bank had a net profit for the year of \$2,000,000, as against \$1,800,000 for the corresponding period of last year. They proposed to pay the dividend of 10 per cent. on the reserve fund, which would amount to \$2,000,000.

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BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1902. To Capital Dr. £ s. d. £ s. d. 20,000 Shares of 100 each fully paid. 2,000,000 0 0

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FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. VENTURA, for Auckland, Sydney, 10 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 1903. S.S. ALAMEDA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, April 11, 1903.

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CHAPTER VIII Told by Juliette de Nevers.

"How you misjudge me!" Ipanoff deviously exclaimed. "Had I wished to do anything but to serve you I might have dropped a hint about you and the document to the Count de Ribamont when we met a few moments ago at the door of the theatre. I did not do that, however, I merely mentioned to him the great pleasure I had in seeing you."

"At last his wagon had found a vital part. You had told him that you were to meet me!" I ejaculated.

"Why not? It was the truth. And I have always understood it to be a boast of Mlle. de Nevers that she never committed an act which she is ashamed to acknowledge before the world."

"He would not believe you!" I cried, as much to convince myself as to defy Ipanoff.

"I admit he did not take my word at first, but naturally annoyed and suspicious, I invited Monsieur de Ribamont to observe your departure. If we did not speak confidentially together at your carriage door he might call me a liar," I said, "and I would not resent it."

"But we did not drive away together," I persisted.

"No, yet my point was proved doubly so, indeed; for at the corner of the Rue Boulanger I happened to notice that the Count was near, and observing that your brougham had stopped to take me in."

"You coward!" I breathed.

"On the contrary—a brave man, I believe that the Count de Ribamont is a very fine shot, and also a swordsman of the first rank. But now, dear mademoiselle, I will not give you the pain of dismissing me. I have loyally accomplished my object, for I have warned you, and it is not my fault if you will not believe my word. Again, let me impress upon you that you are in dire danger; but you have still at least a friend who would go through fire and water to save you. And now, adieu."

"This time it was he who had reduced me to speechlessness. In silence I watched the electric bell. The brougham stopped, and Count Ipanoff, with a low bow, a few murmured words in French meant for the ears of the servants, and an extended hand, which naturally I ignored, got out and disappeared into the night."

By my orders a carriage through the gloom, the coachman had driven in an opposite direction from the Rue d'Anjou. Now, having happened Count Ipanoff he had to drive back, and I half dreaded, half longed, to find Maxime waiting to reproach me near the gate of my high-walled garden. But he was not there. No one was in sight except a girl, who stared at me from the window of a hired coupé being driven slowly through the street. She had an ugly, malicious face, which I saw plainly for a second or two in the light of a street lamp; but as I had no recollection of ever having seen her before, I attached no importance to her presence, though the hour was late.

I dislike being stared at on stairs or in a lift, and I had not been satisfied after settling in Paris, until I discovered a small house in its own grounds, which I could have entirely to myself. I had advertised and finally obtained exactly what I wanted.

To be sure, the Rue d'Anjou left something to be desired. It was a gloomy street, and my house had long been unoccupied, owing to its evil notoriety as the scene of a murder. But the murder had happened nearly twenty years ago, and I had no fear of the ghost which was popularly supposed to haunt the place. The necessary repairs had cost a good deal, but the result in the house and in the walled garden was most satisfactory, and never had I more reason to be thankful for my privacy than I had to-night.

It was almost on the stroke of midnight when I reached home, and at twelve Noel Brent had promised to come. The moments passed, and he did not appear. "Something has happened to him," I told myself, and at last the suspense grew so unbearable that I could not resist going to the door to watch and listen. For a few moments my sharpened ears could detect no sound in the quiet street that lay sleeping outside the high wall of my garden. Then at last the gate bell rang.

I had sent Agnes to bed, and only one servant, an elderly man in whose discretion and affection I had implicit trust, was sitting up. He had been told that I expected a visitor, and with scarcely any delay he would have been at the gate. But I could not wait, and running down the path, I myself unlocked the door.

"Thank Heaven!" I exclaimed aloud, as the light from the distant door of the house, which I had left wide open, fell full upon the face of Noel Brent. In my relief at seeing him, after the vague horrors I had feared, I forgot to lock the gate, which is always kept bolted at night, and naturally Noel did not think of it. Old Heward, seeing that I had let in my midnight visitor, discreetly kept in the background, and supposing—as I learnt afterwards—that I had of course shot the bolt, did not go down to the gate. He returned to the servants' disitigroom, there to nod over a story-book and wait until I should ring for him to escort the guest out.

"Well—well?" I questioned, with my hand on Noel's arm, as we walked towards the house. "For pity's sake, what news of the treaty?"

