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BRITISH COLUMBIA SHOULD NOW ACT

IMPORTANT MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Trade of the Yukon—The Northern Steamers and the Service on the West Coast.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, April 24.—The government is devoting a good deal of attention these days to Pacific coast affairs. To begin with, there is a strong feeling that Canada should have a larger share of the trade of the Yukon than we now possess. Unfortunately, the manufacturers in the other provinces have not, so far, taken much pains to adapt their products to the special needs of the Yukon. The rubber boots they make are too cumbersome. The cans containing meats and vegetables are too heavy, with the result that the freight charge is correspondingly increased. The lumber is not properly packed, the pork and hams not properly cured, the shovels too clumsy, the overalls not of the right make or material, and so on. Hence the Seattle outfit still hold the lion's share of the trade.

Senator Templeman is disposed to appoint some first-class business man, conversant with the Yukon to stir the Canadian manufacturers to greater energy and exercise a sort of general supervision over the Canadian end of the traffic.

Another matter relates to British Columbia shipping industries. The C. P. R. has been running two steamers from Vancouver and Victoria to Skagway, namely, the Anur and Princess May. Owing to the American coasting laws these vessels are prohibited from going to more than one American port, that is to say, they may go to Skagway or to any other single port on the Alaska littoral, but are debarred from voyaging to any other; whereas the American steamers engaged in the Yukon trade have the immense advantage of trading between any and all American ports from Wrangell to St. Michaels. Furthermore, the American steamers draw large postal subsidies from the United States treasury for carrying the American mail to those points, whilst the C. P. R. steamers carry no American mail matter whatever and have to share Canadian matter with Americans. The upshot is that the Canadian steamers do not pay at all, or at best do no more than merely pay operating expenses. The Americans, it is understood, want to get them out of the way and have offered Sir Thomas Shaughnessy a handsome sum to withdraw them in order to ensure for Seattle a still larger share of the Yukon trade.

The government, however, has been asked to give a subsidy to the C. P. R. vessels by way of putting them on something like even terms with the Americans, and it would be well for the British Columbia Board of Trade and all others interested to wire Ottawa during the next day or two for the purpose of strengthening the position.

Again, at the instance of the Victoria Board of Trade, Senator Templeman is recommending a small subsidy to the C. P. R. Co. to get it to improve its service on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. In this instance as in others, the interests of British Columbia may suffer from the want of knowledge on the subject displayed by members from the other provinces. The government is being asked to subsidize a hundred and one water routes in the other provinces of the country, and British Columbia should make herself heard through her representatives in both houses about the necessity of helping the West Coast in the manner suggested.

TROOPS RETREATED WHEN LEADER DIED

VENEZUELAN FLED BEFORE REBEL FORCE

Officers Tried Hard to Rally the Men. But Their Efforts Were Unsuccessful.

(Associated Press.)
 Port of Spain, Trinidad, April 24.—On Tuesday morning the Venezuelan government troops, numbering 2,200 men, under General Ramon Castillo, attacked the revolutionists, between San Antonio and Guanaguana, distant about thirty leagues, from Cumana, and situated in a mountainous district well known to the revolutionists.

General Castillo personally led the advance government guard, composed of veteran troops. One hour after the opening of the action General Castillo was wounded and died later. Immediately after he was wounded, all of the recently recruited Venezuelan soldiers disbanded, deserting in all directions and eventually reaching San Antonio.

The government officers tried to rally their troops, but their efforts were vain and ended in a complete retreat of the Venezuelan soldiers. The whereabouts of General Escalante, who was second in command of the government army, was unknown when this dispatch was forwarded.

The situation in Venezuela is getting critical.

THERE IS DOUBT

As to Reception to Be Given to United States Mission to Rome.

(Associated Press.)
 Rome, April 24.—There is considerable mystification at the Vatican regarding the reported United States mission to be appointed to discuss the taking over of the lands of the religious orders in the Philippines. No one here seems to know when the mission may be expected, but it is understood that the Bishop of Sioux Falls, Right Rev. Thomas O'Grady, is preparing the way for it. There is some question regarding the character of the reception to be accorded the mission. The Pope, it is said, is desirous of receiving the mission privately.

NO DISTURBANCES.

But Authorities Are Ready For Any Outbreak in Paterson Strike Districts.

(Associated Press.)
 Paterson, N. J., April 24.—The operators of silk dye houses made no general attempt to resume business this morning and no disorder occurred in any of the strike districts. The police reserves assembled at 6 o'clock, and were placed in positions to be quickly available for any serious services that might be required. The police have been cautioned to exercise greatest care and to use their revolvers only when a grave danger of personal injury or to protect others from serious attack.

WIFE'S REVENGE.

How She Treated Her Husband For Beating Her.

(Associated Press.)
 English, Ind., April 24.—Cruel and inhuman treatment will be the punishment of a wife for divorce. His wife advised that she tied his hands and feet while he was drunk, and applied salt to his hands, face and clothing, that the cattle in the field where he lay helpless might lick him to death, as a revenge for a beating she received during a drunken orgy. Foley's skin was raw in many places, and his clothing torn in shreds.

HALF TOWN IN ASHES.

Fire Buildings Were Burned and Five Hundred People Rendered Homeless.

(Associated Press.)
 Clarion, Pa., April 24.—The fire at Marionville, Forest county, yesterday, raged until last night, consuming 50 buildings and entailing a loss of nearly \$200,000, with not over \$75,000 insurance. About one half the town is in ashes and 500 people homeless.

