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FINAL BIG RALLY HELD LAST NIGHT

LIBERALS SMOKED TO A ROUSING VICTORY

Splendid Speeches Were Interspersed With Campaign Songs—Large Crowd in Attendance.

Today is the day of battle, and it will not be long after this paper reaches the street when the result will be known. Liberals and probably Conservatives, also, have no doubt as to the outcome, especially those who attended the final rally in A. O. U. W. hall last evening. It was, perhaps, the most enthusiastic gathering ever held in that well-known meeting place, and in itself augured an immense victory at the polls today for the Liberal candidate.

The hall was hung with flags and banners, while motions of various kinds, accompanied by character-attractions, attracted considerable attention. During the evening cigars and souper pipes were distributed among those present and, needless to say, they were heartily enjoyed. So excellent were the pipes that even the editorials of the Colonist might have made an aromatic smoke in them.

The chair was occupied by Charles Spratt, president of the Young Liberal Association, under whose auspices the meeting was held. Besides him on the platform were Hon. William Templeman, Ralph Smith, M. P., John Oliver, M. P., E. H. L. Drury, M. P., P. P. Richard Hall, M. P., A. B. Fraser, J. A. B. McMichael, C. H. Laurier, C. W. Munro, M. P., P. P., F. E. W. S. Fraser, R. A. C. Grant, D. Leeming, A. E. Courtney, W. F. Fullerton, A. E. Kent, A. O'Connell, T. Donovan, H. A. Mann, H. L. Salmon, J. S. Yates, E. B. Shaw, W. H. Jones and R. T. Elliott.

In opening the meeting, Chairman Spratt, in an excellent speech, complimented the gathering upon its numerical strength, and said it augured well for the success of the Liberal candidate to-morrow (to-day). Much was expected of Victoria, the capital city of the province, and he had no doubt that she would grasp the opportunity which was knocking at the door and sustain the Liberal candidate by the largest majority ever rolled up in the history of the city. He recalled the speech delivered by Governor McInnes in the same place a year or more ago, and remembered that the eloquent speaker had used the expression "from Missouri." To-morrow, therefore, would be a hand of Missourians in Victoria. On behalf of the Young Liberal Club he thanked those present for turning out in such large numbers.

He then called upon W. D. Kinnaird, who sang "The Maple Leaf" in rousing style, the chorus being taken up with a will by the meeting.

C. W. Munro, M. P., for Chilliwack, was the next speaker. He prefaced his remarks by an expression of regret on behalf of J. A. Macdonald, that the opposition leader was unable to be present owing to the sitting of the legislature. He (the speaker) was presently pleased to present a greater feeling reluctant about going into other constituencies and advising the voters what to do. In this instance, however, he felt he had proprietary rights. He was proud that this province had a full-fledged cabinet minister, and he stigmatized the opposition in the contest as rank infantry from the Conservative standpoint. Mr. Munro then gave a very humorous description of a Tory meeting he attended a few evenings ago, ridiculing the remarks of the speaker and handing their congratulations in a succinct, but fiery fashion. Political campaigns, he said, were always important, and he trusted that to-day's fight would be of immense value to the Liberals. He admonished them to examine their fortifications after the smoke of battle had cleared, so that they could strengthen the weaknesses that might be discovered. He trusted that to-day's victory would mean a greater one that was looking up for the future. Mr. Munro's speech, which was loudly applauded, was followed by a campaign song by R. A. C. Grant, which was enthusiastically received.

The chairman then called upon Ralph Smith, M. P., who, as usual, delivered a rousing campaign address. Ralph Smith, M. P., was received with great applause as he essayed to speak. He congratulated the Young Liberal Association upon the success of the meeting, and said it augured well for the Liberal spirit of Victoria.

He supported the party and government because it was head and shoulders over everything that had preceded it in this country, and declared that Mr. Templeman looked at the principle involved rather than the slavish adherence to the party he so ably represented. He was going to Ottawa to-morrow, and was anxious to bring back the good tidings that his friends were so much anxious to hear. Mr. Templeman was returned by the largest majority ever polled in Victoria.

There were two reasons for opposition on this occasion. One was that his old friend Clive Phillips-Wolley was anxious to bring himself into prominence as an opponent of his some years hence, and the other was that Mr. Beckwith wanted to introduce himself as a probable candidate at some future date, without any hope of securing success on this occasion. He was surprised to see that no real attack had ever been made against the Liberal government except through jealousy and antagonism. Mr. Templeman was defeated to Conserva-

MINERAL OUTPUT OF THE DOMINION

A LARGE INCREASE DURING PAST YEAR

Value of Products Over Sixty Million Dollars—The Insurance Investigation.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 6.—A summary of the mineral production of Canada for 1905 has been issued by the geological survey branch of the interior department. The value of mineral products for the year is \$68,574,767, or two millions higher than Canada's best year, 1901, when it was over sixty-six millions.