"No actual news," he answered. "I went off on the wrong scent, and wasted a lot of time, and then I did what I wish I had done at first—consulted a private detective—as, of course, it would do to go to the police."

"You told your story—my story—to a detective?" I gasped.

"No, certainly not. I merely described my share in the well-known complications, and asked him to find them at once, but more particularly the little chap, who is almost surely the guilty one. I simply stated that something of value had been stolen from me, and I gave the same name which I was instructed to give at the hotel—James Guest, of Birmingham. The detective held out hopes of getting hold of the man shortly, and I may even hear from him to-night. I shan't go to bed before three or four, in the hope that he may call or send a message before that. Now, don't look so desperate, my poor girl. This detective fellow Dubois seemed to think there'd be very little difficulty in tracking our man, and then, even if he's parted with the treaty, we can easily find out what he's done with it."

"Dubois!" I echoed. "Is your detective's name Paul Dubois, and does he live in the Rue de Capucines, Paris?"

"Yes. Do you know him? Is he a good man?"

"I know him, and he is considered extraordinarily sharp and quick, so much so that he has gained the nickname of 'The Ferret.' Nevertheless, I would rather you had gone to the man at all, or to any other detective in Paris."

"Why?" demanded Noel, looking astonished and uncomfortable. "What is there against him?"

"There is this against him. He is a personal friend of my worst enemy, Ivan Ipanoff, the man of whom I spoke to you this evening. I have heard so from Ipanoff himself."

"Love!" ejaculated Noel. "What an unfortunate coincidence! Yet how could I have dreamt of it?"

"You could not," I admitted. "Nothing in your conversation all that has happened would have happened just the same if I had Reckworth had chosen another messenger. It is fate, and it is my punishment."

"Even if Dubois is Ipanoff's friend," said Noel, "it isn't likely that the Russian would be fool enough to confide his designs against you to anyone who matters so greatly to the intimacy. The chances are that Dubois will know no more of this affair than a stranger—beyond what I have told him; and if he's a man of honor he's bound to do the best he can for me, as his employer. Have you seen the Count de Ribamont?"

"Yes; and he had heard nothing. But that fief Ipanoff has made mischief between us."

And I told Noel Brent all that had passed between me and the Russian. I told him, too, how I had given the diamond mysteriously recovered to Maxime, with the understanding that he was not to open the bag which contained them until he reached home.

"If I had known you would be so late," I said, rather reproachfully, "I might have allowed him to come home with me for me, as his employer. It was I, indeed, not for Maxime's one fault is jealousy."

"No, I'm very sorry to be late," said Noel. "I met some friends at the hotel just as I was leaving, and was obliged to say a few words to them. Then, when I had got into a cab the wretched fellow fell down, and I had to walk after all, as there wasn't another in sight, and—"

"Hush!" I broke in, catching him by the arm. "I heard a step outside on the gravel. I forgot to lock the gate. Did you do it?"

"No," he answered, in a low voice. (To be Continued.)

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SHIPPING DIRECTORY.

Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and agents. Includes entries for West Lothian, Apsuquo, San Pedro, and various other vessels.

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TENDERS. Sealed, endorsed "Tenders for Meters," and addressed to W. W. Northcott, purchasing agent, will be received up to 2 p. m. on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1903, for supplying 300 1/2 inch water meters, as specified.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria. City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 10th March, 1903.

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

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

RE DAVID KILPATRICK, DECEASED. All persons having any claims against the estate of the above-named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within one month from the date hereof, after which the executor will proceed to pay the same to the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days from this date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease the following parcels of land and tidal lands and territorial water rights, for fishing purposes, viz: Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on the shore at the southeast corner of Section seventy-eight (78), Renfrew District, thence following the shore line in a westerly direction two thousand six hundred and forty feet to a frontage of one-half mile on said Section.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days from this date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described land as a fishing station, viz: Commencing at a post planted on the shore at the southeast corner of Section seventy-eight (78), Renfrew District, thence following the shore line in a westerly direction two thousand six hundred and forty feet to a frontage of one-half mile on said Section.

Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria I intend to apply for a transfer of T. D. J. Brisay, of the said city, of the retail liquor license now held by him, to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail at the premises known as Steele's Saloon, Bastion Square, in the said City of Victoria, to J. E. JENNINGS.

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SITTINGS OF THE ASSIZE COURTS

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Official Notices Which Appear in This Week's Issue of the Provincial Gazette.

The Gazette this week contains notice of the following appointments: Robert James Skinner, of Vancouver, timber inspector, to be a supervisor of logging, under the provisions of the "Timber Measurement Act, 1902."

To be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia: Harvey Atkinson, of Summerland; Henry Graham Lawson, of Victoria; barrister-at-law; Walter William Walsh, of Vancouver; barrister at law; Ainsley Megraw, of Camp McKinney, J. P.; and the Honourable Cecil Edwards, of Vancouver.

