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PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

Queen Alexandra Gave Subscription to Rev. W. Carlyle, Head of the Church Army.

London, Feb. 9.—Queen Alexandra this afternoon received at Buckingham Palace Rev. Wilson Carlyle, head of the church army, who recently had an interview with King Edward. The Queen earnestly inquired about the army's fight against poverty.

"My heart goes out to these poor fellows," Her Majesty said, referring to the poor people out of work. "I am so glad to do them. Tell your dear workers throughout the world how I think of them and pray for them, and how I feel it a great pleasure and privilege to help

them. Tell them to live and labor for the good of others."

The Queen gave Mr. Carlyle another subscription towards the army's funds, and especially commended the work of helping the discharged prisoners to secure work, saying to-day, "I am deeply touched by the affectionate sympathy shown by the army for these poor dear people."

The relics of Saint Boustache have been stolen from the famous church of that name in Paris.

The trial of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick in the United States District court at Cleveland, O., has been set for Monday, March 6th. She will be tried before Judge R. W. Taylor.

ONE HUNDRED KILLED OR WOUNDED

DURING FIGHT BETWEEN STRIKERS AND TROOPS

Another Strike at St. Petersburg, Where Men Marched Out When Demands Were Refused.

(Associated Press.) Warsaw, Feb. 10.—More than one hundred strikers were killed or wounded by the military in the conflict which took place at the Katherin Iron Works at Sosnowice yesterday evening. The strikers were attempting to put out the fire in a furnace of the smelting department of the works when troops appeared and a conflict ensued. The troops fired three volleys and finally scattered the strikers.

Thousands Idle.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The apprehension of further trouble with the strikers was partially justified this morning when the whole body of workmen of the Putiloff Iron Works and those of the Franco-Russian works struck because the employers were unable to promise them a work day of eight hours. The men at the Putiloff works, who announced their intention of trying to enforce an eight-hour day, reported at 7 o'clock, worked an hour, and then demanded to see the director of the works, who conferred with the men's delegates. The latter demanded eight hours, no discrimination against the promoters of the recent strike and pay for the week's strike. The director declared he was unable to accede to the demands, and thereupon 13,000 men of the Putiloff works went out. The employees of the Franco-Russian works took similar action. In both cases the men marched out quietly and formed in the streets. The troops continue to secure the maintenance of order at the Putiloff and Franco-Russian works and other factories.

Rumors were rife yesterday evening that the men would go out in several large factories, and three English mills decided in view of the gravity of the situation to grant all their employees' demands, including an eight-hour day with strike pay. The decision was condemned by the majority of the employers. Minister of Finance Kokorovskiy has summoned a conference of factory inspectors for February 28th to discuss state insurance, ten hours of labor, medical aid and labor unions. A proposal of the minister that the manufacturers hold a similar conference was refused.

Strike Spreading.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—4.50 p. m.—The strike has extended to half a dozen large establishments within a radius of a couple of miles of the Putiloff works. It is estimated at this hour that altogether 30,000 have gone out. The strike has not extended to the other metropolitan districts.

Reinforcements Arrive.

Lodz, Russia, Feb. 10.—There was great excitement here this morning among the strikers, who are gathering about the mills in a somewhat threatening manner. An additional regiment of infantry has arrived here.

Is Alive.

Warsaw, Feb. 10.—The report of the death of Governor-General Tcheretkoff published by the London papers this morning is unfounded. He continues to receive reports and sign documents as usual.

Special dispatches from Warsaw, published in the London papers this morning, reported the death of Governor-General Tcheretkoff, who was wounded in the leg in a recent encounter between troops and strikers, and whose limb was said to have been amputated.

Appeal to Czar.

New York, Feb. 10.—At a meeting of the Authors' Club at Carnegie hall last night, a memorial in the name of the American literature was prepared for presentation to the Czar, praying for the release of Maxim Gorky, the Russian author, who is in prison in connection with the recent internal disturbances in Russia.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

Report That Thirteen People Have Been Killed and Seventeen Injured.

(Associated Press.)

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 10.—It is reported that thirteen people were killed and seventeen injured to-day in a collision between passenger train No. 4, over the National railway of Mexico, known as the Mexican-St. Louis express, which left here yesterday morning, and a freight at Carneros, Mexico.

It has been asserted by an employee that the telegraph operator at Saltillo, the first station north of Carneros, reported that one person had been killed.

Carneros is on the middle division of the railroad. This is 255 miles south of Laredo.

A BUSY MONTH.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—The Construction News to-morrow will say: "Building in the principal cities for January shows a remarkable increase compared with the corresponding month a year ago."

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS

Of Sailors Whose Vessel Was Crushed by Ice—Were Badly Frost-Bitten.

(Associated Press.)

St. John, Nfld., Feb. 10.—The crew of the British brig Vidonia, which was caught in an ice floe and blizzard while bound out of this port on Tuesday night, were found yesterday wandering in the woods and badly frost-bitten, and were taken to Petty harbor.

The Vidonia was broken up amid the ice floes on Wednesday night, and the crew abandoned the wreck and reached land on the coast they were compelled to remain on the beach all night, unprotected in a gale and snow. A furious storm was raging on Thursday morning when they left the beach and attempted to find a shelter. Losing their way they wandered through the woods, and were far astray when a rescue party found them. The brig Enrig, which was also held fast in the ice, held together until to-day, but it is feared she will go to pieces as a heavy sea is running.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Complete Returns Show Conservative's Popular Majority to Be 34,055.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The complete official returns of the provincial elections held on January 25th, as compiled by the News, shows the Conservative popular majority to be 34,055. The figures are: Conservatives, 238,713; Liberals, 204,658; Independents, 2,566. The actual standing of the parties in the assembly is: Conservatives, 67; Liberals, 31; Conservative majority, 36.

SUGGESTIONS OF PEACE RESENTED

GERMANY WILL NOT OFFER TO MEDIATE

Russia Does Not Want Counsel From Abroad—Japanese Lines are Shelled by Kozrapatkin's Artillery.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Feb. 10.—The attitude of the Russian Emperor towards peace rests upon consideration of such delicacy that predictions of what he may or may not do are regarded by this court as not worth while making. One reality of the situation is that the Russian government wants no mediation or even counsel from abroad, and that peace suggestions from without are resented to such an extreme that they are an influence against peace. Therefore, Germany has not, and the Associated Press is informed, will not make any offer.

The feeling at the Russian court is that peace is desirable even at immense sacrifices, but how to arrive at it without intolerable humiliation is a question likely to remain unsolved for an indefinite term.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO BOMBARD LINES.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—The Russians continued on January 31st, while bound Oyama's centre and extreme left on Wednesday, and they sniped his extreme right on Thursday.

Small bodies of Russian infantry attacked the Japanese on Wednesday night, but were repulsed.

THE SIAM DECLARED TO BE LEGAL CAPTURE.

Nagasaki, Feb. 10.—The prize court has adjudicated the Austrian steamer Siam (seized by the Japanese off Hokkaido on January 31st, while bound from Cardiff for Vladivostok with coal) and her cargo to be a legal capture.

PROBABLY INTENDED FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Arrangements have been made for the British steamer Glen Turret to dock and begin loading a cargo of hay, oats and barley here. It is presumed this freight is intended for Vladivostok.

NON-COMBATANTS ARE LEAVING VLADIVOSTOK.

Vladivostok, Feb. 10.—The daily exodus of non-combatants, women and children, has almost emptied Vladivostok. The frosts are not severe, and the bay is half free of ice. The small ice breakers easily clear the ice in the entrance of the ports. Merchant steamers continue to arrive with supplies.

A naval officer from Port Arthur declares that the Russian warships sunk in that harbor are beyond the hope of raising.

MARRIED TO TEN WOMEN.

Johann Hoch Makes Statement After Being "Sweetened" by Police.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Johann Hoch, after being "sweetened" for hours by the police early this morning, confessed that he had been married to ten women. Hoch also said that he had once intended to commit suicide, and that a white powder found in a fountain pen taken from his room was a poison which he had purchased with the intention of killing himself.

WAS KILLED WHILE PLAYING HOCKEY

MAN FELL ON ICE AND BROKE HIS NECK

Report That Ontario Cabinet Has Decided to Give Salary to Leader of Opposition.

(Associated Press.)

Pembroke, Feb. 10.—Robert Fraser, while playing a hockey game here, fell on the ice and broke his neck, and died in 15 minutes.

E. F. Clark, M. P.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—E. F. Clark, M. P. for West Toronto, is suffering from a heavy cold which threatens to develop into pneumonia.

Salary For Ross.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The World says the Whitney cabinet has decided to give the leader of the opposition (G. W. Ross) a salary equal to that received by a cabinet minister, and will also provide him with a secretary at the expense of the province. A cabinet minister's salary is \$4,000 a year.

Ice and Snow Bound.

Charlottetown, Feb. 10.—Prince Edward Island is ice and snow bound. No steamers have arrived for over two weeks, and there are no prospects of them moving for weeks to come. Snow storms, accompanied with fierce gales, have piled railway and other roads with high impassable drifts. No trains are running. Produce and other goods are piled up at Pictou and Georgetown waiting shipment. The legislature, which was to have met yesterday, has been postponed for a week, only 11 of 30 members having been able to reach here.

MURDERER'S CONFESSION.

Former Mayor of Charlottesville, Va., Admitted That He Killed His Wife.

(Associated Press.)

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 10.—J. Samuel McCue, former mayor of this city, was hanged in the county jail here at 7.34 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife on Sunday, September 4th, 1904. McCue was pronounced dead eighteen minutes after the trap had been sprung. Immediately after the execution McCue's spiritual advisers gave out the following signed statement:

"J. Samuel McCue stated this morning in our presence and requested us to make public, that he did not wish to leave this world with suspicion resting upon any human being other than himself, that he alone was responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control; that he recognized his sentence as just."

SAILED FOR INDIA.