The mineral production in 1904 was \$66,073,897, or eight and a half millions less than for the past year. Last year's returns are all the more remarkable in view of a falling-off of gold from the Yukon of over two million dollars. Coal occupies the predominant position, making over seventeen million dollars, and when added to the value of metallic products about 50 per cent of the production of the country is accounted for. The output of Yukon gold is \$3,372,000, and all other gold \$6,159,433, making \$14,491,433 in all.

The first business of the insurance commission was an investigation of the inspection which the insurance department has made during past years into the business of Canadian life insurance companies. This will be done at Ottawa, where Inspector Fitzgerald will be retained G. F. Shepley, K. C., Toronto, as counsel.

Telegram of Thanks.
The Japanese government has sent a telegram of thanks to the Canadian government for its contribution of four to starting Japanese Consul-General Nossé has handed the telegram to the secretary of state.

ISLAND OF PORTO RICO.
Vacancy in Bishopric Gives Rise to Important Ecclesiastical Question.
(Associated Press.)
Rome, March 5.—The vacancy in the Bishopric of Porto Rico through the appointment of the Right Rev. James H. Blenk as Archbishop of New Orleans has given rise to a most important ecclesiastical question, namely, whether Porto Rico is under the jurisdiction of the congregation of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs. With the exception of Canada and the United States, which are given rise to the provincial congress which is under the jurisdiction of the congregation of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs, being originally Spanish or Portuguese colonies. This was the case with Porto Rico, having been annexed to the United States. Decisions of the ecclesiastical council of Latin-America later were held not to have extended to Porto Rico, it being considered that the island was governed, as is all of the United States, by the regulations of the council of Baltimore. The nomination of the new bishop will definitely settle the question, which has considerable significance both from an ecclesiastical and financial point of view. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the congregation of the propaganda and Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, have exchanged communications on the subject.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
Elections Will Begin in Russian Provinces Next Month.
St. Petersburg, March 5.—An Imperial ukase issued to-day orders the elections to the national assembly to begin April 15th in 23 provinces of Central Russia, to commence April 15th in the other provinces in Central Russia and the Don regions, and in two other provinces on May 1st.

Primary Elections.
St. Petersburg, March 5.—The primary elections of the peasant class, of which there are four degrees, are in progress. The returns thus far are significant. Yesterday in the rural districts of St. Petersburg province the peasants almost without exception chose the present village elders and volostichs, or members of the Volost courts, to select the delegates to the provincial congress which will be composed of representatives of the four degrees which later will choose representatives to the national assembly. The selection of the same leaders, who under the old regime, were named more or less through the influence of the government district agents, indicates that the votes of the people in the province congress will be Conservative, but no charge has been reached thus far that the government has exercised undue influence.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES

CASE BEFORE THE RAILWAY COMMISSION

Coast Merchants Complain That There is Discrimination on Part of the Company.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 5.—The railway commission this morning met to consider the complaint of the boards of trades of British Columbia against the Canadian Pacific Railway regarding alleged discrimination in rates between Vancouver and interior points as far east as Calgary on the main line, based on the Crow's Nest branch and the Kootenay district, and the rates granted from Winnipeg to Calgary. Mr. Blair and points further west, including the Kootenay district. There was also taken up at the same time the complaint of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association and the New Westminster board of trade, charging that the C. P. R. unjustly discriminated against Pacific coast cities in charging higher rates on freight originating in Eastern Canada as compared with rates to Winnipeg by the main line of the Crow's Nest, Pass, and higher than the American railways, or American and Canadian railways, jointly and severally, that the Canadian Pacific and other railways discriminated unjustly against the Pacific coast cities by charging higher rates on traffic originating in the Eastern United States, or points entirely through American territory, or partly through Canadian territory.

Joseph Martin appeared for the complainants and Hon. A. G. Blair for the Canadian Pacific. E. H. Phippen, of Winnipeg, appeared for the Winnipeg board of trade, and co-operated with the C. P. R. Charles Drayton and W. R. Macintosh were also present for the C. P. R. and C. N. Bell, of the Winnipeg board of trade.

Mr. Blair first addressed the board, taking the ground that there was no discrimination as provided by the statute creating the board.

Mr. Blair held that under statutes to show unjust discrimination it would require to exist upon the same line and the same portion of the line running in the same direction, and would require to be on the same class of traffic and carried under similar circumstances. He then, in support of his contention, stated that there was another section as to discrimination between localities.

Mr. Killam—That, I think, is the one under which this case would come.

Mr. Blair—But in that case it would also have to be carried in the same direction of traffic.

Mr. Killam—Thought this to be too narrow an interpretation of the statute.