The flames spread from the town to a lumber yard, and from there to the woods, and burned for two miles up the railway. About one-half mile of track of the Bradford, Bordell & Kinross railroad was burned, including eight cars. S. L. Pickens, editor of the Marionville Express, was severely burned about the face, while several other persons were injured. John Johnson, a tailor, is missing, and it is supposed he was burned in his jailer shop.

Among the buildings destroyed were the post office, opera house, three hotels, Marionville Express and Presbyterian church. The only business houses standing in the town are the buildings in which are located the Gold Standard Bank, one store, one saloon and restaurant.

WORK IN PROGRESS.

On the V. V. & E. Between Cascade and Grand Forks.

(Associated Press.)
 Grand Forks, April 24.—The Great Northern contractors are limoing the injunction recently obtained in the Supreme court against the V. V. & E. railway. Several hundred men are at work between Cascade and this city. The track is being surfaced west from Cascade and several gangs are busy on the grade across Manly's ranch.

PENNY POSTAGE.

Australia Pa's at Last Given Her Adhesion to the Scheme.

(Associated Press.)
 London, April 24.—Australia has given her adhesion to the Imperial penny postage system. She has held aloof hitherto on the plea that adhering to the system would result in loss of revenue.

THE SHIPPING COMBINE.

Vienna Paper Says the Trust is the Most Dangerous Conceivable.

(Associated Press.)
 Vienna, April 23.—The comments here are generally adverse to the Morgan steamship combine. The Neues Wiener Journal characterizes it as the first world trust and says:

"The interest of the entire world are opposed to America monopolizing the whole shipping traffic of the world, or using an international navigation to develop its own export trade and serve its own political ends. The present organization contains the root of a still closer combine, of which America will be the strongest member. Notwithstanding the fact that Germany is able to bring into the pool a hundred times the traffic of America, yet the superior organized financial power of the Morgan syndicate will eventually give the United States supreme control. From the standpoint of national interests the trust is the most dangerous conceivable and it is only natural that the states affected should watch the development most closely and take every precaution possible. It may be found necessary to extend the system of state ownership to the sphere hitherto exclusively to private initiative, yet state ownership of the commercial marine would greatly reduce its mobility and give a fresh advantage to America, which has other means of defending and concentrating its own interests."

TO INCREASE THE PROVINCE'S SHARE

WILL RECEIVE FIFTY PER CENT. OF HEAD TAX

An Undertaking to Maintain Lazaretto and Recomp Cities For Sums Already Spent.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, April 24.—Sir Richard Cartwright has given notice of a bill increasing from 25 to 50 per cent. of the head tax on Chinese to the province of British Columbia. This will be subject to the province maintaining the lazaretto and recomp cities for the sums already expended there.

Veterinary Surgeon.
 Seymour Hadwen, of Dunsmuir, B. C. lately graduated as veterinary surgeon from McGill, has been appointed veterinary surgeon of the Sixth Regiment.

Now at Klerksdorp.
 The Governor-General has received a cable from South Africa stating that Lieut. Bruce Carruthers is doing duty with his regiment at Klerksdorp.

Report Denied.
 In the House to-day Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that there was no correspondence between Canada and the colonial office as was stated in a Toronto newspaper, that Canada wanted Boer prisoners to settle them in the Northwest.

The Intercolonial.
 Hon. A. G. Blair on the motion to go into supply made a statement on the Intercolonial railway. He said that its earnings had now reached \$5,000,000 as compared with \$3,000,000 during the last year of the late government.

TWO NEW COMPANIES.

One Has Capital of Fifteen Million Dollars and the Other Ten Million.

(Associated Press.)
 Phoenix, Ariz., April 24.—The American Surety & Trust Co., with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation here. The incorporators are Roger Olds, Elijah E. Stanley and Melvin C. Gray. The objects of the corporation include every conceivable business that could be carried on in this country, Hawaii, Philippines, Nicaragua and Central America, including the improvement and construction of waterways, canals, reservoirs, etc.

Articles of incorporation have also been filed here of the Western Iron & Steel Company with capital stock of \$15,000,000, to be divided into shares of \$100 each. The business proposed is smelting and working of steel and iron in any form, making armor plate, ships and railroad locomotives.

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YOUNG LOGGER'S TERRIBLE DEATH

MANGLED BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION BY LOG

Fatality Occurred at Higgins's Camp—Electric Railway Will Carry Out Improvements.

(Special to the Times.)
 Vancouver, April 24.—Fred Challoner, a young logger, met a horrible death yesterday at Higgins's logging camp up the coast. He was standing near a curve half way down a long log chute, when a log started down hill. He jumped behind a stump, which was directly in line with the upper part of the chute, down which the log was coming in its terrific rush. Challoner lost his nerve as he saw the log coming towards him, fearing that it would jump out of the chute, and he started climbing across the chute to seek safety on the other side. The log struck him, and he was mangled so that the corpse was unrecognizable.

The timber inspector's office and other officials have received a large number of inquiries from Eastern and American capitalists, regarding the chances of coming here to engage in single manufacturing and general saw milling.

A. Buntan, general manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway, has received a cable stating that at a meeting held to-day in London it was decided to issue £200,000 for the development of the Vancouver Power Company, Coquitlam, plant, and £50,000 for general improvements, at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

(Associated Press.)
 The Hague, April 24.—A bulletin issued this morning from Castle Loo says Queen Wilhelmina had another quiet night. The patient's temperature is satisfactory, and she is taking sufficient nourishment.

Afternoon Bulletin.
 The Hague, April 24.—A bulletin issued from Castle Loo at 3 o'clock this afternoon says: "A recurrence of high-temperature this afternoon makes it manifest that every care is still requisite."