Lady Curzon of Kedleston Left London on Steamer Arabia.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 10.—Lady Curzon, of Kedleston, and her three children sailed for India to-day on the British steamer Arabia. A crowd of friends bade them farewell at the docks.

GOTCH WON.

(Associated Press.)

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Frank Gotch, champion of America, defeated Alex Samuelson, the Swedish wrestler, in a catch-as-catch-can match last night, taking two straight falls in 24 minutes 15 seconds and 13 minutes and 40 seconds respectively.

A CLEVER PALMIST.

Madame Darrell Gives Large Number of Delineations Daily.

The majority of people profess profound scepticism regarding palmistry and other occult sciences, but nevertheless they wonder how it is that the palmists and those endowed with mediunistic power manage to strike things so accurately. Madame Darrell, who is to be found at the Hotel Gordon from nine o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night, claims that in the course of her career as a palmist and clairvoyant she has made but very few mistakes, and she has read the hands of enough famous people to blast her reputation in the realm of occultism should she have made failures. For instance, the hands of President Roosevelt, Sir Thomas Lipton, Madame Sarah Bernhardt, and other celebrities, have been read by her, and in some cases she has described an aptitude for other lines in which they would have achieved greatness equal to that which they now have.

Madame Darrell does not confine herself to a single hand in giving what might be described as a comprehensive reading. She requires both, which, with her knowledge of physiognomy enable her to tell some things to her subjects that surprise them. The talent which she is now expelling is inherited, while, combined with this quality, is the deep interest she has always manifested in occult science. To a Times reporter who called upon her the other day she related a number of instances indicative of the natural power that seems to be hers to a marked degree. During her stay here she has been kept busy every day, which goes to prove that while many people are disposed to scout the science of which she is an exponent, they are anxious enough to hear what she has to say, to pay the tariff she lays down.

FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

Remains of Late William Denny Will Be Laid at Rest on Saturday—His Career.

Yesterday an outline of the eventful career of the late William Denny, whose death occurred early Thursday morning, was given by the Times. Since then a more detailed account of the life of this well known pioneer has been supplied by J. J. Austin, who accompanied Mr. Denny in his journey from England to British Columbia. The vessel on which these adventurous spirits embarked left Southampton, England, in April, 1862. They went as far as St. Thomas, West Indies, and from there made their way to Colon and thence across the Isthmus of Panama. The steamer Orizaba carried Messrs. Denny and Austin to San Francisco, where they stayed for a short time before sailing for Victoria on their way to the gold fields of Cariboo.

Mr. Denny reached Vancouver Island late in the summer of '62 and joined the rush to the gold mines. As a miner, however, he did not meet with much success, and, after working on the construction of roads for some months, returned to Victoria and opened a grocery establishment on Johnson street. This he disposed of some years after and became associated with W. Roper, who conducted a clothing store where the Five Sisters' block is now located.

The remainder of Mr. Denny's career as given by Mr. Austin coincides with that outlined yesterday. Mr. Austin pays to the deceased pioneer the following tribute: "His old shipmates and friends always respected him as a man of strict business integrity, and his name will be remembered, not only by pioneers, but by all members of the newer community with whom he has come in contact." The funeral has been arranged to take place from the family residence, 128 Pandora street, to-morrow afternoon.

THE CRISIS IN QUEBEC POLITICS

DOMINION GOVERNMENT WILL STAND ALOOF

The Western Railway Cases—New Election Ordered in Wentworth—Notes From Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the House to-day, said that the government was not taking any part in the Quebec crisis. If Hon. L. P. Brodeur went there it was because he took a personal interest in it.

Orders New Trial.

Mr. Justice Meredith has annulled the Wentworth Dominion election and ordered a new contest. Mr. Seeley, Liberal, was elected by a majority of votes cast, but one division was left out because of a technical mistake by the deputy returning officer. Mr. Seeley's opponent was Mr. Smith, Conservative, to whom the county judge gave the seat. The case was appealed to the High court and Justice Meredith now disposed of the case.

Railway Cases.

Chairman Killam, of the railway commission, has decided to ask the parties concerned in the western cases, which were heard by Hon. Mr. Blair and Dr. Mills, and which were not disposed of, if they will be satisfied with his taking part in the judgment along with Dr. Mills. Chairman Killam will be glad to receive any additional evidence from any of the persons interested.

The New Capital.

A Calgary delegation waited on the government to-day regarding the capital of the new western province. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he would wait and see what the Edmonton delegation would have to say. The Edmonton delegation is now on the way, also looking for the capital.

First Reading.

R. G. Macpherson introduced a bill respecting the Century Life Insurance Company. It was read a first time.

Autonomy Bill.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the House to-day, said that the autonomy bill will be introduced on February 22nd.

For Government Business.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's motion to take Wednesday and Thursday for government business was adopted.

Contracts.

Hon. C. Fitzpatrick has introduced a bill providing that no minister could give a contract for \$5,000 without tender, and also getting the sanction of his colleagues. At present any department can give a contract for \$5,000 without going to the cabinet. This can't be done after the bill passes.

PERSONAL.

J. D. Graham, W. G. MacKenzie, B. W. Garrett, Norman MacLean, T. O. Townley, H. J. Duncan and F. M. Leonard were among the passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria last evening.

Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton arrived from the Mainland last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

W. J. Gledhill, of Winnipeg; G. R. Sheldon, of Seattle; and Capt. A. F. Yates, of Nanaimo, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

The most costly tomb in existence is that which was erected to the memory of Mahomet. The diamonds and rubies are valued at £2,000,000.

PARTY OF RAILWAY OFFICIALS COMING

WILL REACH VICTORIA FROM EAST TO-NIGHT

C. P. R. Said to be Seeking Land Grant For Extension of E. & N.

Frank W. Morse, general manager and vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, who is considered by many to be one of the brightest railway men on the continent, will arrive here from the East this evening. Mr. Morse is accompanied by James Carruthers, grainman, and interested in the Chicago & St. Lawrence Steamship Company; E. T. Russell and Mr. G. A. McNeill, of Montreal.

The party travelled to the coast in the Grand Trunk official car "International." The object of Mr. Morse's trip at this time is not stated. His coming, however, is said to have played no small part in the negotiations of the C. P. R. for the E. & N. railway. Indeed it is stated that his visit to the coast hurried the arrangements made for the taking over of the road.

That the Grand Trunk Pacific and Great Northern Railway Company have had some kind of a secret understanding regarding the E. & N. railway is not denied. The Great Northern Company had engineers over the road last summer, and their report, according to one who claims to know, but who has not seen his name mentioned, was of the most favorable kind. They pronounced the road of the E. & N. to be one of the best on the continent; that it was extravagantly kept up and equipped with light rolling stock.

This report, however, is but one of the manifestations of the Great Northern Company's desire to acquire the road. With it the Grand Trunk Pacific would be able to compete for the business of the South and for the trade of the Orient. But the C. P. R. Company recognizing that it had greater interests than either of the other companies, and having the option for the road, according to railway men, made good their claim.

In speaking of the deal this morning a prominent transportation man, who owns large interests on Vancouver Island, said the effect will be immensely beneficial to Vancouver Island. "The C. P. R. Company," he added, "has made this deal to head off the Great Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific. There is no doubt about this. I was in Vancouver when the first move was made, and know that negotiations were hurried because of the Grand Trunk Pacific party coming through to the coast. The C. P. R. Company may never discharge or load their Oriental steamers here, but they will create an improvement in other ways. Conditions are favorable for making this a very large and very wealthy residential city, and the C. P. R. know better than anyone else the possibilities of this. The Island is very large and very rich. The outlook is beginning to look bright, and all that is needed is to have some kind of stable government which will encourage rather than discourage capital. I tell you what I think will happen: The C. P. R. will greatly improve the E. & N. and they will use it in winter in connection with their Vancouver mail and passenger service, only crossing the Gulf with their Mainland steamer during the storm months. They will also be able to do away with the extra rates now charged for hauling freight over the Island road, destined for points in the East."

Within the last ten days the C. P. R. Company is said to have approached the provincial government with respect to a land subsidy for the extension of the E. & N. railway through to the north end of Vancouver Island. No monetary assistance was sought from the provincial government, the company simply desiring a certain acreage on either side of the proposed road. Premier McBride is stated to have given the deputation to understand that the needs of the Mainland would first have to be considered.

FIRE IN OAKLAND.

Residence of Mrs. Garland Burned to the Ground Early This Morning.

The residence of Mrs. H. Garland, Oakland avenue, was burned to the ground this morning at 2.30 o'clock. The origin of the blaze is not known. It was first discovered by Mrs. Garland just in time for the occupants, including her husband and three children, to escape. All were sleeping upstairs at the time, and so rapidly had the fire gained headway that none had time to dress. Mr. Garland attempted to investigate the cause of the blaze after coming down stairs. He entered the kitchen, but before he had time to go back to the front part of the house he was confronted with flames on every side. Through these he had to rush in order to escape, and in doing so received a number of burns on the neck.

The fire department was summoned, but before its arrival the flames, fanned by the heavy wind blowing at the time, had gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything. The building and contents were worth about \$1,800. There was only \$500 insurance on the house.

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MANY STRIKERS SHOT BY SOLDIERS

FURTHER OUTBREAKS REPORTED FROM POLAND

A Large Military Force is on Duty at Sosnovice - Workmen Threaten to Destroy Property.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Press dispatches from Sosnovice describe the bloody character of the conflict between the military and strikers at the Katherin Iron Works. One correspondent telegraphs that 15 persons were killed and 35 wounded, while another gives the number killed at 50. The military fired eight volleys.

Another collision occurred at Nifka mine, beyond Miedzef, where, it is rumored, 150 persons were killed. A third collision occurred yesterday near Milowice, but this affair was bloodless.

It was feared that numerous outbreaks would take place last night in various parts of the strike district of Russian Poland, since strikers were gathering in groups, gesticulating and talking in a threatening manner.