Mr. Blair—I hold that there was nothing in the complaint to necessitate the widening of the scope of the hearing of the case, since there was no unjust discrimination shown. The act does not provide for hearing disputes upon one end of the line as to rates upon the other end of the line, as contended for in this case. Then as to the mathematical dividing line as to traffic running east and west and north and south, and consequently no unjust discrimination.

In the making of the application Mr. Blair also maintained that the terms of the statutes were not complied with as ought to have been done.

Mr. Killam—As far back as August, 1904, complaints had been made as to a matter of that kind.

Mr. Phippen showed that the Winnipeg Board of Trade was not in a position to get the necessary evidence as to rates to put in a proper defence. All that the city of Winnipeg knew was from hearsay. He might suggest that the rates between the points might be affected by the cost of the building of the road, and it would appear that the Pacific coast end of the C. P. R. cost more than the Winnipeg end. In a general way he supported Mr. Blair.

Mr. Killam thought the section of the statute of rates between localities covered the case. He asked to hear from Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin, answering Mr. Phippen, said that the only way to get the necessary information for Winnipeg was to bring the company before the commission. He was surprised to see Winnipeg applying for a nullity of the statutes, for that was what it meant. Winnipeg might be benefited in this case, but there might come a time when the effect of its action would be felt at home. This was no application for increasing of reducing rates.

As to Mr. Blair putting in an entirely new case as that laid down by the C. P. R. he did not think that anything in the rules could be found to justify that.

Mr. Martin then went on to show that the commission had jurisdiction to deal with the case. He cited exactly similar cases that had been dealt with by English and United States commissions. Under section 24 of the railway company act he found that the railway company was bound to bring before the board the necessary information to be able to deal with it properly.

King Edward on Monday gave a dinner at the British embassy, Paris, to former President Loubet and former Minister Delcasse. The presence of the latter was considered a great acknowledgment of Delcasse's services in connection with the Anglo-French agreement.

Chicago Lithographers Decide to Take Action.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 5.—Chicago lithographers are going to take up the pure food crusade. Unless certain manufacturers order labels for their food products which tell the truth, it was said yesterday that the lithographers would not print them. This was promised by a committee from the Confederation of Labor which called at the office of the Illinois Pure Food Commission. The commission was headed by Chas. D. Wheeler.

Very Rev. R. W. Norman Dead.
Montreal, March 5.—Very Rev. Richard Whitmore Norman, former dean of Quebec, died here Saturday. He performed ministerial duties in Montreal at the churches of St. John, St. James, St. Mathias and Christ Church cathedral. He became a member of the council, Lennoxville University, in January, 1882, vice-chancellor in 1878, canon of Montreal cathedral the same year, fellow of McGill College in 1880 and was also chairman of the Montreal Protestant school board for some years.

Two Deaths.
Toronto, March 5.—Mrs. Noah Pavnick, who was so badly burned on Friday afternoon as the result of the flame from a painter's torch, sitting on a chair of varnish, and thereby ignited her clothing, is dead. Her little four-year-old son, who was also burned, died Friday night.

Will Increase Fees.
Toronto, March 5.—Controller Hubbard said this morning he had information pointing to government legislation to be introduced in the House which would be practically revolutionary in the liquor license situation in Toronto. The fees will be immensely increased.

Depends on Behaviour.
St. Catherine's, March 5.—To stop drinking altogether and to go to church at least once a Sunday between now and the June session, is the unique condition upon which Judge Carman on Saturday suspended sentence on Ernest Dwyer and William Perry, two men who pleaded guilty to stealing chickens. They were caught by the chief of police at Burdow, Queenston bridge, a few days ago, while attempting to escape in a lively rig. The judge will deal with the men in June, taking into consideration their conduct between then and now.

Press Comments on Dispatches Regarding Disturbances in China and United States Military Expedition.
(Associated Press.)
Pekin, March 5.—The Chinese government is greatly perturbed by the reports of anti-foreign movements printed in the American and European press and particularly by the dispatches announcing America's preparations for a military expedition in case of need. These reports, it is alleged, tend to embarrass the foreign ministers and create strained relations between them and the officials here.

Chinese Suspicious.
Pekin, March 5.—The principal topic in the Chinese press relates to the reports coming from America that the United States is making complete preparations to send a military expedition to China. The newspapers regard these reports as a manifestation of an unfriendly policy. The imports of Newchwang for 1905, exclusive of military supplies, was the largest recorded. The total was \$23,900,000, of which \$22,000,000 came from America, and \$9,000,000 being in cotton.

Not Looking For Ships.
Washington, D. C., March 5.—War department officials state that they are not endeavoring to charter any private steamships on the Pacific coast for the transportation of troops to the Philippines as has been reported. There is no prospect of the transportation of troops in any form in addition to the two regiments and two batteries already on the way to Manila, which will afford General Wood a command of 10,000 men.