Notice is given that sittings of the assize court will be held in the court house, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely: Golden, 4th May, civil and criminal; New Westminster, 5th May, civil and criminal; Victoria, 5th May, criminal only; Kamloops, 7th May, civil and criminal; Revelstoke, 7th May, civil and criminal; Vernon, 13th May, civil and criminal; Vancouver, 14th May, civil and criminal; Nelson, 18th May, civil and criminal; Nanaimo, 19th May, civil and criminal; Greenwood, 20th May, civil and criminal; Clinton, 20th May, civil and criminal.

Notice is also given that sittings of the Supreme court for the trial of civil causes, issues and matters only, will be held in the court house, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely: Victoria, 4th May; Rossland, 12th May; Vancouver, 27th May.

There appears in the Gazette also a number of notices that application will be made for licenses to prospect for coal and petroleum on lands east of lot 45, 89, and north of Klappan river, in the district of Southeast Kootenay. These claims are sixteen in number, 80 claims square. W. J. Langley appears as the agent for them, and the locators are W. J. Langley, Isaac Briggs, J. D. Ahna, S. S. Langley, J. W. Adams, G. M. Judd, J. E. Langley, S. T. Galbraith, G. D. Douglas, Sirak S. Galbraith, J. D. Gordon, Hugh Watt, Maud Langley, A. W. Vowell, Jas. Clarke, and A. W. Jones.

Notice is given that application will be made for the incorporation of the Kamloops Irrigation and Power Company, Ltd., under the Water Classes Consolidation Act, 1907. The purpose of incorporation is to construct a dam on Jamieson river, an outlet of the North Thompson river, a main canal 18 miles in length, and lateral canals or irrigation purposes. The capitalization is given as \$120,000.

The Watson Patent, Ltd., is also incorporated, with a capital of \$50,000, divided into 5,000 shares, in order to take over various patents in connection with saw flouders and to manufacture these. Among other companies now having been incorporated are: The Central Motor Company, Limited, with a capitalization of \$100,000, divided into 10,000 shares; the Elk Landing & Manufacturing Company, Limited, with a capitalization of \$250,000, divided into 2,500 shares; the Kettle River Lumber Company, Limited, with a capitalization of \$500,000, divided into 50,000 shares; for the purpose of taking over the business of the Yreka Company, in connection with its representative in this province.

The Copper Mountain Mining & Development Company is certified to as an extra provincial company to carry on business in this province. The head office of the company is at Toronto, Capitalized at \$200,000. W. C. Spicer, of Victoria, treasurer of the Yreka Company, is named as its representative in this province.

A notice appears to the effect that the Dominion government have purchased 2 acres of land for the purpose of the Shawswap school. This is to be available upon payment of the usual patent fee of \$10.

Hon. Fred. Campbell, the new Governor of the Yukon, Mrs. Congdon and the members of his family, arrived in the city last evening from the Mainland. He is on his way to Dawson to assume the duties of his office. Some days will be spent in this city before leaving for the Northern capital.

James Fowler, Lloyd's surgeon; James McEwen, dentist; connected with the S. P. R.; and G. S. McConnell, of Vancouver; H. Anthony, of Lytton; and C. A. Griffiths, of Toronto, among the guests at the Vernon hotel.

A. B. Rombauer, of Crofton; James Timon, of Goldstream; S. C. Flawa, of London, England; W. A. Parmout, of Vancouver; and J. B. Ryland, of Marcho, are autographed at the Dominion hotel.

Hon. W. W. B. Melness, T. R. E. Melness, C. H. Marpole, H. Collins, J. Pettigall and E. A. Morris arrived from Vancouver last evening, by the steamer Charming.

Rev. Dr. Elliott S. Rowe, who has been paying a somewhat lengthy business visit East, is expected back tomorrow afternoon by the steamer Majestic.

W. P. Findlay, of the Vancouver Province, and S. H. Kitchin, of the Vancouver World, are in the city in connection with the Estes case.

Rev. T. W. Glover, of New Zealand, who intends delivering a lecture on temperance in this city shortly, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

W. H. Griffith, ex-mayor of Kallispell, Mont., who is on a pleasure tour of the Coast, is registered at the Dominion hotel. T. L. Grahame, editor of the Ladysmith Leader, spent yesterday in the city, and left for the line by this morning's train. C. S. Queen, a prominent citizen of Vancouver, was among the passengers from Vancouver last evening.

Mrs. Scholefield has returned from Vancouver, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Herman Erb, wife and daughter, of Houston, Wis., are visiting friends in Victoria.

Judge Bale, of New Westminster, is in the city.

Mr. Ball, of Chatham, Ont., Was Told That He Would Never Walk Again.

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The friendly Help Society held its annual meeting this morning, when the reports of the president, secretary and treasurer were presented.