Another Report. Sosnovice, Feb. 9.—Strikers to-day attacked the workers in the electric station. Troops fired from the windows of the plant, wounding many persons. The situation here is much disturbed, but the military force is sufficient to awe rioters. Eight battalions of infantry, eight squadrons of cavalry and one regiment of Cossacks are now here.

Strike at Capital.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—United States Consul-General Watts cabled the state department to-day from St. Petersburg as follows: "Laborers at several principal works striking here again to-day. Military taking ample precautions."

Compelled to Pay.

Lodz, Feb. 9.—At several establishments the strikers to-day were paid three days' wages as an advance, although it was claimed that nothing was due them. The managers of the Heintzel mills refused to pay anything and the workmen threatened to wreck the plant. The military prepared to fire and for a moment the situation was grave, but the management yielded. Another manager refused payment, but at the point of a revolver was compelled to promise payment to-morrow. The employers are paying only as a method of expediency. There were serious disturbances to-day at Pabianice. The troops fired on the workmen, killed one and wounded two.

INDICTMENT QUASHED.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The indictment charging Manager Will Davis, of the Iroquois theatre, with manslaughter on account of the loss of life in the theatre, was quashed to-day by Judge Keeton, on the ground that the document fails to show any omission of duty on the part of Davis.

At the monthly meeting of the Montreal Society for the Protection of Women and Children, it was decided to apply to the government for legislation with regard to the punishment of persistent wife-beaters by Roggins.

HAS CONFESSED. Mrs. Kate Edwards, Under Sentence of Death, Makes Statement—Her Daughter's Story.

Reading, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged by Samuel Gresson on Thursday next for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel to-day, in which it is said she exonerates Gresson from complicity in the murder.

Mrs. Edwards and Gresson, who is a colored man, were convicted of the murder of Edwards, and since the death sentence has been pronounced extraordinary efforts have been made to save them from the gallows. Mrs. Edwards' confession, it is thought, will place the case in a new aspect before the board of pardons, which meet February 15th.

Another development in the case to-day was the receipt from St. Louis of an affidavit signed by Mary Edwards as follows: "I wish to state that I was very angry with Sam Gresson for what he did to my mother, but he had nothing to do with the killing of my father. I know of, and should not be hanged for, that crime. I certainly wish they would not hang my mother."

Mrs. Annie Kutz, of this city, also made an affidavit to-day, in which she states that after Mary Edwards had been acquitted she informed her (Mrs. Kutz) that her mother had struck her father on the head while he lay drunk, causing his death; that she (Mary) was present at the time; that Gresson was not there, and that her story in court about Gresson was not true.

A NEW CLASSIC. Times Will Publish a Localized and Patriotic Edition of Evangeline.

The clever verses which appeared in the Times a few weeks ago apropos of the sittings and evidence adduced before the royal commission, entitled "The Taxes of Venice—A Tragedy," touched a popular chord, and there has been such a demand for them from all over the province that they have been struck off on slips and sent to numbers of public men throughout British Columbia. Their satirical force has created a demand for them even among those who as supporters of the present government are apologists for the Assessment Act.

Readers of the Times will be pleased to learn that the author of these clever lines, who has been a valued occasional contributor to the columns of this paper for years, will henceforth be a regular writer for the Saturday edition. His first contribution appeared on Saturday last, and dealt with the recent competition for the office of librarian of the city. His corner, "The Den," will in future be one of the departments of the Saturday Times, which it is predicted will be eagerly awaited.

To-morrow's "Den" will have a whimsical treatment of the decision of the department of education to banish "Evangeline" from the curriculum of the public schools. The writer submits a modern, patriotic and local edition of "Evangeline," entitled "Billikium—A Song of the Songhees," which, in view of the agitation over the reserve, will excite widespread interest.

There will also be an illustrated write up of the new species of bear, "Ursus Kermodei," around which such a discussion has raged. The illustrations will show the pelt and tusks of this newest Bruin. The edition will be of interest to sportsmen in other respects, as it will include snapshots of some of the finest quarry of the province by Guide Mansel, one of the famous hunters of the Lillooet country.

The mining, theatrical and other departments, together with the usual new features, go to make up a very interesting number.

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In accordance with the recommendations of Superintendent W. H. Bronson, of the naval academy, Annapolis, Md., Midshipman Emery Clayton Veller, of the fourth class, at the institution, has been dismissed by the navy department for continued violation of the regulations relating to the use of tobacco.

Father Gopon (the Russian strike leader, who is reported to be in Switzerland, and who was excommunicated January 21st by the metropolitan of St. Petersburg, has been formally removed from the post of chaplain of the deportation prison.

By a vote of 325 yeas to 17 nays, the House of Representatives has passed the Esch-Townsend Bill, extending authority to the interstate commerce commission to fix railroad rates.

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Wide Vein Struck in the Mine of the Vancouver Island Development Syndicate.

The Vancouver Island Development Syndicate, in which several Victorians are deeply interested, is meeting with notable success in its mine near Lady-smith. This mine, under the management of Mr. Cecil, has shown phenomenal richness, the ore running about \$40 to the ton. The latest news from it is to the effect that in the east drift the pay streak had widened out until it is now 15 inches wide. Those interested are naturally very much elated over the good news. The continuation of such a vein of high grade ore will assure those interested that they have a property second to none in the province. The main slope is now in one hundred feet, and the eastern drift has been run in about thirty feet.

This property and the King Solomon, near the Kokoskall river, which is likewise controlled by a Victoria syndicate, are without doubt the most promising propositions on Vancouver Island.

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WANTED—MALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—First-class carpenter, at once. D. H. Bale, at Royal Cafe.

JAPANESE—Instructor required to teach a small class in conversational Japanese. Apply Schoolmaster, Barracks, Esquimalt.

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WANTED—Nurse girl. Mrs. P. S. Lampman, 66 Becher street.

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FURNISHED ROOMS—First-class table; well recommended; fine brick house and grounds. 257 Johnson, corner Vancouver.

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FOR SALE—Good paying hotel business, known as Klondike Hotel, corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets. Apply on premises.

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FOUND—Girl's kid glove. Apply at Times Office.

LOST—On 5th inst., Gordon setter bitch, at Cordova Bay. Reward for return to 144 North Pembroke street.

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PERSONAL—To William Swan. Please write at once to P. A. Crump, 190 Magnolia avenue, Riverside, California, as your old position is waiting for you.

MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

ALL ACCOUNTS against Victoria La-crosse Club must be handed in to F. W. Stevenson on or before February 28th.

GO WHERE THE OTHERS GO—To the best of the year from 50c. Smokey chimneys cleaned. Any kind of brick or jobbing plastering. Defective flues remedied. Est. in England over 100 years. Hollis, 4 Broughton street.

R. H. KNEESHAW—Medium and healer, 155 Superior street. Office hours from 2 to 9 p. m. Test circle, Thursday night, 8 o'clock.

LIVERY AND HACK STABLE—Victoria Transfer Co., 21 Broughton street. Tel. 129. Hacks, baggage wagons, trucks, etc., at any hour.

NO EXCUSE FOR CHIMNEY FIRES NOW—Your chimneys cleaned from 50c; no mess, fuss nor humming; and kept cleaned by the year from 50c. Smokey chimneys cured. Any kind of brick or jobbing plastering. Defective flues remedied. Est. in England over 100 years. Hollis, 4 Broughton street.

AH WING—Fashionable tailor, ladies' and gents' clothes made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. 100 Government street.

SING TAI—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 74 Douglas street, Victoria.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawal Bros. Co., 80 Douglas St.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated folders. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. G. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

ITALIAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC—Prof. E. Claudio, teacher of violin, mandolin and guitar. Special attention to beginners as well as advanced players. Conversation in English, French, Italian and modern Greek. Apply 117 Cook street.

MRS. BUDDEN, teacher of the piano; forte, thorough tuition, pupils rapidly advanced. 28 Henry street, close to Fountain, Victoria.

SHORTLAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Special attention given to bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting. B. A. Macmillan, principal.

COURT VICTORIA, No. 890, A. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month, Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street. G. E. Wilkerson, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 808, A. O. F.—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month, K. of P. Hall, Douglas street. F. L. Smith, C. R.; Sidney Wilson, Sec'y.

COURT VANCOUVER, No. 576, A. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays in month, K. of P. Hall, Douglas street. F. L. Smith, C. R.; Sidney Wilson, Sec'y.

CEMENT WORK. SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks, etc. John Bell, Leave orders at Nichol's & Renouf.

WATCH REPAIRING. A. PETCO, 90 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

LEE & FRASER. Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Troughton Avenue.

BARGAIN—Two story 7 roomed dwelling, near the park, all modern conveniences; price only \$2,100.

\$1,500—For 5 roomed cottage, James Bay.

\$800—Cottage and 3 lots, Tennyson road.

\$250—Cottage, 3 rooms, Third street.

\$2,800—Bungalow, Stanley Ave.

\$475—Cottage, 3 rooms, Lansdowne road.

\$2,200—6 roomed 2 story and 2 lots.

\$550—1 1/2 story, 5 rooms, First street.

LAMPSON STREET—5 roomed cottage, all newly decorated, electric light, etc., one of the nicest cottages in Victoria, with two lots, of an acre; to rent for \$15 per month.

LEE & FRASER, Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, January 30th, 1905.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT." In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Part 1, Acre of Section 3, Beckley Farm, Victoria District (New City).

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land issued to Robert Henry Brown on the 25th day of February, 1886, and numbered 6767A.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, January 30th, 1905.

HEISTERMAN & CO., REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

ON ACCOUNT OF OWNER LEAVING THE CITY, we offer for sale one of the nicest cottages in Victoria, with two lots, lovely garden, close to car, and in a good location; price moderate.

FIRE INSURANCE—On buildings or contents, in "The Norwich Union" of England, or "The Western" of Toronto.

WANTED—To purchase, a small house, near the car line, for \$1,000 cash. Apply to Heisterman & Co.

A. WILLIAMS & CO., LTD. 104 YATES STREET.

FOR SALE—25 acres, 12 cleared, good buildings; \$2,200.