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DISCUSSION ON OUTSIDE AUDIT

COUNCIL HELD LONG SESSION LAST NIGHT

Mayor Morley Suggests Making Cost of New Work a Charge on Property Benefited.

Mayor Morley introduced two very important matters at the regular meeting of the city council last evening. One was the question of an independent audit, for a discussion on which the council had to extend its time of sitting to 11:15 o'clock, and the other was the advisability of making the entire cost of all new work a charge against the property benefited.

The local manager of the B. C. Telephone Company reported that the council's communication on telephone rates had been referred to the head office, Vancouver. Received and filed.

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A. T. Goward also wrote giving notice that it was the intention of the company to commence the building of its new offices at the corner of Langley and Fort streets, and asked if the city engineer would supply the necessary lines. Referred to city engineer with power to act.

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Ald. Yates wished His Worship to ascertain when the company intends building its double track on Government street, so that street improvement be not delayed.

Residents of Vancouver, Cook, Belcher and Mears streets complained that the by-law regulating the scavenger business to be enforced on January 1st, had not yet been lived up to. Received and filed, the writers to be informed that the council had already taken action.

J. D. McNeill, M. P. E., wrote promising the support of the bill to authorize under certain conditions a grant to the city of Victoria for park purposes. Received and filed.

A communication from the Canadian Pipe Company asked for city patronage. Referred to city engineer for report.

S. Joyce asked for an improvement on Duchess avenue, also for a water meter. Referred to the water commissioner and streets committee.

Ald. Hall said that the meter rate to a person using a small quantity of water was less than what is known as the flat rate.

His Worship said that as the whole water question is shortly to be considered, it might be well to defer the matter referred to by Ald. Hall until then. This was approved.

W. J. Dowler, city clerk, reported communications from G. T. Mitchell, Robt. Heberington, Emma Marshall, Mrs. D. Morrison and Wm. Baylis, asking for repairs and improvements, which had been referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee. Received and filed.

Ald. Douglas said in passing that the street leading to Foul Bay was in very bad condition and required immediate attention.

The water commissioner recommended that tenders be called for the purchase of metres to the value of \$200. Adopted.

A further report from the water commissioner suggested that the requests of Captain Clarke for a water connection on Prior street be referred until

the whole matter of water extension be taken up.

A letter from Capt. Clarke was also read on the same question. Both communications were laid on the table to be considered.

Chief of Police Langley reported enclosing a request from Dominion Constable Deary for a moiety of the fines imposed on certain Indians convicted under the Indian Act. The chief suggested that as in the majority of cases the offenders generally serve their term of sentence, that the money received in fines should be acquired for the benefit of this corporation. Received and recommendations adopted.

The sanitary officer and building inspector reported recommending that portions of the building at 51 Pioneer street be torn out. The building is now unsanitary. Received, and the owner of the building to be notified that the requirements of the law applying to such be complied with.

Ald. Fullerton drew attention to a building owned by the corporation in Spring Ridge, which was in a bad condition. He asked that the sanitary officer and the city solicitor should see if the recommendations made by the council be embodied in the bill with regard to the definition of the word "householder". The bill disqualified militia men and even those who pay a dog tax or the 2 cent road tax.

Ald. Hall thought that the mayor should accompany the solicitor to see if the wishes of the council are carried out.

Ald. Yates argued, as the bill now reads, it did not disqualify militiamen. After considerable discussion as to the meaning of the bill it was decided to go on the suggestion of Ald. Fullerton.

His Worship said he would have to go over to the legislature any way today and would go with the city solicitor.

His Worship then submitted the following report:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit for your consideration the following:

1. The estimated net revenue for 1906, is \$745,776.23.

2. The annual net charge on the city debt, \$347,235.75.

3. The approximate sum left for general expenditure, \$398,540.47.

4. The latter amount is far too small in proportion to the annual revenue, and insufficient for absolutely necessary civic upkeep.

5. There is no reduction in the annual charge on the city debt until 1911, when it reduces to \$142,168.28, and no appreciable reduction until 1925, when it drops to \$54,230.97.

6. Our expenditure for education has increased disproportionately to population and revenue.

7. Under our present local improvement system (except sewers) our civic debt and annual charge on same will increase.

8. Unless our revenue increases in like proportion through increased taxation or growth, the already too small sum left for general expenditure will necessarily continue to decrease.

9. Under the act and by-law 24, clause 13, the city is empowered to assess adjoining property the full amount of local improvements, and

10. By relieving the city of this year's expenditure of \$20,000 for new work plus the annual charge, it will allow of a reduction of 2 mills from the present tax rate.