THE POISONED SPRING. As in nature so in man, pollute the spring and disease and waste are bound to follow—the stomach and nerves end of life's mission is shown in the report. South American Nerve is a great purifier, cures indigestion, dyspepsia, and tones the nerves. The beneficence of its efficacy is the unqualified testimony of thousands of cured ones. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—74.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF BOARD OF TRADE

The Appointment of Harbor Commissioners Again Discussed This Morning—Other Business.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held this morning, at which the question of the appointment of a board of harbor commissioners was again discussed. Letters were received from J. J. Shallcross and D. W. Higgins in regard to the matter. It was decided that they should not be dealt with until a report was received from the special committee appointed at a former meeting to submit a printed synopsis of the proposed provisions of the bill under which it is intended to appoint the commissioners. They were, therefore, laid on the table. President L. G. MacQuade occupied the chair, and those present were Messrs. T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., R. Seabrook, Simon Leiser, J. Thomson, C. H. Lagria, Capt. Cox, G. H. Burns, S. J. Pitta and J. M. Mox.

The communication from Mr. Shallcross was read and the secretary announced that he would venture to point out in conjunction with the proceedings last night (Monday) that an amendment to his original motion was carried on motion of Mr. Crease and that immediately thereafter a motion was carried by which the motion as amended being put by the chair or voted upon. I presume, therefore, that either the minutes will read that my motion was carried with the addition of the words of the amendment, or else that the motion as amended will come forward as unfinished business at the next meeting of the board.

The resolution moved by Mr. Shallcross has already been published. The motion introduced in amendment by Mr. Crease, and which was carried by a vote of 11 to 11, follows: "That this board favors the creation of a board of harbor commissioners with ample powers to control the improvement and management of the harbor of the port of Victoria, from the West Point and Brochic Ledge, to the head of Portage Inlet, and to execute and maintain such works as may be deemed advisable to meet the growing requirements of the port; that the bill laid on the table be referred to a special committee to prepare and submit a printed synopsis of its proposed provisions."

After some debate it was decided, as stated, to leave the matter in abeyance until the report of the special committee was received.

Mr. Higgins also wrote in connection with the harbor commissioner question. His communication in part was as follows: "I beg to inform you that it is my intention to move at the earliest opportunity to reconsider the resolution passed at the meeting of the board of trade on the 22nd inst., respecting the appointment of a board of harbor commissioners, and I have to request that you will ask the council of the board to convene a meeting in accordance with section 17 of the by-laws, showing the Point and Brochic Ledge, to the head of Portage Inlet, and to execute and maintain such works as may be deemed advisable to meet the growing requirements of the port; that the bill laid on the table be referred to a special committee to prepare and submit a printed synopsis of its proposed provisions."

The management are preparing for a busy season. In addition to the saw mill and rack crusher a sorting belt will be installed adjacent to connect the crusher with the head of the aerial tramway. As the ore is crushed it will be sorted, and that intended for shipment to the smelter will be conveyed by it to the tramway. The Yreka Company have closed a contract with the Crofton smelter to supply them 100,000 tons. The prospects are exceptionally bright for the coming season at Quatsino mines.

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THE HUNT. EASTERN RACES.

On Easter Monday, April 13th next, the regular annual spring meeting under the auspices of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held at Colwood. The committee in charge of the preparations for this event have drafted a very attractive programme, and already entries are being received by the secretary, Lieut. Shandy. The programme follows: "Hazel Park Plate—A steeplechase for horses the bona fide property of members of the Victoria Hunt Club. Any member of the club, or rider licensed by the committee, entitled to ride. Weight 150 lbs. Licensed riders to carry 7 lb. penalty. Distance about 2 1/2 miles. Winner to hold the trophy presented to the club by Mr. Stewart for one year, and receives a cup in addition. Entrance fee \$2.50. Club Handicap—A steeplechase for horses the bona fide property of members of the V. H. C. Riders to be members of the club, or licensed by the committee. Distance about 2 miles; minimum weight 150 lbs. Prize, a cup. Entrance fee \$2.50. Second horse saves entrance money. "Pony Races—The handicapping of about 1 mile for scratch ponies. Catch weights. Entrance fee \$2. Prize, a cup. London Cup—A race of 1/2 mile, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile for horses bred in B. C. the bona fide property of farmers who are not members of the V. H. C. Riders to be licensed by the committee. Former winners barred. Post entries to close at 10 a.m. Five starters or no race. First prize, \$12.50; second prize, \$2.50. Handicap—A race of 1/2 mile, 1/4 mile for horses bred in B. C. the bona fide property of farmers who are not members of the V. H. C. Riders to be licensed by the committee. Former winners barred. Post entries to close at 10 a.m. Five starters or no race. First prize, \$12.50; second prize, \$2.50.

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