FOR SALE—20 acres, good buildings, and orchard, etc.; \$1,800.

FOR SALE—20 acres, all cleared, good buildings and orchard; \$2,700.

FOR SALE—200 acres, 50 cleared, good buildings; \$7,500.

FOR SALE—150 acres, good buildings; \$3,500.

FOR SALE—140 acres, partly improved; \$1,600.

FOR SALE—50 acres, small orchard; \$1,250.

FOR SALE—5 1/2 acres, good land, all cleared and fenced (close in); \$800.

FOR SALE—13 acres, 5 cleared, with stock; buildings, etc.; \$3,000.

FOR SALE—72 acres, 50 cleared, good buildings, close in; \$7,500.

BEAUMONT BOGGS Real Estate and Insurance Agent, 42 Fort St.

FOR SALE—Two lots on First street, Work Estate; price \$325 each.

TO LET—Cottage, No. 154 Pandora street; rent \$13.

FOR SALE—23 acres, Wilkinson road, 4 miles from city, mostly cultivated, 400-tree orchard, house, barn, etc.; price \$3,150.

FOR SALE—Waterfront lots in Esquimalt; price \$150.

FIRE INSURANCE—On buildings or contents, written in the "Guardian" (British). Write for rates.

TO LET—Furnished dwelling, fronting Beacon Hill park; rent, \$30.

TO CLOSE AN ESTATE—Over two acres, with front on Victoria Arm; very cheap.

TO LET—Cottage, 10 acres land, orchard, etc., 8 miles from Victoria.

FOR SALE—One of the best farms in Cowichan, well stocked, and at a great bargain; call and see particulars.

HOUSES OR COTTAGES BUILT on monthly payment plan, under best architects and by competent builders.

FARMS AND HOMES—New monthly list is now out, only the best properties listed; sent free on application.

P. R. BROWN CO., Ltd. 30 BROAD STREET.

FOR SALE—8 roomed dwelling, near Dallas road, \$1,000, on particularly easy terms. (4108).

FOR SALE—8 roomed cottage, in first-class order, lot 90x106, close to tram line and centre of city; only \$1,500, and easy terms. (M).

FOR SALE—One acre and five roomed dwelling, five minutes' walk from Douglas street car line; \$1,200. (4104A).

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, cottage of five rooms, with two lots, including corner. (410V).

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, Terrace avenue, 9 roomed dwelling, stable and outhouses, 2 1/2 lots, finest view in the city. (410C).

FOR SALE—Sanjour District, 20 acres, all cleared and under cultivation, 3 roomed house, well furnished, excellent fruit, good water, no rock or stumps; \$2,700, and easy terms. (3006L).

FOR SALE—5 acres, fenced and under hay, 3 miles from city; only \$1,000. (3009M).

FOR SALE—Fort street, lot 60x120, 6 roomed dwelling, with all modern conveniences; on terms if desired; price \$5,000.

FOR SALE—Five roomed cottage and two lots, near tram line; only \$1,500.

FOR SALE—New 5 roomed cottage, all modern conveniences, only two minutes' walk from car line; \$1,650; terms to suit.

FOR SALE—Douglas Gardens; the only choice lots on the market. Price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Bevens avenue, corner, 7 roomed dwelling, with cellar and attic, and garden with 8 fruit trees in bearing; only \$1,600.

FOR SALE—Fort street, near Cook street, double front lot, 60x120 feet, the residential site; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—James Island, 165 acres, 30 acres cultivated, balance washed and seeded, well watered, excellent fruit, 600 sheep or cattle; cottage, barn, stables, sheep sheds, etc.; orchard of 112 trees, principally apples. Price \$25,000. This is a very cheap.

TO LET—Oriental Hotel, containing 60 bedrooms, 5 parlors, bar, large dining room, kitchen, bakery, all fully furnished; will be let at a modest rent for a term of years.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 3 lots and 8 roomed cottage, nice house, \$2,500.

FOR SALE—Four miles from town, 20 acres, of which 12 acres are cultivated, balance timber, principally fir, oak, orchard of 140 fruit trees in bearing, five roomed cottage, brick dairy, large barn, three wells of excellent water, good roads; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Fine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value \$240; our price \$125.

FOR SALE—Blanchard street, lot 20x100, with two story building in good condition, cheap; would make a good factory.

FOR SALE—James Bay, corner lot, with five roomed dwelling, only \$1,500.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, 10 roomed dwelling, all modern conveniences; \$2,600.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2 1/2 acres, 4 roomed house, good soil, city water laid on.

FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, and 7 roomed house, McClure street; \$1,000.

FOR SALE—Cottage and lot, Johnson street; nice house.

FOR SALE—7 1/2 acres and small dwelling, near the exhibition buildings; \$500 cash and balance in small monthly payments, no interest.

FOR SALE—Water lot and dwelling, near the exhibition buildings; \$500 cash and balance in small monthly payments, no interest.

FOR SALE—Fort street, near Linden avenue, 10 roomed dwelling, double front lot; well situated for private boarding house.

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, with frontage on beach, 1/2 acre and 8 roomed house, \$2,500; terms.

FOR SALE—3/4 acre, four miles from city; \$500.

FOR SALE—240 acres, Lake District, excellent fruit soil, plenty of water; only \$5,000.

FOR SALE—Cowichan District, 138 acres, large dwelling, barn, etc., well adapted for a dairy farm, only \$6,000; easy terms.

MONEY TO LOAN, Fire Insurance Written, Estates Managed, P. R. Brown, Ltd., 30 Broad Street.

JUST ISSUED—Revised list of farms for sale in all parts of the province; call or write for one. P. R. BROWN CO., LTD., 30 BROAD ST., Victoria.

ENGRAVERS. TO JOB PRINTERS—Our artists are now making cover designs, sketches, etc., for the best catalogue work produced in the West. Send your ideas, and outline drawings will be furnished without charge. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., Victoria.

PURE, WHOLESOME Caledonian

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R. P. RITHEE & CO., LTD., Pacific Coast Agents.

Who Puts Up Your Prescriptions?

We invite the privilege. We use the best quality of every drug; we exercise the most exacting care with every part of the work.

HALL & CO., DISPENSING CHEMISTS, Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

MEMORANDUM DEALING WITH BETTER TERMS

Presented to House—Provincial Secretary and Arch. McDonald Formally Introduced.

Victoria, February 9th.

Upon the retirement of His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere after formally opening the House to-day prayers were read by Bishop Perrin.

Hon. F. J. Fulton, for Kamloops, was introduced to the Speaker by Premier McBride and Attorney-General Wilson.

On motion of the Premier it was ordered that the select standing committee of the House, for the present session, be appointed for the following purposes:

On standing orders and private bills, on public accounts, on printing, on railways, on mining, on agriculture and on municipal matters.

The Premier also introduced formal motions dealing with the printing of the votes and proceedings, and that dealing out dire threats against any person who might have been guilty of bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Tatlow, a bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act for the Protection of Breeders of Live Stock," was introduced and read a first time, and set down to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Premier McBride it was resolved, that the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor should be taken into consideration at the sitting of the House on Monday.

The Premier presented the memorandum of the case of the province for better terms, which urges upon the Dominion government the advisability of a friendly conference or appointment of a commission to go into the subject.

This memorandum is largely the same as that prepared by Geo. Cowan, of Vancouver, who went into the subject last year.

After giving the schedules dealing with the subject, the memorandum sets forth that "These are the grounds, mainly, upon which the government of British Columbia appeal for special consideration to the Dominion authorities, in connection with the proposed readjustment of financial relations as between the provinces and the Dominion."

"Yes, our interests at Fernie have been purchased by the coal companies," said General Superintendent H. W. Kent this morning. "We will not install a service there now. There is no room for two telephone companies in Fernie, or any other city in the world for that matter. The whole affair is settled now anyway."

This is the official ending of the fight which occurred between the British Columbia Telephone Company and the city of Fernie. The settlement is hailed with delight at Fernie.

"Chief Engineer White, of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, yesterday received a wire from the directors in Toronto intimating that the company had purchased the British Columbia Telephone Company's partially built plant at cost."

"It is understood that the settlement guarantees the city against damages from the British Columbia Telephone Company, and it probably settles the question of law costs in the case so far as taken. The coal company's work thus far is not wasted, as care was taken to confine its building operations to portions of the city apart from the British Columbia Telephone Company's operations."

Winnipeg clearings for the week ending February 9th were \$5,352,021, for the corresponding week of 1904, \$4,282,468; and for the corresponding week of 1903, \$3,629,285.

A child can ice a cake in 3 minutes

Terms of Union and provide for the further adequate development of an immense area still largely unpeopled. In an experience of thirty-three years the province has but once in its history produced a surplus of revenue over expenditure, and has in the same time accumulated deficits amounting to about \$10,000,000, during which its financial requirements have been insufficiently met even by the aid of loans.

"The second has resulted in the excessive contribution of \$17,000,000 to the Federal treasury for which no benefits have been received, and placed the province at a serious disadvantage in respect to its share of inter-provincial trade, foreign commerce and the development of native industries.

"The government in 1903, in asking for a commission of inquiry of the character suggested, deemed it to be an eminently fair proposition, inasmuch as it would put the burden of proof on the province itself, place the consideration of the questions involved beyond the sphere of political influence, and guarantee the fullest and most impartial investigation.

"In the event of a settlement, satisfactory to both, not being possible by a friendly conference between the governments, the government of British Columbia still adhere to the proposal for a commission as an alternative. It is submitted that in no other way can so complete and unbiased an examination of those claims be made as by reference to an independent tribunal. If by such reference the contentions of the province be sustained, the duty of the Dominion government will be obvious; if the report be unfavorable to those contentions, then the subject will be forever removed from the arena of controversy."

The following reports were presented: By Hon. Mr. Tatlow—Public accounts of the province for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1904. By Hon. Mr. Fulton—Thirty-third annual report of the public schools of the province. By Hon. Mr. Green—Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1904.