Therefore, I would suggest that the city council give due consideration to the advisability of making the entire cost of all new work a charge against the property benefited, covering a term of years, so that the annual payments shall fully cover the annual charges of interest and sinking fund and other costs incidental thereto; and that the above be considered at a special meeting of the council on Wednesday, March 7th, at 4 p. m.

A. J. MORLEY, Mayor.

The mayor speaking on the matter said that the time had come when the city should if possible decrease its debt. The only way to do this was to charge the cost of new works to the property benefited. This was done elsewhere and was proving a success.

A new section is taken over, roads are first built, macadamized, etc. This was what he advocated long ago.

A number of the aldermen being restless about getting away from the meeting, the question arose as to when the report should be taken up.

Ald. Yates complained that it was too much to expect the council to hold two meetings a week and extra meetings besides.

Ald. Vincent did not see the use of considering the report at all. It was unreasonable to expect people who had for years been paying for the general improvement of the city to now turn about and act as the report proposed. The city would have to be in good condition to even take over the water-works on a loan of \$1,000,000.

His Worship said that he had the right to bring in the report. It was simply a question that the city had come to the end of its tether and something had to be done.

It was finally decided to fix Thursday for the consideration of the report.

His Worship said that he had received a communication from the secretary of the governing board respecting the forthcoming visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught and party and he would like the council to determine what was to be done towards arranging for a reception. The royal party was to arrive here on the 28th of March and would leave Victoria on the Princess Victoria the following Friday evening.

The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$4,864. Adopted.

The same committee recommended giving an appropriation of \$1,000 to the Tourist association.

Ald. Yates objected to the form of the report. He wanted the words "for advertising purposes" included in the report.

After a very lengthy discussion it was decided on amendment of Ald. Davey to have the word added for advertising the city of Victoria.

On motion of Ald. Goodacre the annual expenditure by-law, 1906, was introduced and put through its first and second readings.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider applications for increased salaries. The city auditor and city clerk retired at request of Ald. Goodacre.

Ald. Hall suggested that the reporters go also, but his worship thought the discretion of the newspapermen could be depended on.

The application of the city solicitor for an increased salary and for a room for office purposes were then considered.

Ald. Stewart moved that Mr. Wells be granted the use of an office in the city hall pending his employment as city solicitor. The motion carried and the council thought it had no money for increased salary.

His Worship said that he had written to a number of the leading business men of the city, as to the desirability of the employing of Messrs. Clarkson, Cross and Heltwell, in making an audit of the corporation accounts. In response to inquiries made letters were read from the management of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, David Spence, Monday, Deane & Brodie, H. R. Thompson of Turner, Beeton & Co., and the managers of the banks of Commerce and Montreal. These firms had all given employment to the auditing firm mentioned. They all highly recommended the firm and some approved of their services in the city hall.

Ald. Fullerton wanted to know if the employment of the firm would mean the reduction of the staff in the city hall.

His Worship said he had no doubt that the work would be reduced, but this would not necessarily be the case if the staff could be cut down. The firm had offered a saving in the Vancouver city hall of \$4,000 in one year.

Ald. Yates wanted to know if his worship had consulted the local staff as to making changes in the present system. He thought that this should first be done before any outsiders were consulted.

The whole matter of bringing those auditors in the city hall, he said, was planned in November last and the mayor was simply being "played."

His Worship wanted to know if Ald. Yates was going to say if he regarded all those firms whose letters he read in his own light.

Ald. Yates: Not at all. Those firms only answered questions put to them.

His Worship said it was a matter of business with him and he proposed to see it through.

Ald. Hall said he would vote against any proposal to bring in any auditors from Vancouver.

The mayor thought this argument did not apply as one of the firm's family resided here.

Ald. Stewart did not know much about book-keeping, but would not favor the Vancouver firm being employed. He would like, however, to hear from Ald. Vincent, a man who had a connection with one of the biggest companies in the Dominion, and Ald. Davey, who had kept books for the Imperial government.

Ald. Vincent did not see what there was to discuss. He had compared the audit made in Victoria with that made by the firm mentioned and he thought the former the better of the two. The Victoria audit gave a great deal more information. He did not see why there should be any outside auditing firm engaged. It was claimed that the water commissioner audits his own accounts. But, added Ald. Vincent, there can be little out of the way, as nearly all the accounts in civic expenditure are fixed.

Ald. Davey asked why call in a physician when there was no disease. He never heard of any complaints made, and he thought that if there was any doubt as to accounts there were men in the city who were quite capable of looking over them.

His Worship asked Ald. Vincent how

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he would propose to have an audit made.

Ald. Vincent thought that there were plenty of auditors to be found in Victoria who could, if the council desired, make an audit at the end of the year.