The bulletin occasioned some anxiety, but the fact that Prince Henry took his customary ride and the Queen Mother went for a drive was regarded as favorable signs. Dr. Rossings will continue to remain at the castle for the present.

PROTEST FROM NELSON.

Disappointed That Government Has Not Provided for New Court House.

(Special to the Times.)
 Nelson, April 23.—A meeting of the leading business and professional men held to-day expressed strong indignation that the provincial government had not provided in the estimates for the erection of a new court house here. It was pointed out that the present building is inadequate for the business transacted, and that its ventilation is so bad that judges have had to adjourn court in consequence of their health suffering. A resolution was passed to telegraph the Premier and the Premier and to the member for the district.

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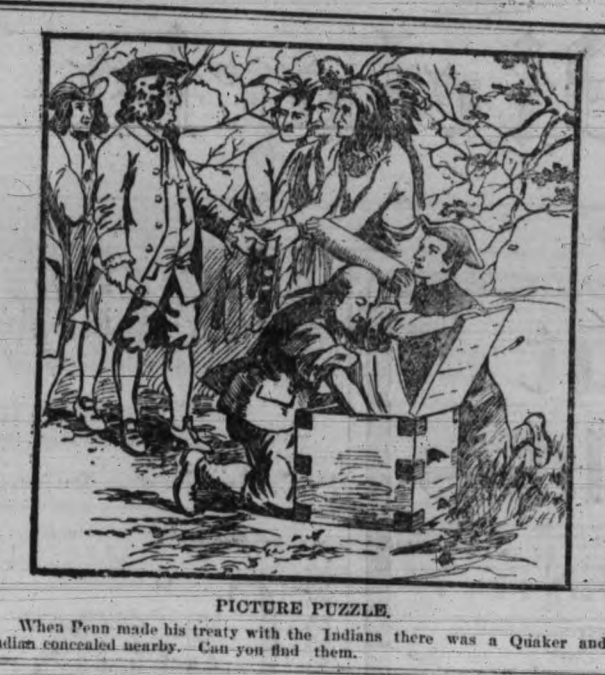
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MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE TWO ONTARIO TOWNS SCENES OF OUTBREAKS

Damages Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars—More Troops Leave For Halifax.

North Augusta, Ont., April 23.—Fire broke out today in the residence of Chas. Galbraith, and before it was extinguished it had done \$40,000 damage to property.

Newburg, Ont., April 23.—Fire today destroyed Burger's great mill. Strickland's agricultural implement store house, Farley's factory and the Moore Cohan's barn. Loss, \$67,000.

Shipments of Wheat. Winnipeg, April 23.—At the present time, said Mr. Leonard, of the C.P.R., in reply to a question today, "we are taking daily about 250,000 bushels of wheat to the Fort William elevator and about the same quantity is being shipped daily from these elevators."

Recruiting. Western recruiting for South Africa has practically commenced. To-day Dr. Codd, Major Jackson, Capt. Mackie and Lieut. Ketchen left for various points in the province.

Settler Dead. John Ford, one of the earliest settlers of Carberry Plains, is dead, aged 80 years. Deceased died suddenly while taking a short walk across the lawn.

Nomination. Chatham, April 23.—West Kent Liberals today nominated Mr. Parke, the old member, for the legislature.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY. Banquet and Concerts Held in the City Last Evening.

The Sons of St. George celebrated the anniversary of their patron saint with a banquet in the Bank Exchange restaurant last evening.

THE Loyal Tene-Bine society held a meeting in Sir William Wallace hall last evening.

"A KING'S RIVAL." Griffith Rants as Much as Ever—Small Audience Last Night.

An interior company headed by John Griffith and Kathryn Purcell presented a novel play to a small house at the Victoria last night.

Miss Kathryn Purcell was a pleasing Maritana and took her part with a dignity and grace which afforded a marked contrast to the excessively noisy Don Caesar.

"I wrote to Dr. Pierce for his advice." The lady, from whose letter we quote, got what she wanted for, and is a well woman today as a result of following Dr. Pierce's advice.

MUST NOT TALK. Washington, April 23.—By order of the president, General Funston has been relieved to cease further discussion of public questions.

Miss Irene Norris, Port Hope, writes: "Griffin's Mental Linctament relieved me of neuralgia in one application, and in a short time entirely cured me of this painful disease."

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Attendance at Sunday Schools Convention Closed Yesterday Evening. The Concluding Session Was of a Very Profitable Character—Election of Officers.

Calvary Baptist church was filled last evening by the large audience attending the second and concluding session of the annual Sunday school convention.

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HOW HE SAVED THEM.

The chief cause of complaint against the leader of the opposition which opposes is that he is very young. This reproach stares him in the face regularly now in the columns of the Colonist. Like the youth in one of Dickens's novels, he catches the reflection of it in the eyes of all with whom he comes in contact. Nevertheless, the ministers and their supporters, while in their wisdom and their maturity they affect disdain, are kept continually upon the rack by this excessively youthful and inexperienced leader. Motions of censure directed at the government are a bore, to be sure, but they are amusing to onlookers because of the curious acrobatic performance they cause, the wriggling and dodging and jumpings they are responsible for on the part of members who, while they have no conscience to excuse themselves to have constituents who are watching their actions very closely in these critical times in our political history. These motions are placing the members on record and are giving some of them an opportunity to display their "open-mindedness" by talking one way and voting another. Then there is always the chance that some member may be stricken with remorse or the fear of his constituents and vote in accordance with the pledges upon which he was elected and precipitate the catastrophe which may be delayed but is as sure to come as fish traps on Vancouver Island.