Notice of Motion. Stuart Henderson gives notice that he will move for a return of all moneys expended on maintenance and repair to the Cariboo wagon road, main trunk road; and also for returns of expenditures to date since Confederation on the New Westminster bridge, the parliament buildings, Chimney creek bridge, all roads, trails, bridges other than those, on subsidies to railway or transportation companies, on subsidies to physicians and surgeons, on public charities, including needy and sick, on the office of the King's printer, including supply and maintenance, on all provincial public buildings other than these, but not including supply or maintenance, on all legal expenses including administration of justice, on interest and on the civil service list.

Questions. John Oliver has a series of questions on the order paper with reference to the Land Act. He will ask the chief commissioner "what has been done by the government to enforce the provisions of the Land Act as amended by chapter 30, 1903-4, in respect of collection of the tax imposed by section 9 of said chapter 30; have any seizures been made of timber or other property in connection with enforcing the provisions of said act; if so, what and whose property were seized, what was the amount of the government claims in each case, has the matter in dispute been settled, and, if so, how, giving as full particulars as possible in each case?"

LEAVES FERNIE. Interests of B. C. Telephone Company Purchased by Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. "The British Columbia Telephone Company, whose headquarters are in Vancouver, has sold out to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company," says Wednesday's Vancouver Province.

EDNA WALLACE HOPPER HAD CROWDED HOUSE Gave Two Performances—"A Country Mouse" and "Captain January"—"The Silver Slipper."

Edna Wallace Hopper was formally presented to the playgoing public of this city last evening. This was only professionally, however, for as a litigant she is as widely known here, perhaps, as in any place on the continent. And her manager knew what he was doing when he included Victoria in the Hopper itinerary; he knew the reams and reams of the very best kind of advertisement the petite actress had obtained here, unintentionally, if it is true, but it was advertisement just the same. He reckoned on a full house, a fashionable house, a curious, interested, speculative house, and he reckoned rightly. The playgoing public, representing the various "distinct strata" of society, were there in force. They came, they saw, and they were talking about her. They doubtless are now satisfied—that they saw her—but it is doubtful if they were equally satisfied with the dramatic bill of fare. "The curtain raiser" "Captain January," was very well presented. Edna Wallace Hopper took the part of ten-year-old Star, and did it capably despite a little stiffness of gait, which is not usual in a child of ten. Certainly no one would imagine that Miss Hopper walked that way when she was ten. Paul Everton was a first-class Capt. January, the old lightkeeper, his description of the circumstances under which Star came to him—through a shipwreck—being a good piece of work.

"As for the main play of the evening, "A Country Mouse," the greatest admirer of Edna Wallace Hopper would find it difficult to commend the piece. It is supposed to be a fling at certain sets in the "upper crust," the type of social cleft that Col. Watterson, of the Louisville Courier Journal, periodically exorcises, and it is suggestively naughty enough to require the services of a censor. The principal characters in the play apparently exist only to supply the scandal column of the weekly journals with red-hot, sensational "copy." It is clever, undoubtedly, but the man who turned it loose might just as well have expended his energy on something worth while. The company is an excellent one. Edgar Norton as the Duke of St. Kitts, Paul McAllister as Hon. Archibald Wyse and Geoffrey Stein as Lord Robert Wickham, filled the requirements demanded by the author, who plainly wanted his characters exaggerated. Kathryn Browne as Lady Sylvia Bolyby and Emma Janvier as Violet Aynsley gave good presentations even if they left a bad taste in the mouth. And tiny Edna Wallace Hopper—she was dainty, cute and coy; she had charming gowns and she was in the glare of the footlights long enough to allow everybody equipped with a camera to take an inventory of her. But it wasn't "legitimate" comedy that made Edna Wallace Hopper. It was light airy comedy in music which enabled her to score. In that particular field she was hard to beat, but it be known that there

are many better "legitimate" comedienne. "The Silver Slipper."

Of the many new musical creations which have been added to the score of more "whistleable" numbers which made John C. Fisher's musical production, "The Silver Slipper," so fascinating last year, are two interpolated features which did fair to rival the "Tell Me Pretty Maiden," "Four and Twenty Little Men," "Tessie" and other famous successful musical contributions, namely, "Zanzibar" and "At the Seaside." The first song introduces the chorus of girls arrayed in monkey costumes, while the principal describes in rhyme and music the lovesick trawler of Mr. and Mrs. Monkey, their meeting on the coast of Zanzibar, their courtship, marriage and family. It is regarded by the management as an unusual feature. "At the Seaside" is a typical English song, with a dashing chorus, which will be readily taken up. "Four and Twenty Little Men," "Class," "Soldiers of the Army," "To-Night's the Night," "You and I," "The Dawn of a Love That Lives," "The Girl You Love," and the sextette "Come Little Girl," have been retained. The company's special orchestra, under the direction of Max Winnie, S. I. C. M., will provide the music. "The Silver Slipper" will be presented here on Monday evening.

THE WEEK'S NOTICES. Items of Interest Taken From the Current Provincial Gazette. The current issue of the Provincial Gazette contains the following appointments: James Ford Garden, M. P. P., John Joseph Banfield and Percy Neville Smith, of Vancouver, to be members of the board of directors of the Vancouver General hospital for the year 1905. Fred Harold Godfrey, of Vancouver, to be a notary public within and for the province of British Columbia. The following companies have been incorporated: British Pacific Fishing & Canning Co., Ltd., capital \$200,000. A few of the objects of the company are as follows: To carry on the business of fishing by means of seines, traps and all other lawful methods; to carry on the business of canning, drying, evaporating, salting, smoking or otherwise preserving and preparing for the market salmon, halibut, cod, herring and any other fish; to buy, sell and deal in fresh or preserved fish of all kinds; to purchase, sell, manufacture, import, export and deal in all kinds of material, apparatus, substances and things used or capable of being used in connection with the aforesaid businesses; to purchase or otherwise acquire water rights, easements, machinery, plant, stock-in-trade, steamboats, sailing vessels, tugboats, scows, rowboats, and all real and personal property, rights, licenses and privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient for purpose of its business; to construct, improve, maintain, work, manage, carry out or control any roads, ways, tramways, railways, water courses, refrigerators, sawmills, electric works, shops, stores and other works and conveniences which may seem calculated directly or in-

directly to advance the company's interests; to enter into any agreements with the governments, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the company's interests or any of them, and to obtain from any such government authority or corporation any rights, privileges and concessions, grants or aids which the company may think it desirable to obtain. The Western Produce & Commission Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000; Western Power Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000; Whanshan Lake Plover Co., Ltd., capital \$250,000. The following extra provincial companies have been registered: Eagle Lumber Co., capital \$300,000; headquarters city of Bradford, Pennsylvania; provincial head office Revelstoke; attorney, George Smith McCarter. Munday Lumber Co., capital \$50,000; headquarters Bradford, Penn.; provincial head office, Revelstoke; attorney, G. Smith McCarter.

BOARD OF HORTICULTURE. Last Meeting Took Up Several Questions Connected With Fruit Inspection. The Board of Horticulture at its last meeting decided to make inquiries at Ottawa to ascertain whether an assistant to Maxwell Smith could not be appointed, as it was felt that the Dominion inspector had too large a territory to cover at present. The case of a carload of fruit being condemned at Cranbrook after being passed at the first inspection was brought up. The board affirmed its right to reinspect fruit, as the infestation might not manifest itself in the first instance. Growers of fruit at Juanita asked for the erection of a building for inspection purposes. This was referred to the inspector for report. Thos. Cunningham, inspector of fruit posts, called attention to certain cases arising in connection with the inspection of California nursery stock. The board instructed him that in such cases the deportation of the entire consignment would be the best method to pursue.

PER STEAMER PRINCESS BEATRICE from Seattle—J. P. Jensen, Edith A. Jensen, Mrs. L. Ramona, A. McDonald, E. Rogers, Cass Kauf, W. Dunn, Mrs. D. J. Clark, Alex. Stewart, F. Lockwood, Mrs. Grant, W. T. Watson, Thos. B. McGovern, A. B. Crombie, E. A. Strout, Mrs. Letich, Jas. Finland, C. K. Rogers, C. O. West, J. Dronhill, Estill G. Hoskinson, E. M. Holbrook, Mrs. Holbrook, F. H. Brownell, L. W. Blankman, H. Fortman, Mrs. Hibben, Josiah Collins, Edna Wallace Hopper Theatrical Company. Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—J. N. Henderson, J. D. Graham, Mrs. Holroyd and children, Miss Yornaster, McKay, B. L. Bancroft, Miss Moore, Jas. Denny, J. Hulbert and wife, M. J. Gledhill. —Legg, J. Balcom, B. W. Garrett, Mrs. Mason, A. Fraser, F. Jackson, W. E. Moore, W. G. MacKensie, J. Dickson, C. Blanchfield, C. Campbell and wife, Prof. Douglas Jouty, N. McLean, E. Sande, F. Carter-Cotton, T. O. Townies, B. L. Chaldee, E. C. Spence, Mrs. Spencer, M. Bradley, J. Walker, E. MacLaughlin, Mrs. MacLaughlin, R. P. Buchart.

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Started this morning with a big rush. Crowds of eager buyers thronged the store notwithstanding the extreme cold. Prices on winter goods and house furnishings that have not been equalled are the why of it.

SATURDAY—ANOTHER 50 DAY Although all the 5 cent lines advertised for to-day's selling were sold early to-day, we have put out another lot of Prints, Gingham, Flannelettes, etc., worth to 20c, for 5c.

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THAT SURPLUS.

The financial authorities of the Mc Bride government claim a surplus on the operations of the year. A few weeks ago the Vancouver News-Advertiser, whose editor is Mr. F. Carter-Cotton, the President of the Council, a gentleman who assumes to possess special knowledge of finances, stated that the books of the province would still, despite the enormous increase in the general rate of taxation, show a deficit.

The Toronto World, a strong advocate of municipal ownership of all utilities, says "no greater proof could be given of the strength of the case for municipal ownership in Britain than the contemptuous manner in which occasional attacks upon it are received."