Mayor Morley argued in favor of an independent audit such as he contended the people wanted. He read from the statutes defining the mayor's powers and wanted to know from the council what they considered this meant.

A little discussion between Ald. Yates and the mayor followed as to the meaning of the regulations. The mayor thought that Victoria was the most conservative town he had ever been in to introduce a change in any custom.

Ald. Yates, however, contended that the mayor had no power to appoint an auditor.

Ald. Vincent wanted to know if the mayor ever had any previous experience in municipal business.

His Worship claimed that he had been connected with a company in California, which owned and governed its own town.

Ald. Yates wanted to hear from the city auditor, engineer, and treasurer as to what suggestions they would make. He moved, seconded by Ald. Vincent, that the city auditor, treasurer and engineer be requested to report to the council what changes, if any, are in their opinion necessary to make the work in their respective offices, and the system of accounts more efficient and up-to-date. This motion carried.

Ald. Fullerton was of the opinion that an independent auditor should be engaged to act with the officials named in the motion, but he would not favor one from Vancouver.

Ald. Yates then moved that in the opinion of the council, it is advisable that an independent auditor be appointed at such times as may be deemed suitable by the council.

This motion also carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 o'clock.

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CONSERVATIVE RALLY.

Big Meeting in Victoria Theatre Last Night—Close of Campaign.

The Conservatives held their final rally last night in the theatre, and managed to get together the biggest crowd in their campaign effort. Among those on the platform were Edward Henson, George Powell, Roper, Armstrong, W. S. Fitcher, Richard Drake, Joe Brown, Thomas Earle, ex-M. P., J. A. Mars, W. T. Hardaker, J. P. Burgess, J. R. McKenae, James Muirhead, E. A. Lewis, J. W. Bolden, Hector Dow, Rufus Pope, ex-M. P., Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, L. Tall, J. W. Haskins and J. Hunter.

A. E. Phillips occupied the chair and in opening the proceedings said that the opportunity was now afforded the people of Victoria to express their commendation or condemnation of the Liberal government. It was the broad principle of right and justice that they were fighting. Although their opponents would have them believe that there was nothing in the campaign but the portfolio, the Liberals treated abuse and personal attack as their argument, but they would find that this was not acceptable to Victoria.

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley was the first speaker called, and was accorded a very warm reception. He charged the Liberal government with misadministration of public money and with a sentiment of which was strongly anti-British. The latter allegation was dwelt on at considerable length, and the withdrawal of the navy from Esquimalt quoted in support. This light as carried on by the Liberals was one of expediency, for they would have the electors believe that it was expedient to return a cabinet minister on the chance of getting something out of him. "If Mr. Templeman wins tomorrow," said the speaker, "it can only be by an appeal to your pockets and it will be a triumph of expediency against principle and patriotism, of the Bosses against the people of Voters against the Democracy."

A joint letter, apologizing for their absence, was read from the following members of the local legislature: James F. Garden, Price Ellison, Geo. A. Fraser, Chas. W. D. Clifford, Henry Esson Young, Richard McBride, R. F. Green, Fred J. Fulton, Robt. G. Tatlow, F. Carter-Cotton, Wm. R. Rice, A. H. Macgowan, Thomas Taylor, J. L. Beckwith, the Conservative candidate, was accorded a very warm reception and proceeded to attack his opponent and denounce everything savouring of Liberalism, claiming for the Conservative all the virtues. The speaker reviewed at length the various public questions, to which he had dealt with at previous meetings.

D. M. Eberts next addressed the meeting, and read a telegram from C. M. Woodworth, president of the Vancouver Conservative Club, which read: "Down Templeman, as Templeman has done British Columbia. It is Victoria's opportunity to set an example."

Rufus Pope, of Campton, Quebec, was the last speaker, and having listened to him for some time, the meeting broke up with cheers for Borden, Beckwith and the King.

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The incident occurred on the Shuswap & Okanagan railroad, that detectable line which traverses what is known as the garden of the interior.

Mr. Macgowan presented a petition from James Melrose and others, in support of bill respecting the sale of patent medicines.

Mr. Evans asked the premier the following question: What decision, if any, the government have arrived at in regard to introducing legislation dealing with civil service and superannuation lists.

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: "The matter is still under consideration."

Premier McBride asked to suspend the rules of the House in order to introduce a bill to amend the Victoria Terminal Railway Bill.

J. A. Macdonald said that if the case was an urgent one he had no objection to the bill being introduced on the understanding, however, that there should be sufficient time given to allow parties interested to make representation, before the bill was finally passed.

The premier said he was agreeable to this. The bill passed its first reading.

New Bills. W. Manson introduced a bill to amend the Steam Boiler Inspector Act, 1905.

Hon. F. J. Fulton introduced a bill to incorporate the Lifesboat and Life-saving Association of British Columbia.