More than that, these little divisions give Speaker Pooley an opportunity of showing in a harmless way that he is still a good and useful friend of the government. If there had been a non-partisan speaker in the chair last night he would have been obliged to declare the government defeated on a motion to adjourn. And what useful purpose would have been effected by that save to accentuate the utter weakness and decrepitude of this thing that calls itself by the dignified name of government? When the vote was taken there were thirty-three members in the House. Seventeen of them voted nay and the remainder yea. And this is where the Speaker displayed his ability in saving his colleagues of exceptional ability from appearing ridiculous and helpless. He held sixteen government members to be equal to seventeen of the opposition, declared the vote a tie and saved the situation by casting the deciding vote himself. Mr. Pooley possesses genius. He is just the man for his job. There is probably not another man in the House who could rise to such an occasion in such an inimitable way.

THE WRECKERS.

The member for Nelson says he would not again accept a nomination if he thought the present opposition would still be opposing after the general election. Mr. Houston is a very states man. He knows he is not committing himself very readily in making such an assertion. Neither is his heart troubled about the political future of the government—he is supporting. He knows it has no future,

and that he will never again take the stump as a supporter of it. It has made such a mess of everything to which it has put its hand that when it encounters the storm of public opinion now rapidly gathering, it will be swept out of existence like chaff before a "rushing, mighty wind." The majority of the members now keeping this government in power know well what is in store for it. They are keeping it in for purposes of expediency. They may be seized with an impulse to turn it out at any moment. For the sake of personal convenience and with absolute disregard of the true interests of the province, they may let it run its course. For their acts they will be held strictly to account, because by no sophistries—and some of them are sophists of surpassing smoothness—can they absolve themselves from the consequences of the partnership into which they have entered. We are sometimes almost persuaded that the purpose of these ingenious members is to lead the government as far astray as possible—to mire it so completely that when the day of judgment comes so little virtue will be found in it that as a party it will be able to take no part whatever in the contest. With several parties appealing for the confidence of the people it would be a difficult matter for a deft political manipulator to take full advantage of all the titles he so thoroughly understands. Complexity of movement he dislikes. His purpose therefore is to confine the conflict within certain circles. One way to accomplish this purpose is to put the government entirely out of business, or to encourage its connection with Mackenzie & Mann, Greenshields, the V. Y. & E. injunction proceedings, the fisheries, the bye-elections, in short, with every question of public importance that has come before it.

PREFERENCE AND DEFENCE.

There are some admirable qualities about Sir Charles Tupper, bart. When he finds his ideas are wrong he is always ready to adopt those which events have shown to be sound. After his change of views Sir Charles has no hesitation about extolling the beauties of the doctrine to which he has been so suddenly converted, nor about holding it up to view with the utmost nonchalance as though it were something he had been preaching all his life. These traits have occasionally had a paralytic effect upon his hearers. If said hearers happened to be unbelievers from a Tupperian point of view. To the regenerate, however, they were merely further proof of this grand, garrulous old gentleman's genius.

The ex-leader of the Conservatives is now a convert to the preferential trade idea. This notable conversion was probably brought about by the discovery that the policy of the Liberal government has brought about that for which leading members of the Conservative party have long professed to be laboring. The weakness of their case lay in the fact that it never carried them beyond talk and resolutions. Session after session, for we do not know how many years, Mr. McNeill and others moved resolutions in favor of preferential trade and imploring the British government to denounce the Belgian and German treaties. The value of Britain's foreign trade was pointed out by the Imperial authorities as a reason why it would be impossible for the Imperial government to act even if she were to be accorded a preference by all the colonies. A year after Sir Wilfrid Laurier was placed at the head of Canadian affairs the announcement was made without preliminary flourishes that Great Britain had been granted a preference. Canada generally was electrified by the announcement, and Great Britain was impressed. The leaders of the Conservative party said this preference could not legally be granted because two treaties stood in the way. But these treaties were promptly denounced and the preference was increased from one-eighth to one-third, at which it stands at present. This policy has been denounced as a mockery to Great Britain because it is no real preference at all, and as an injustice to Canadian manufacturers. The chief is in ruining them for the benefit of a few men in Yorkshire. This policy cannot be ruinous to Canadian manufacturers if it be of no benefit to Britain, one would think. But in certain Tory circles anything will pass for argument. Men of independent mind know the preference is at the foundation of Canada's unprecedented prosperity, as revealed by the trade statistics and by the pocket-book of every man, whether workman, manufacturer or merchant, east of the Rocky Mountains. It gave Canada one of the best advertisements she ever had. It marked her out distinctly from the United States for the first time in the eyes of the ordinary Briton. There was an immediate voluntary preference for Canadian goods. The government did all in its power to meet this demand by assisting in the transportation of the products in which there was the greatest activity. So that although we have had no formal preference in the British market, there can be no doubt about the fact of the actual voluntary preference.

Now that Sir Charles Tupper has become convinced that the government of Great Britain is about to signify its approval of the policy of the Laurier government by taking a step in the same direction, he deigns to signify his approval also by talking as though he had never opposed it. Although he at one time said "Not a man—not a cent," to assist the Maltese Country in war, because he believed Canada had done her full duty in building the Canadian Pacific railway, he now believes that if a

preference be given the colonies, they would be quite willing to contribute to an Imperial defence fund, although he maintains that although the defensive needs of the colonies differ so widely, "each colony must provide its own defence." It may be taken for granted that Sir Charles reads the Canadian papers. He must know, therefore, that he is endorsing the policy of the government in the matter of defence also, because steps have already been taken to increase our regular forces and to add to the number and efficiency of the militia. The government proposes to take the fullest measures for the defence of Canada whether we be given the preference hoped for by Sir Charles Tupper and everybody else or not. The South African war has proved that citizen soldiers who can shoot are the equal of any regulars in the world. Rifle and ammunition factories are to be established in Canada, and provision will be made for a distribution of rifles to clubs and possibly to single individuals anxious to improve their marksmanship. That policy is in harmony with the sentiments of a community which believes in war for defensive purposes only, such as that now being waged in South Africa.