AN ILLUMINATING COMPARISON.

Notwithstanding that the taking over of the Goldstream water power by the corporation of Victoria is only prospective, we find we cannot get away from the subject. It looms up threateningly before us in some new phase or form every day.

In the first place under the arrangement by Mr. Lubbe—an arrangement by the way the manager of the water

works company appears to consider a masterpiece of business acumen—the tramway company does not pay for the amount of water actually used.

In regard to the advantages which would accrue to the company under the graded rate as proposed in the tentative agreement compared with the fixed scale at present in force between the tramway company and the water company, the following table, we believe, presents the difference accurately:

Table with 3 columns: Capacity (gals. per day), Current Rate, Proposed Rate. Rows range from 4,000,000 to 30,000,000 gals. per day.

As having a distinct bearing on the question of water supply and water power and illustrating the trend of the times, we find Mr. John Burns, M. P., making the statement that in Britain over one thousand towns and cities own their own gas works, electric lighting systems, water supplies, tractions, markets and similar institutions, and he holds that exactly in the proportion as this ownership prevails is the measure of British immunity from the dangers confronting America.

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The share the Dominion of Canada undertakes in the maintenance and improvement of the defences at Esquimalt is not generally understood. In the Federal Parliament recently, in considering the item of \$110,000 for the defences of Esquimalt, Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, said, in reply to Mr. Ingram, that the item had been the same for several years.

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ment reimbursed it half the amount. "That is all Canada pays for her defence?" asked Mr. Ingram.

THE INDIAN RESERVE. To the Editor:—The quarterly general meeting of the board of trade will be held on Thursday evening next at 8 p. m.

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Atopapers of Victoria are indebted to him for a very lucid and succinct explanation of the present position and possibilities of the water power in the vicinity of this city.

While on the subject of municipal affairs, I would like to ask without prejudice towards the present auditor) whether it is fit and proper that a civic official should be auditor of the civic accounts? As you know, with commercial companies, it is not customary or correct to employ any interested person.

THE WATER QUESTION. Feb. 9th, 1905.

To the Editor:—It is difficult, if not impossible, for any person without legal training to follow intelligently through the maze of legal verbiage which surrounds the "secret" agreement between the city and the Electric Railway Company.

The act which granted the Esquimalt Waterworks Company its water privileges would surely, after so many years' acquiescence, be a most unjust proceeding, and even if the city did so successfully, it could not expect to get the plant for nothing, nor the good-will, which the Mayor himself has shown to be a valuable asset.

JUST OUT OF COLLEGE. Philadelphia Record. If it wasn't for the young man just out of college the rest of us wouldn't realize how little we really know.

ON HIS DIGNITY. Nelson Tribune. The member for Nelson has received an invitation to dinner from Lieutenant-Governor Joly for Thursday, February 9th, at Government House.

ONLY ONE THING LEFT FOR FITZ. Kansas City Star. With John L. Sullivan lecturing, James J. Corbett in comedy-drama, and James J. Jeffries in melodrama, there is little left for Robert Fitzsimmons, excepting grand opera.

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himself alone when the claims of the member for Nelson to a portfolio was passed over on such grounds. Possibly, also, the invitation may mark the dissent of Lieutenant-Governor Joly from the views of his Premier and is to be regarded as an olive branch.

RUSSIA MUST WORK OUT HER SALVATION. Philadelphia Ledger. The Empress Catherine once invited the philosopher D'Alembert to visit her and draw up a constitution for Russia.

It is wish to state that I am not a shareholder or in any way interested in any of the companies concerned. "LUX." Victoria, Feb. 9th, 1905.

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—Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of Cordova Bay, died yesterday at the home of her son, B. H. Kirkpatrick. Deceased was 85 years of age and a native of York county, Ont. The funeral is arranged to take place on Sunday at 11 a.m. Carriages will leave the parlors of W. J. Hanna at 9 a.m. —Rev. Mr. Ewing will officiate.

—Next Monday evening the St. Andrew's Society intend to hold one of their popular Scotch concerts in Sir William Wallace hall. A programme of music and reading is being prepared, and an enjoyable evening is looked for. The members of the society are desirous of seeing all their friends there. The concert is free, and the hospitality of the Scotch folk is proverbial. One can be sure of a hearty welcome and a pleasant evening.

—The entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. last night was one of the best, if not indeed the best, of all that have been given this winter. D. W. Higgins and Hugh Kennedy made a capital combination of entertainers, and the audience, a fairly large one, was enthusiastic to a degree. Dr. Lewis Hall, the chairman, made a few appropriate remarks after the opening pianoforte selections by Sidney Tabbot, and then called on Mr. Higgins, who read from Eugene Field's "Human Nature." The interpretation of this piece was excellent, but it was in the reading of his own story from "The Mystic Spring," entitled "My First Christmas Dinner in Victoria," that the audience could feel and see the incidents of that most interesting dinner 45 years ago. Hugh Kennedy, accompanied by Mrs. Foote, sang old songs and new, six in all, and sang them as only he can. At the close a number of interesting pictures were shown on the screen and briefly described.

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—Walter Elliott has been appointed secretary of the Victoria Chess Club.

—A petition is in circulation to-day asking the board of trade to call another meeting for Monday evening next to further discuss the Indian reserve question.

—Steamer Rosalie will arrive from the Sound about 6 o'clock this evening. She has been delayed by a heavy north wind, and through handling a heavy freight.

—Steamer Princess Victoria left Vancouver at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon. She did not connect with the train from the East.

—British barque Inverness, with general cargo from Antwerp, consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans, passed up from sea yesterday in tow of the American tug Pioneer.

—The Fernwood Young Men's Association held its annual dance in the club house on Wednesday evening. The hall was decorated for the occasion, and other arrangements made included a beautiful display of refreshments and a good programme of music. A large number were present.

—A fire occurred in the basement of the Five Sisters' block, beneath Morrison's drug store, at 5 o'clock last evening. It started among a lot of old paper, and was quickly extinguished. A second blaze last evening was that of a small fire in a Chinese building, which was also promptly put out.

—By far the coldest weather of the season is being experienced by Victorians to-day. The frigid zone extends throughout the province, and as far East as the Territories. On the Pacific coast it is expected to remain for at least a couple of days. The high wind which, sometimes the good snap makes travel very disagreeable, and those passengers coming from the Sound to-day will be exposed to the worst of it.

—The Y. M. C. A. mock parliament will hold its fourth sitting this evening at the rooms, Broad street. Last week Finance Minister Campbell was charged with corruption by the opposition leader, H. F. Pullen. A committee was appointed to investigate, and a full report will be submitted to-night. Several lengthy amendments to the Education Act are on the tapis, and an interesting debate is anticipated.

—To-night will conclude the series of week-night meetings that are being held in Calvary Baptist church. Last evening the preacher was Rev. H. W. Piercy, of Chemainus, and a very acceptable solo was rendered by Mrs. W. Staneland. These special meetings have proved a source of profit and interest to all who have attended, and a hearty invitation is extended for the closing meeting to-night, which will open with a song service at 8 o'clock.

—A special series of evangelistic services will be held in Centennial Methodist church, commencing on Sunday evening next. This series will extend for two weeks. The pastor will take charge and will be assisted by the Mission Band and several ministers of the city. The service on Sunday evening will commence with a song service, led by a strong choir. Bright gospel songs will be sung and a few choice solos will also be rendered.

—On last Sunday evening Dr. Yates charmed a large audience at Institute hall by his beautiful rendition of "In Memoriam," by Alfred Tennyson. The doctor led up to the recital by giving extracts from some of the more beautiful passages of English prose and verse, notably the prologue from one of George Eliot's novels. All who heard this gifted gentleman discourse were greatly pleased. Next Sunday at 8 a.m. the doctor will again favor his listeners.

—At a recent meeting of the Pacific Coast division of the Merchant Service Guild of Canada, the following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing term: Capt. Wm. Cox, of Victoria, president; Capt. Thos. H. Brown, first vice-president; Capt. Geo. Robertson, of Nelson, second vice-president; J. J. Martin, of Victoria, secretary-treasurer. The trustees are: Captains Charles Eddie, of Vancouver; Geo. Robertson, of Nelson; Thos. H. Brown, of Atlin, and J. T. Walbran, Wm. Cox, J. M. Newcomb and D. G. Macaulay, of Victoria. The new officers of the Guild are located at the northwest corner of Yates and Government streets, up stairs.

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WILL VICTORIA FAIR BE HELD THIS YEAR?

Views of Members of the Agricultural Association on Suggested Postponement of Exhibition.

The public meeting called for Tuesday the 14th inst., for the consideration of the advisability of holding an exhibition in Victoria this year, promises to be of exceptional interest. As previously mentioned in these columns it has been suggested that the fair be postponed in order to allow members of the B. C. Agricultural Association a free hand in assisting the New Westminster society to carry through the Dominion Exposition of 1905 successfully. Of course, while there are many who believe that the proposal should be adopted, quite a number oppose it strenuously. But the consensus of opinion seems to be that the local show should be declared off. It is pointed out that the matter must be looked at from a broad point of view, and every-thing possible done by residents of Victoria and other Vancouver Island points to work in conjunction with the Mainland in making the national exhibition a credit to British Columbia.

In all probability there will be a number of Royal City delegates at the forthcoming meeting. They will be given an opportunity to set forth their side of the question before a decision is reached. Then, it is understood, those favoring a postponement of the local event will lay a proposition before the Mainland representatives. It will be suggested that New Westminster agree to forego their show of 1906 if Victoria decides to do the same this year. Such an arrangement would meet all difficulties. Merchants and business men would be able to confine their whole attention to preparing worthy exhibits for the Dominion exhibition. In fact, so satisfied are members of the B. C. Agricultural Association with the proposal, that they intend pressing for the adoption of a permanent agreement with the Royal City Agricultural Association providing that annual shows be held alternately in Victoria and Westminster. Whether this suggestion will meet with favor by the Mainland society is questionable, but an effort is to be made to impress upon the officials and members of that organization its many advantages to all concerned.