Budget Debate. On the adjourned debate on the motion to go into supply, John Oliver complimented the minister of finance upon his presentation of the figures.

Another reason for this was the increase in population. The government had increased the taxation on real property about 35 per cent.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY SEVERELY HANDLED

John Oliver Exposes Incompetency of McBride Administration—Socialist's Tricks Exposed.

Victoria, March 5th, 1906. John Oliver in the legislature this afternoon, in resuming the debate on the budget, delivered a masterly address.

Mr. Oliver spoke for about two hours and a half and scored the government unmercifully. He showed that by increased taxation and reduced expenditure on public works the minister had effected his surplus.

At the evening sitting there was a splendid exposure made of the system or gaffery play which is indulged in by arrangement between the members of the government and their colleagues.

Mr. Oliver then referred to the Fenwick ballot question. He pointed out that the partner of the Conservative candidate was made returning officer.

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Mr. Oliver said that last year it was pointed out by the Liberal opposition that the province was paying interest at 5 per cent. on its overdraft and at the same time obtaining the credit of the province.

The finance minister should also take into consideration that the province was paying 5 per cent. on the overdraft of \$25,000,000.

The question of the railway taxation was not opposed by the Liberals. In 1903 Smith-Curtis, the Liberal member, the tenor of the railway corporation of the province, had first called the attention to the fact that the railways were not paying their fair share of the cost.

Mr. Oliver referred to the little incident, while the premier was discussing this railway legislation when a page hurried out and the dictator from Nanaimo came in and asked the premier if there was any protest from the railway companies.

He was surprised at the government calling the attention of the C. P. R. protesting against it. He reminded the government that the opposition were not so slow as not to see through a piece of clap net like that.

The Dyking Act of last year was attacked as a bill in favor of the speculators. The paid agents of the speculators from the gallery took exception to the protest of the opposition.

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He referred to a letter from New Denver, in which he was given their personal opinion to carry on the affairs of the district.

"Good for them," said Hon. Mr. Fulton. "Yes," returned Mr. Oliver, "but I will tell you that these men have more patriotism, more common sense and more business ability than the government which thought down this bill."

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Information available for intending settlers 25 years ago than there was today. The Liberal party did not stand for confiscation nor for repudiation.

The Liberal party stood by contracts whether with big corporations, settlers or prospectors. The Liberal party would not only keep faith with those asking equity, but would demand that faith should be kept with the province.

Mr. Oliver said down amidst loud and continued applause. On motion of J. R. Brown the debate was adjourned.

Third Reading. The bill to give legislative sanction to the Supreme Court rules passed its third reading.

Report Adopted. The report of the bill to amend the Health Act was adopted.

The Timber Bill. The House again went into committee on the bill respecting the use and manufacture of timber cut on lands of the crown.

Hon. R. E. Green introduced his amendment to put the onus of proof as to whether timber was cut from lands from which timber could not be exported upon the owner of the timber.

T. W. Patterson said that this was unfair. Persons had bought land before the provisions were created. These persons had many instances paid taxes on the land for years.

He wanted to know what was the reason for giving a privilege to the persons who purchased land in 1887. He wanted to know why this was done.

W. J. Bowser said that the legislation was justifiable. It was only fair to put upon the timber man the onus of proving this.

J. A. Macdonald again pointed out that it was contrary to the principle of law to make a man prove his innocence.

Mr. Bowser held that there were statutes in British Columbia which bore out the rule proposed.

The amendment carried and the bill was reported. The committee rose and reported progress.

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Upon resuming in the evening the bill to consolidate the Municipal Classes Act was again committed.

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AN IMPRESSIVE SPECTACLE

Behold what a goodly thing it is to see these two stalwart defenders of the people's rights and of the public estate, Messrs. Green and Hawthornthwaite, stand shoulder to shoulder in the cause of humanity! There hath not been seen anything quite so impressive in the history of legislation in British Columbia as the spectacle of these valiant champions, the one the author and finisher of the Kalen Island land deal, the other the apologist and defender of the Columbia & Western eight hundred thousand acre "transaction" (of which that poverty-stricken institution, the C. P. R., is to be the sole beneficiary) standing boldly before an opposition bent on confiscation and defying the heartless horde who would refuse justice to a deserving cause! Verily, the public would have been impressed, if it had not been otherwise engaged last night, could it have attended the meeting of the legislature and listened to the proceedings there.