Sir Charles also endorses the position of the government in another respect. He practically admits that each colony must handle its own defence funds. Any other arrangement would be sure to lead to complications, jealousies and bickerings in time, because a generation would arise without a full understanding of the circumstances which brought the arrangement about. The same considerations apply to contributions to the navy. If we were to contribute to the construction and maintenance of the Royal Navy, there would surely in time be a protest against the voting away of money in the expenditure of which we had no voice. To the gradual evolution of an auxiliary navy there could be no such objection.

In classical phraseology, it seems to be "up to" Canada to lead the Imperial preference. To set the example of preferential trade, and there are indications that others will follow. We inaugurated Imperial penny postage. The Australian Commonwealth belied our work that it was good, and it has become second in the procession. The question of cost was the obstacle that was at first feared, and that misgiving has been removed by the mastery in which the Canadian postal system has been managed by Hon. Wm. Mulock, our Postmaster-General. A reduction in rates in our case was soon followed by an increase of revenue. The effect of the present British postal rates on the circulation of newspapers and periodicals in the colonies has often been referred to. The government has been memorialised on the subject and the damper it places on Imperial trade has been pointed out. All to no purpose. The Marquis of Londonderry has but one reply to make. The exigencies of revenue preclude any change. Revenue raising is the greatest problem with which the Imperial government has to deal at the present time. It is no easy matter to induce it to take a step forward, under ordinary circumstances, while the circumstances at present are extraordinary. But the change will be forced upon Britain in the course of time, and we shall have an Imperial literature as well as a system of Imperial trade, unless all signs fail.

Mr. Hay, of the United States, says he will keep his explorers in the field until they discover the truth about the destruction of landmarks by Canadian officials. There is plenty of money in the treasury and there are many men in search of employment in the United States. Keep them as it is. O Hay. The truth is that there are no monuments, as has been pointed out by competent United States authorities. When the explorers have drawn salaries for a year or two they may feel constrained to report this truth. Probably surveyors who considered they had a claim upon the government set the ridiculous stories afloat. Vankes have been known to perform "smarter" feats than that.

RE BICYCLE SIDEWALK RIDING.

To the Editor:—There are doubtless many cyclists fined for riding on the sidewalks who deserve to be fined, because they deliberately ride on the sidewalk in a main thoroughfare, where the road is good and perhaps provides as good riding as the sidewalk. But there are also many cases of fineing, writer is one of them, where it is a grave injustice. To be more explicit. One day last week the writer rode from the main street to his home (which he owns and for which he pays a good yearly tax to the city), a distance of about 100 yards, on the portion of the street allotted for a sidewalk, there being no other way laid, nor any prospect of one, far as he can see, the reason for so doing being that the street is not graded, and it is an impossibility for anyone to ride on it.

I may say, sir, that I paid my fine to the clerk of the court under protest, and I trust to suggest that there are cases when it would be more to the credit of the gentleman who goes around in plain clothes victimizing the unwary and unwise cyclist going home to his mid-day meal if he would first warn his victim that a repetition of such an offence would cost him \$3. RICHMOND.

UNFAIR REPORTS, ETC.

To the Editor:—On reading this morning's Colonist and unfortunately we must read the Colonist, there being no other morning paper, I was much struck by two matters. First, the invidious and boorishness with which the Premier answers questions in the House. Such answers as "None of your business,"

Spring Cleaning. Does it occur to you that your clocks and watches require cleaning periodically as well as your house? Why not take advantage of the time when the house is being cleaned to have your timekeepers attended to. We will undertake to put them in good order for very moderate charges, and guarantee to give satisfaction. No charge for estimates. C. E. Redfern, 43 Government St., Telephone 118.

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etc., do not enhance the dignity of the first minister of the province, but rather display to the general public how utterly unfitted he is for his position on account of his want of manner, and ignorance of the common rules of everyday courtesy, if for no other reason. Further, in "a lively interchange between Mr. Tatlow and the Premier," reported in a very few lines, satisfactory as this may be, was much as it showed that the Premier got the worst of the argument, as indeed would always be the case when he argued with an educated man. I maintain that a newspaper is not behaving fairly to its subscribers and purchasers when it curtails or omits parliamentary intelligence, when that intelligence shows up its lord and master. A STRANGER IN THE GALLERY.

THREE MORE CYCLISTS.

City Treasury Enriched By Nine Dollars Through Police Court To-Day. Nine more dollars went into the city treasury through the police court this morning. The contributors were cyclists who were caught riding on the sidewalk or rather alleged sidewalks, as the riders often incur greater risks in going on them than by keeping to the road. In such cases the head and front of the offending appears to be in being caught. The spotter is quite within his rights in taking the names of all those erring ones who have the audacity to ride on the sidewalk no matter how obscure or unfrequented it may be, as the majesty of the law must be upheld. The erring ones certainly realize this as they pay their fines quite promptly. Possibly if the accommodation at the police station was suitable for illustrious cyclists, a six days' sojourn there at the rate of fifty cents per day would be a novelty worth trying. The nine dollars which constitutes the sum total of this morning's business in the court could be no more profitably expended by the city than in hammering down the nails which have wrecked many a promising shoe tip on some of the principal sidewalks. This would render the law breakers immune from punctures.