However, the question that is agitating the minds of the B. C. Agricultural Association members is whether, it is necessary to postpone the Victoria fair because of the Dominion Exposition. As mentioned, there appears to be a majority of the officials at least in favor of the proposal. Most of the executive members are agreeable, and Dr. Polnie expresses their views very clearly. He explains that if the Victoria exhibition was held it must take place either directly before or immediately after that at Westminster. If it was held previously it would be necessary to clash with that of Chilliwack, the members of which association have always been most friendly to Victoria, supporting the fair, entering more stock and exhibiting more freely than all the other portions of the Mainland. He claims that it is better to declare the show off than to antagonize those who hitherto have extended cordial assistance.

Without a doubt M. Baker is the most out-and-out opponent to the suggestion of any executive member. He strongly objects to it, stating that such an arrangement should not be considered under any circumstances. He argues that the lack of a Victoria show would be a severe blow to Vancouver Island agriculturists.

Everything considered, an exciting time is assured on Tuesday evening next, and it is to be hoped that all interested will attend as it is understood that action without a correct expression of opinion from the full association.

SLOOP CAPSIZED.

Two Japanese Cast Into Water at Telegraph Bay This Morning.

A party of Japanese had rather a cold immersion in Telegraph Bay this morning. Four of them had a sloop which they brought into the bay for shelter. They moored their craft alongside a wharf but had not calculated sufficiently on the strength of the wind and the height of the seas. Before they had time to move for their own protection, a big comb sweep in from the straits, turned the sloop over and cast the occupants into the icy waters. Assistance came quickly from the Giant Powder Company's works. The men were rescued, and, being taken to the boiler room, were soon made comfortable.

TO-NIGHT'S BALL

Promises to Be One of the Most Successful Functions Ever Held Here.

To-night what promises to be the largest dance of the season will be held in the Assembly rooms by the Native Sons. A great many tickets have been taken, and there is no doubt that it will be the most enjoyable function held here for some time past. To a Times representative who dropped into the Assembly rooms this forenoon, the hall as decorated by Chief Watson and his assistants presented an entrancing appearance. There are numerous dainty touches, the general effect created being extremely artistic, and although the decorations have been carried out on a lavish scale, special care has been taken to see that those who do not dance will equally enjoy themselves. Space will not permit of a detailed description of the decorations being given, but Chief Watson has certainly surpassed all his previous efforts in this direction, and when the softly tinted light rays are turned on to-night a gorgeous scene will meet the eye.

The music will be captivating, care having been taken to provide the very best orchestra—from the first string to the drumset—that can be secured, which will render the latest dance music, conducted by Dr. P. H. Nason, of Chicago, who has been brought here at considerable expense to play for this dance. The supper will be most enjoyable, as the members of the order have not spared themselves to make this a distinctive feature of the ball. In the playing of the dances a novel idea will be inaugurated. As dances are

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3	5:09	8.1	10:47	11:32	8.7	20:51	1:7	13.9
4	5:33	8.0	11:16	12:00	8.4	21:57	1:0	13.3
5	5:57	7.9	11:45	12:28	8.1	22:02	2:3	12.7
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7	6:45	7.6	12:43	13:24	7.2	22:14	3:5	11.5
8	7:09	7.4	13:12	13:52	6.7	22:20	4:1	10.9
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17	10:45	4.9	17:33	18:04	2.2	23:14	9:5	5.5
18	11:09	4.6	18:02	18:32	1.7	23:20	10:1	4.9
19	11:33	4.3	18:31	19:00	1.2	23:26	10:7	4.3
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LONG DEBATE ON INDIAN RESERVE

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Most of Monthly Meeting Devoted to It - Resolution Passed Bearing on Question.

Another lengthy meeting on the Indian reserve question was held last night by members of the board of trade. It was the regular monthly meeting of the board, and other matters came up for consideration, but occupied only a short part of the evening's proceedings.

With regard to forest fires the secretary read a copy of a resolution passed by the Nelson Board of Trade pointing out the damage done by these conflagrations, and recommending that the provincial government appoint fire wardens, who would be paid good salaries.

The committee appointed locally on the matter reported in favor of the suggestion that the provincial government be requested to appoint a sufficient number of fire wardens for the purpose of enforcing the law regarding the setting out and spreading of fires, and that the act be amended to enable these officials to call upon citizens to assist in extinguishing fire when necessary; also recommending to the consideration of the government that the time had arrived when some systematic replanting of depleted forest areas should be undertaken.

J. A. Grant, as one of the committee, said that it was just as important to have fire wardens elsewhere in the province as in the Kootenay. The reforestation of the burned district was necessary. The Douglas fir was the most valuable commercial timber will be hard to find. On lands being devastated in the upper country nothing was being done to renew the growth, and balsam and other worthless varieties of timber were growing up.

The report was carried. The board of horticulture, to whom had been referred the matter of delay in the inspection of fruit at the outer wharf, reported, pointing out that since the appointment of the new officer no delay had happened, as there had been but three consignments handled in that time. The committee to whom the communication had been referred recommended that importers give timely notice of the arrival of fruit, so the inspector could get proper assistance. Importers should also get fruit from sections free from infection.

Received and filed. The recommendations will be carried out. The committee on trade, commerce and transportation reported with regard to a daily service to Port Angeles, stating that there is not sufficient trade to warrant a direct line without the aid of a subsidy. The committee suggested that the matter be taken up with some existing service to arrange for a daily schedule.

Received, C. A. Harrison, who drew the attention of the board to the matter, to be notified of the committee's report. W. J. Hanna moved that the board endorse the action of the city council in passing a resolution praying that the Dominion and provincial governments pass the necessary legislation to dispossess the Indians of the Songhees reserve. The mover thought the matter was so well known that it was hardly necessary to enter into any lengthy explanation.

A. L. Beckwith seconded the motion. A. J. Morley asked what would be the real object of the passing of the resolution? Mr. Hanna said that the city solicitor was asked for an opinion, and had stated that if the Indians lived to be a hundred years old they could not give a free title. The solicitor had advised that it was necessary for the two governments to pass legislation before the reserve question could be settled.

Mr. Morley wanted to know what the Wood's Phosphatine, The Great English Remedy for all ailments, is. It is a well established and reliable preparation. Has been used for over 40 years. All ailments of the human system, such as indigestion, constipation, and an early stage of rheumatism, are cured by its use. It is a well established and reliable preparation. Has been used for over 40 years. All ailments of the human system, such as indigestion, constipation, and an early stage of rheumatism, are cured by its use.

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city would do with the reserve when it was taken over.

Mr. Hanna said it would be out of the city's hand until they paid for it. Mr. Morley thought as business men the board were not interested in legal opinions. He came to be enlightened, but it looked as if the board was going to be asked to endorse legal opinion. The council would not take hold of the question as to the future disposition of the reserve.

Mr. Hanna asked Mr. Morley what would be the legal way of removing the Indians. Mr. Morley said it would not matter whether it was legalized or not if the Dominion government saw fit to remove them.

Mr. Morley in return asked Mr. Hanna as a member of the council what right the city has to the reserve. Mr. Hanna said the city has a right to it if they pay for it, but at present the council cannot claim it.

Mr. Morley thought that the city council had placed itself on record as wanting to evade the question. Did Mr. Hanna know that by an order-in-council passed in 1890 the reserve belonged to Victoria? By this was not the main point, continued the speaker. There were members on the board who were looking for the C. P. R. to get the ownership of the Grand Trunk to have it. Then there was Mr. Dunsmuir, who also had an interest. It was most important that all companies were given equal rights with respect to the terminal facilities. The city wanted all the water frontage she could obtain. How Mr. Hanna could expect the board of trade to endorse any such a resolution as he proposed, he failed to see. He suggested that the city council drop legal questions and approach the Dominion government with a business proposition, and once having got the reserve, to safeguard it for the city's own interests. He moved an amendment as follows:

That the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade urge the city council to take immediate action re the opening of the Songhees reserve.

Taking the terms laid down by the Dominion to the provincial government as a basis, present to the Dominion government the city's claim to first consideration, its readiness to carry out the said terms to the satisfaction of all concerned, to apply for a transfer of the agreement to the city, and request that the mayor, with an agent each from the Dominion and provincial governments, with the chief of the Songhees, be made a committee of four with power to carry the terms into effect, subject to government ratification.

The city to agree to provide the Indians with a new reserve, the funds necessary to removal, etc., to pay over to the provincial government balance from sale of central portion of reserve, all as set forth in the said terms, in return for which the city to receive the north and south portions specified, the north portion to be set aside for park and industrial purposes, the south for union terminal and wharfage purposes.

Be it further resolved, that this board is further pledged to assist the city council by every means in its power. A. Henderson said all that was now necessary was to get the Indians removed.

J. A. Grant contended that there was nothing in the way of the settling of the reserve except the provincial government.

At this juncture a question arose over the interpretation of the report of C. H. Lugin, one of the committee appointed to prepare a resolution showing the board's position for the public meeting held to discuss the Indian reserve. This was referred back to the chairman for correction.

Thos. Sholtholt seconded the amendment of Mr. Morley.

A. L. Beckwith thought the amendment entirely different from the motion. Lindley Crease considered that it would be better that the reserve be vested in the provincial government. If the city was placed in control it would doubtless find itself in some difficulty, and doubtless would have to approach some railway company to get money to finance the proposition. Legally he was of opinion that special legislation should be obtained. As a member of the board he believed it was necessary to press for a settlement of the question. The Dominion and others interested would then refer it to their legal experts. He advised that the discussion be deferred for a week.

Phil R. Smith failed to see why the city should not get in on the settlement now going on. He for one would oppose the action of the council, and he wanted to see the reserve so placed as it could be used for a union depot for all railways.

James Maynard suggested that a new motion be drafted so that all could agree. Mr. Hanna at this stage of the proceedings withdrew his motion and submitted an amendment recommending that the board urge upon the Dominion government the settlement of the reserve.