Lawn Tennis Requisites. RACQUETS, Wright & Ditson's and Ayres'. BALLS, Wright & Ditson's and Ayres'. NETS, POSTS, PRESSES, MARKERS. Our price list will be mailed on application. M. W. WAITT & CO., LOCAL AGENTS, 44 GOVERNMENT STREET. Ping Pong Headquarters.

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SALE OF CORSETS SATURDAY. 288 Pairs—Six different styles; an erect form, short grey corset, well boned, trimmed lace and ribbon. A long corset of heavy grey jean, stayed with strapping and four rows of stitching. A medium length corset, stayed with stitched hands, top trimmed. A 5-clasp corset, stayed with 3 bands of stitched satteen, straight front, well boned, trimmed lace and ribbon. And two other styles. All Sizes, all at 50c. 560 PAIRS LADIES' LACED SHOES. Part of the J. D. King Stock. For Sale Friday and Saturday.

Patent Leather, Box Calf, Vici Kid, Mat Kid; colors, black and tan; Good-year welt and turns; French heels, Cuban heels and commensurate heels; values up to \$5.00 a pair. We will sell them Friday and Saturday. King Quality Button Shoes; made to sell at \$3.00; we are selling at \$1.50 a pair. King Quality Men's Shoes; made to sell from \$3.50 to \$5.00 a pair; we are selling at \$2.50 a pair.

SILK PETTICOATS DECIDEDLY REDUCED. Handsome Silk Petticoats, in the newest, brightest and most attractive styles and shades that the season has produced, at new prices that will tempt many a woman, who has hitherto been as adamant against their charms, to indulge herself in one of these luxurious yet practical additions to the stylish costume. 31 Silk Petticoats, regular, \$8.75 and \$10.50, for \$4.75 The styles include bias pleats, ruching, and frills. Colors are the newest plain shades. Men's Underwear—\$1.00 Value for 50c. PURE AUSTRALIAN WOOL SHIRTS and DRAWERS, SIZES 34 TO 40c. REGULAR PRICE \$1.00. FRIDAY 50c.

BOYS' SPRING OVERCOATS. 24 Whitecord Coats, Fawn shade; regular \$4.50 FRIDAY \$3.00 10 Herringbone Coats; regular \$5.75 FRIDAY \$3.99 13 only Men's Black Clay Worsted Suits, single breasted, square cut; regular \$15.00 FRIDAY \$10.00 See Broad Street window for Men's Suits at \$5.00; regular value \$8.75.

Souvenir Spoons in many pretty designs 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 each The new Coronation Spoon 90c. Souvenir Bon-Bon Spoons \$1.75 each S. H. & M. Velvet Brush Edge Shirt Bindings in black and colors, best quality 10c. yard

The Great Slaughter Sale. Is Still Going on at 88 Yates Street. Hundreds of people visit our store daily, which is ample proof that there are bargains to be had; but owing to our limited space for showing goods we were obliged to put a portion of the large stock purchased from the Argyle House upstairs in reserve. We find it necessary to close our store for half a day in order to bring forward more goods from the reserve stock; the store, therefore, will not be opened until 1 o'clock to-morrow (Friday).

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 24, 5 a. m.—The pressure has diminished over the Pacific slope, and there is only a moderate area of high pressure lying off the Pacific coast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity moderate or fresh southerly winds, partly cloudy and cooler, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, mostly fair and somewhat cooler, with occasional showers.

Reports: Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, 50; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, fair.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Fresh Fraser River Colicants at Brown & Cooper's.

V. & S. trains now depart from and arrive at Central Station (market building).

A Retail Clerks' Association will be organized at a meeting to be held in Labor hall next Monday evening.

A look into our Broughton street window will convince you that the bedroom suites we are showing cannot be beaten for the money that they are marked.

A church parade will be held by all A. O. U. W. lodges of the city on Sunday, May 11th, to the Centennial Methodist church, where services appropriate to the occasion will be conducted.

Divine service will be held at Congregation Emanuel, corner Blanchard and Pandora, on Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Montague N. A. Cohen will preach on "The Offense of the Shout."

On Saturday morning the Itablu will deliver a children's sermon, all children to be in their seats by 10:30 a. m.

V. & S. T. R. R. An excursion train will leave Central Station (market building) every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for Crofton. A delightful trip on the comfortable steamer Iroquois, three hours ashore at Crofton, arriving home at 6:30 p. m. Round trip, \$1.50.

Cheap rates to Minneapolis and St. Paul and return via Northern Pacific railway, on June 28th, July 1st and 3rd, the Northern Pacific railway will sell tickets to St. Paul and Minneapolis at a return at a rate of \$50 for the round trip. Tickets good until September 1st. This on account of the National Educational Association meeting. For further particulars apply at the N. P. ticket office, corner Yates and Government streets, C. E. Lang, general agent.

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The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending April 22nd were \$6,059,841, balances \$156,901.

A mass meeting will be held in Labor hall on Saturday night, when the carpenters will discuss the eight-hour question.

A meeting of the Builders' Exchange was held last night, when the eight-hour question came up. The majority members, while not objecting to eight hours, expressed the opinion that the matter was rather premature, and that the question of wages should regulate itself.

The sub-committees having in hand the various departments of preparation for the approaching regatta have commenced their labors. A meeting of the regatta committee is in progress this afternoon, while to-night the regatta committee will meet. The names of the members are published in the advertising columns of this paper.

A meeting of the trustees of the James Bay Athletic Association was held this afternoon for the purpose of disposing of important business in connection with the club. It has been decided definitely to carry out the proposition of establishing tennis courts for the use of the members of the association this year. The details of this scheme were published in last evening's Times.

Attractive features of the programme at the organ recital to be given by Mr. Burnett in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Monday night will be the contralto solo by Miss Orta Miller, a recitative and two arias from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," by Mrs. G. Jennings Burnett, also a recitative from Sullivan's "The Fish Song" by Herbert Taylor, while of Mr. Burnett's ability is too well known to require comment.

Applications will be received by the city clerk until Monday, May 5th, at 2 p. m., for the positions of plumber and milk inspectors. The salary in the former position is \$75 per month, and for milk inspector \$25. Applicants for the position of plumber inspector are required to accompany their applications with a certificate of efficiency from the board of examiners appointed by the council. Information regarding the board may be obtained at the office of the city engineer.

An interesting capture was made in Seattle harbor a few days ago. A large Indian canoe with Chinese packed in between the thwart as thick as sardines was placed under arrest immediately upon landing, and all occupants sent to jail. There were six Chinese in the canoe, but none disclosed the place from whence they came. They were going to Portland, and the two white men in charge of the boat were to be paid handsomely for smuggling them across the boundary line. When the officers of the law swooped down upon them the men hoisted themselves in reefed sail and in fixing some of the sloop's canvas tackle.

An opportunity to buy pure bred short-horns is offered by the O. R. & N. Co., who are holding an auction sale of five carloads at Colfax, Washington, on the 8th and 9th May. The sale is by the American Short-horn Breeders' Association, and will be in charge of B. O. Cowan, assistant secretary of the association. Tabulated pedigree and certificate of entry with each animal sold and guarantee that every animal will be absolutely represented. A large part of the offerings will be representative of animals from the herds of the following well known breeders: G. M. Casey, H. C. Duncan, T. J. Wornall, John C. Mills, Geo. Bethwell, W. P. Harrod, John Morris, J. C. P. Finley and Geo. D. Miner. Reduced rates to those attending the sale are offered by the O. R. & N. Co.

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Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1 p. m. to-day. She connected with the train from the East.

V. & S. trains now depart from and arrive at Central Station (market building).

H. M. S. Grafton left San Jose, Guatemala, en route north on Sunday last. Her next stopping point will be Acapulco.

Re-insurance on the salmon ship Red Rock has taken another dip. It is now offered at 25 per cent, five per cent. less than it was last week.

All the latest and best in "Corona" photos for one month, only \$4 per doz., at Skene Lowe's studio. Sit early in the month and avoid the crush.

On her last trip from Skagway the collier Wellington brought down to Comox a steel steam launch, consigned to R. W. Dunsmuir, of this city.

All players who will be participating in the Fifth Regiment ping-pong tournament are requested to secure their tickets from T. N. Hibben & Company.

The steamer Rijnun Mari called at the outer wharf this morning en route to the Orient from the Sound. The ship was full of cargo from the Sound, and did not receive any extra freight here.

The regular meeting of Court Columbia, Canadian Order of Foresters, will be held in Sir William Wallace hall to-night, when W. Doig, representing the high court of Canada, will be present and address the meeting.

A junior lacrosse team of 31 members has been organized at South Park school. The club officers are: Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, president; Nelson Scott, vice-president; L. T. Sprague, treasurer; Charles Marks, secretary.

A message from Cape Beale this morning stated that at 11 o'clock a tug towing a three-masted ship and a four-masted schooner passed by, both light. A very large ship was seen at the same time towing in from the westward.

Last evening a meeting of the management of the James Bay Athletic Association was held. A meeting of the membership of the club will be called for Monday, 28th inst., when business of interest to those connected with the club will be dealt with.

The Mud Lark has completed the dredging at the wharves at Union Bay, and is preparing to move to Pender Island to operate there, says the Cumberland News. Capt. Newcomb and his crew have done splendid work at Union Bay. Vessels of the deepest draft can now load at any stage of the tide.

It is expected that the large steamer Queen Mary, now in the drydock, will be on the blocks for eight or ten days. She will have a number of her steel plates removed during the course of her overhauling. Since last being in dock the Queen Mary is said to have found a rock in one of two places.

The poundkeeper has given notice that a dog sale will be held at the city pound on Monday next when the following: Two big black collies, two black cocker spaniels, four fox terriers, one brown spaniel, one husky, several small black ratters, one black and white English set. The lot, nineteen in all, will be sold unless redeemed before the sale. The city pound just now presents a kennel show on a small scale.

To-morrow night the members of the Fenwood Young Men's Association will hold their special dance in the A. O. U. W. hall, No. 3. Bantley's orchestra will be in attendance. The members intend to make this an event that will be looked back upon with delightful recollections, and as a grand wind-up to their splendid record in basketball this season. Only a few tickets are left, so that persons intending to be present should secure them from the members at once.

An enthusiastic meeting of the young men of James Bay was held last evening in the Boys' Brigade hall. There was a large attendance, and a new club was organized, which will be known as the Capital City Athletic Association. Outdoor sports will be entered in the junior lacrosse matches and in the intermediate baseball league. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Lt.-Col. F. B. Gregory; president, W. A. Lorimer; vice-president, D. Sprinkling; secretary, A. J. Cooksey; treasurer, D. B. Kennedy; executive, S. Lorimer; G. T. Temple; E. Whyte; J. Lorimer and A. Haughton. At a meeting of the executive to be held on Wednesday evening a set of rules will be drafted and the fees to be charged will be decided upon.

The excursion to Crofton next Saturday by the popular steamer City of Nanaimo should attract a large number, as the excursion is an excellent opportunity to inspect the smelter and new townsite at Crofton, together with the enjoyable sail through the numerous and picturesque islands and sheltered coves. It is anticipated that the railway line connecting Crofton with the famous Lenora mine will be completed by Saturday, and in the event of this Mr. Croft has promised to take any of those who wish as far up the line as the switch-backs, which will prove a novel experience to the uninitiated. The steamer will leave the C. P. N. dock at 9 a. m., returning will reach the city about 7 p. m. An exceptionally low rate of one dollar return has been named; children under 12 years taking half fare.