A. L. Beckwith thought there was no need of opposing the council. The business was the legal way. Mr. Taylor had given his opinion as to the proper course to be pursued, and it was folly to pronounce this as a one-man opinion. Mr. Morley, he believed, was making a mistake in urging his resolution.

J. A. Grant pointed out that it was not a question of legal opinion, but a public opinion. He supported the amendment.

Joseph Peirson did not doubt that the legal considerations would be duly followed in the settlement of the reserve.

Lindley Crease asked if the whole subject did not require further attention. Was the city prepared to meet the terms of settlement in the division of the reserve, and in other ways?

H. A. Munn thought Mr. Morley's amendment was a question of cooking the hare before the hare was caught. What should first be done was to ask the Dominion government to provide a new home for the Indians. Mr. Morley's amendment was a matter of administration.

A. L. Beckwith moved that the discussion of the subject be postponed for a week. This was seconded by H. A. Munn.

The motion to adjourn was then put and defeated by a vote of 11 to 7.

Mr. Hanna's amendment was lost, and Mr. Morley's motion was carried. The vote taken on the latter was as follows: For—J. A. Grant, J. Peirson, L. J. Sholtholt, G. Fox, A. J. Morley, T. Sholtholt, Sydney Shaw, W. Lindley, Phil R. Smith and A. E. McEachran. Against—J. McCandless, L. Crease, J. L. Beckwith, H. A. Munn, J. Forman, A. Henderson, J. Maynard and W. J. Hanna.

The following resolution was next introduced by H. A. Munn and unanimously carried: Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to communicate to the Minister of Justice, and to Senator Templeman and George Riley, M. P., in reference to the appointment of a County court judge for Victoria county, and in such communication to point out the urgent necessity for action at the earliest possible moment consistent with the course of executive procedure in such cases. The meeting then adjourned.

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TIME TABLE NO. 28. Taking Effect Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Table with columns for Northbound, Southbound, and Victoria, with times for various stations like Shawinigan Lake, Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, and Ar. Wellington.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE PROVINCE

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS SURPLUS LAST YEAR

While Actual Deficit Exists, Balance is Shown Other Way by Book-Keeping Methods.

The public accounts presented to the House yesterday, according to the government, are supposed to show a surplus of revenue over expenditure, the first in the history of the province, extending over thirty-three years. It is more probable that a commission may have to be appointed to discover the surplus.

The statement of the receipts and expenditure shows that during the year ending June 30th, 1904, there was a net revenue of \$2,638,260.68. The net expenditure for the same time was \$2,862,794.00. This shows a deficit of \$224,533.41.

The government, however, figures out a surplus of probably \$78,706.51. In order to show this it is necessary to deduct \$470,743.30, which was expended on the New Westminster bridge.

The following sums, although not included in expenditure, have been paid out of the ordinary revenue of the province, and are chargeable to: Shuswap & Okanagan railway, in excess of earnings, \$28,242.88; Nakusp & Slocan railway, in excess of earnings, \$16,786.68; Victoria & Sidney railway, 2 per cent. guarantee of interest on bonds, \$61,050.56.

This brings the surplus down to about \$27,000.

The receipts from the Dominion government under the Chinese Restriction Act was \$258,050 for the year ending June, 1904. In the year previous it was \$86,287.50. This year, however, there will be no income from this source so that additional revenue will have to be

Table with columns for Public Debt, Civil Government (salaries), Administration of Justice, etc. Total: \$3,000,237.47

Table with columns for Net expenditure, Victoria & Sidney Ry., Shuswap & Okanagan Ry., etc. Total: \$2,862,794.00

Table with columns for REVENUE, 1902-1903, 1903-1904. Includes items like Dominion of Canada, Annual payment of interest, etc.

Table with columns for EXPENDITURE, 1902-1903, 1903-1904. Includes items like Public Debt, Sinking funds, Trustees' account, etc.

Table with columns for Hospitals and charities, Administration of Justice, Education, Transport, etc. Total: \$3,000,237.47

Sporting News.

HOCKEY.

VANCOUVER V. R. E. The Vancouver and Royal Engineers teams will try conclusions on Monday afternoon at Work Point.

MATCH CANCELLED.

The match which was to have been played between the Victoria and Vancouver second elevens to-morrow afternoon at the Terminal City has been declared off.

THE RING.

CLARKE V. O'BRIEN. A challenge issued by Bert Clarke, has been accepted by O'Brien, and it is probable that another match will be arranged between these two boxers.

WHIST.

BECTEL WINS. At the J. B. A. club rooms last evening a programme which to-morrow was held, there being a number of competitors. W. J. Bectel was victorious.

WRESTLING.

GOTCH BEAT JENKINS. Frank Gotch, of Humboldt, Ia., has successfully defended his title of champion of the United States by defeating Tom Jenkins at Cleveland, Jenkins took the first fall, but Gotch won the second and third falls.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y. M. C. A. V. GARRISON. A match has been arranged between the Y. M. C. A. and Garrison teams for to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, at Work Point.

A LEAGUE GAME.

The Victoria-United and H. M. S. Bonaventure teams are scheduled to play an island league match to-morrow afternoon at Oak Bay.

AT CANTENEE GROUNDS.

The Victoria West and H. M. S. Egerton teams will play a league game to-morrow afternoon at the canteen grounds, commencing at 3 o'clock.

PROTEST DECIDED.

Last evening a meeting of the protest committee of the Victoria District League was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, there being a full attendance. The dispute between the Capital and Victoria West intermediate teams in connection with the last game played, which was won by the former, was dealt with.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. CURES RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, DIABETES, BACCHARIS. Includes an image of the product box.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

PHOENIX.

Last week's shipments of ore from Boundary mines were more than 4,000 tons in excess of the previous week's record; and if there is no shortage of power this week's output promises to be even larger still.

FERMIE.

Sixteen carloads of machinery arrived for the Elk Lumber & Manufacturing Co. last week. This came through a special train from Ashland, Wis.

NELSON.

D. Wilson, inspector of provincial public schools for Kootenay and Southern Yale, has returned to headquarters in Nelson after a fortnight's trip through the Boundary country.

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

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

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

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 10—5 a. m.—The high pressure has extended from the Northwest throughout British Columbia and has been accompanied by a decided fall in temperature, which in this district was the lowest recorded this winter; snow and sleet fell on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and rain on the Washington and Oregon coast. In the Northwest intense cold continues throughout and the high pressure area with low temperatures extends southward to the Mississippi river.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to moderate northerly winds, generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 26; minimum, 23; wind, 24 miles N. E.; rain, .27; weather, clear.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 22; minimum, 22; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, clear.
Nanaimo—Temperature, cold; wind, E.; weather, snow.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.44; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, 8 miles N.W.; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.44; temperature, 29 below; minimum, 20 below; wind, east; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 10 miles W.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.72; temperature, 28 below; minimum, 28 below; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, clear.

MOTOR GROWTH IN LONDON.

From returns issued by the London county council it appears that from January 1st, 1904, the date when the Motor Car Act came into force, to December 31st last, 12,000 licenses were issued to drivers of motor-cars in the county of London. In the same period 8,250 motor-cars and motor-cycles were registered.

Saturday Specials

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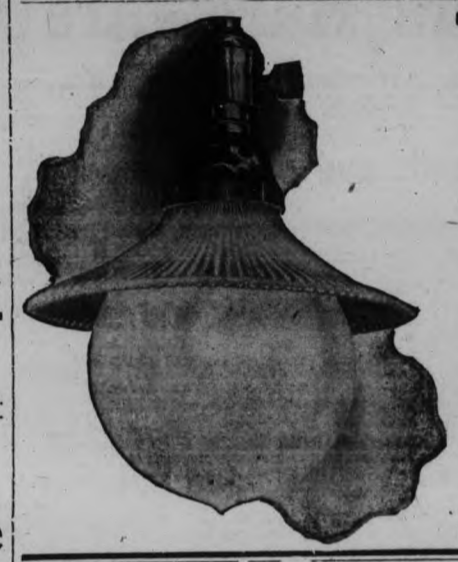
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TENDENCY TOWARDS INCREASE.

Review of Market Conditions Just Now - Price of Potatoes Has Been Advanced.

Only two changes of importance have occurred in the local wholesale and retail quotations this week. The price of Island potatoes has advanced, while local apples have become very scarce, resulting in a material rise in the figures quoted. Apart from this there are few alterations, but fluctuations demonstrate that the present tendency is towards an increase rather than a decrease on all articles. Local merchants, while at a loss to explain the unusual increase in all lines are of the opinion that the market's condition will not be relieved until the spring, and predict that prices will advance to an even greater extent during the next two months.

The crop of Island potatoes was light last year, which partly accounts for the scarcity. Then, those of the lower Mainland, quantities of which are generally marketed on Vancouver Island, have been shipped East. These facts are a sufficient explanation of the price now quoted for that commodity.

Appended are the complete retail and wholesale quotations:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes categories like Flour, Pastry, and various types of flour and pastries.

WHEATSALE MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Lists various agricultural products like Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Cabbage, etc.



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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE PROVINCE.

(Continued from page 7.)

The balance sheet of the province at the close of the year June 30th, 1904, treasury:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Lists various assets and liabilities of the province, including Dominion government, security investments, and public accounts.

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TWO IRISH STORIES.

"Would there were a mirror in my side," said the heroine of the piece, in the Dublin Theatre Royal, to her lover, "that you could see my heart." "Wouldn't a pain in your stomach do as well? It's myself has wan to spare," shouted a voice from the gods.

LEGACY FOR A POODLE.

The late Mrs. Helen Adelaide, de Tivoli, of 1 Hall road, St. John's Wood, London, who possessed a favorite poodle, has left an annuity of £12 during the life of the poodle for its maintenance.

The French government's new bill providing for the separation of church and state, was presented in the Chamber of Deputies on Thursday amid applause, and was referred to a committee. The bill does not differ materially from the project of former Premier Combes.

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