Small Debts Court. The judge of the Small Debts Court this morning delivered his decision in the case of Peterson and the other against Yorke & Roy, judgment being in favor of the plaintiffs. E. A. Powell represented the plaintiffs; F. Higgins, the defendants.

AT SPRING RIDGE Lecture Delivered by Rev. A. Fraser at Methodist Church—Anniversary Services. In the Spring Ridge Methodist church last evening there was a good attendance at the lecture given by Rev. A. Fraser on "Eastern Manners and Customs." The speaker dealt more particularly with early Oriental history. He based his remarks on the scripture of the Old Testament and explained some of the statements made there by detailing the manners of the peoples of Palestine and other Eastern countries. His address was interspersed with stories of Oriental life in the early days, and altogether was most instructive and interesting and appreciated by all present.

The anniversary of the Spring Ridge Methodist church falls on Sunday next, and the occasion will be commemorated by special services. Arrangements have been made for the morning services to be delivered by Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church. In the afternoon, in connection with the regular Sunday school services, an address will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Barracough. On the Tuesday following, in the church, an entertainment for the celebration of the anniversary will be held. An excellent programme is being arranged, and all attending are assured of a very pleasant time. The choir will be taken by Rev. M. Rowe, and among the speakers will be Neph Shakespear, superintendent of the Eastern Methodist Sunday school; Ed. Lewis, superintendent of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school; Rev. W. H. Barracough, and probably one of the Methodist pastors of Vancouver.

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DOES NOT APPEAR IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. But Action Against the V. V. & E. Railway Company Still Goes On.

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PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

MR. VICKERS GIVES EVIDENCE TO-DAY He Tells What Buildings Originally Cost and What They Were Sold For.

The select committee of inquiry resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Stables was cross-examined by Mr. Sawers in reference to prevailing prices for material and labor in April 1901.

(1) Did Mr. Graham own the buildings in question, or either of them? (2) If not, had he any interest in them or either of them? (3) Were there any other suitable buildings available? If so, at what price?

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IN THE LEGISLATURE. Mr. McBride's Appeal From Speaker's Decision Endorsed by House. When the House met this afternoon Mr. McBride drew attention to the fact that the vote on the motion to adjourn the previous evening had been 17 to 16 against the government.

STOCK QUOTATIONS. (Published by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.) New York, April 24. The following quotations were on the Produce Exchange to-day.

Backache, swelling of feet and ankles, puffing under eyes, frequent thirst, scanty, cloudy, highly colored urine and all urinary troubles lead to Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes, etc. Doan's Kidney Pills are a sure cure.

AFTER TYPHOID. MR. DIXON RECOVERS FROM FEVER BUT TO SUFFER RHEUMATISM.

A Remarkable Case Reported From Rainy River—How a Man Who Was Crippled With Pain Was Completely Restored to Health.

Barwick, Ont., April 23.—(Special).—Mr. William John Dixon, of this place, has had a remarkable experience. Last summer he was taken down with Typhoid Fever, and was very ill. After he got over it and started to work again Rheumatism set in.

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ITINERARY DECIDED. Travelling Representative of Tourist Association Will Visit Southern California.

The Tourist Association has finally decided upon the itinerary of their travelling representative for his first trip. He will go from Victoria to Seattle thence to Tacoma and then south to Portland and California resorts.

Personal. Selby Connan, E. Brodson, A. W. Williams, H. L. Jones, R. W. Lickman and M. Lowel, were among the passengers from Prince by the steamer Umattila this morning.

W. H. P. Clement, barrister, of Grand Forks, arrived in the city last evening. He is acting with Mr. Conant in the interests of the Kettle River Railway Company.

F. A. P. Teller, W. M. McLeod and T. Stephens, of Vancouver, Chicago and San Francisco, respectively, are among the commercial men at the Victoria hotel.

Rev. W. D. Herber, Wm. Wilby, Arnold Becker and P. M. Studley were among the Rosalie's passengers, from the Sound this morning.

OLD TOM GIN and LONDON DRY GIN. We have accepted the agency in British Columbia for the celebrated Joseph and John Vickers' OLD TOM and LONDON DRY GINS.

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Victoria Day Celebration MEETINGS. Of various sub-committees will be held at under the Committee Room at CITY HALL.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24. REGATTA, 8 P.M. Members—Admiral Dickford and Officers of Army and Navy, Capt. Gaudin, Capt. Cox, Capt. Warren, Capt. Clark, Capt. Borden, Chief Cooper, Alex. Stewart, Ald. Yates, A. J. Dallin, Officers J. B. A. A. Percy H. Brown, Lt.-Col. Wolfenden and Mr. Case.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25. FINANCE, 4 P.M. Members—Mayor Hayward and all Aldermen, Chief Langley, Chief Watson, Senator Templeman, Capt. Warren, Capt. Gaudin, Capt. Fox, Capt. Walbran, Serjt.-Major Mulcahy, Dr. Lewis Hall, Messrs. R. Hall, M. P. E., Steve Jones, A. Henderson, J. Deary, H. Sheppard, H. Morton, W. J. Dowler, R. J. Barry, R. H. Swinerton, W. Dalby, H. D. Helmecken, M. P. F. A. J. Dalby, Percy Brown, J. H. Lawson, J. W. H. Price, T. Burns, C. W. Jenkinson, W. H. Todd, and appointees of various clubs.

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