It had incidentally been arranged between the government and the author of its being, the Socialist leader, that a theatrical bit of by-play should be introduced into the discussion of the Columbia & Western land grant bill. The government, which had secretly disposed of the eight hundred thousand acres, had, in accordance with the plan pursued in connection with that other highly-favored affair, the Kalen Island Infamy, steadily refused pre-emptors the right of location on the land specially reserved for the C. P. R. Mr. Hawthornthwaite rose in his might and announced his determination to see this great wrong righted. The people should not be oppressed if he could be of any assistance to them. He was ignorant of the transfer in the first instance, and while he could not vote for confiscation or repudiation in his present class-conscious condition of mind, he would insist upon the rights of pre-emptors being recognized in the measure before the House. He moved an amendment accordingly, and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, whose great heart is also full of compassion for the people, whom he so unselfishly serves, graciously accepted the amendment. But two hard, matter-of-fact, unemphatic men on the opposition side of the House, the members who are not particularly class-conscious, being conscious only of their responsibilities as members of the House, and of the partnership for purposes of spoliation that exists between the alleged Socialist and the ministerial free-booters, had to rise in their places and expose the plot by turning the light on the private theatrical party. They pointed out that under the original Subsidy Act, on which the government claims to be acting in this largess with the C. P. R., the Chief Commissioner had no right in the first instance, and the company could have no right in the second instance, to refuse pre-emptors locations. The right of pre-emption was conveyed by statute already. No wonder the devoted friend of the toilers is in a continual state of ill-humor these days. The opposition persists in tearing to shreds the frail transparencies in which he wraps his heroic figure and in exposing the artifices by which he hopes to deceive his followers. And yet it is a moving sight, the spectacle of two such friends of the slaves of a pernicious system as Messrs. Green and Hawthornthwaite standing shoulder to shoulder in defence of the interests of the public.

IS IT JEFFERSON?

J. Brick has been elected a member of the Alberta Legislature. The dispatch does not go into details respecting Mr. Brick. Is his first name Jefferson, and is he a Liberal or a Conservative? The latter point is an interesting one, for the reason that there are no Socialists amongst the farmers of the prairie, every man being a landowner, and being a landed proprietor, he is not particularly anxious to divide up with the drones of the hive who live in other parts of the Dominion, therefore, the lately elected member must be an adherent of either one of the great political parties. The point of chief interest in connection with the election of Mr. Brick is the fact that there will be but one, or at the most, two, Conservative members in the Alberta Legislature, one to move and another to second resolutions. If a third has been added, complications may be avoided, as there cannot be a deadlock over the selection of a leader in succession to the lamented Mr. Bennett, who went down to defeat in his first campaign. However, these are needless speculations. We do not think there can be any doubt as to Mr. Brick's political affiliations. The election of a Conservative to the Alberta Legislature would have been considered such a notable achievement—another "sound of going," as it were—that it would have

been heralded abroad as the first symptom of a revulsion of public opinion. Therefore, our conclusion is that Premier Rutherford has been given another supporter, that Mr. Brick, John James or Jefferson, is a Liberal, and that another living monument to the "solidity" of the West has been established.

WESTERN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

No state should consider its educational system complete without adequate provision being made for that higher education which has from time immemorial been associated with universities. The eastern and older provinces of Canada are fairly well supplied with these seats of the higher learning. In the Maritime provinces there are half a dozen degree-conferring institutions; there are almost as many in Quebec and Ontario respectively; and there is one provincial university in Manitoba, with several closely allied teaching colleges under denominational control and management. It seems obvious that Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia should each have its university, and that the sooner the higher culture ground is pre-empted and occupied by the state the better for the educational interests of the different provinces. If matters are in this sphere of activity, allowed to drift, vexing questions are sure to arise and complicating interests to be created. Now, while the slate is comparatively clear, is the time to lay broad and deep the academic foundations; the erection of the superstructure may safely be left to the process of time. If there is one lesson which, more than all others, the experience of the older provinces should impress on the people of each of the newer ones in this connection, it is the expediency of concentrating their efforts on the establishment, endowment and equipment of a single public non-sectarian university, directly under the control of the provincial legislature, looking to the whole province for financial support, and giving in return educational service as efficient as the material prosperity of its environment will enable it to render. Through very excusable want of foresight on the part of its earlier settlers, the province of Ontario was plunged into acrimonious controversies, which have not yet entirely ceased, and which hampered and delayed for a generation the development of anything like an efficient system of higher education. Manitoba has been less unfortunate in this respect, largely because her earlier efforts to establish a provincial university were directed very largely by pioneers who knew from personal observation or experience the evil effects of sectarian divisions on the development of higher education. It would be a great mistake on the part of the three western provinces to take a restricted or pessimistic view of the present situation. They are all in a fair way to enjoy unprecedented prosperity and to exhibit rapid development. The Canadian Pacific railway has, after a quarter of a century of struggle with severe physical conditions, entered on an era of rapid expansion and aggressive activity. The Canadian Northern and National Transcontinental main lines are under construction across the prairie section, and the latter will soon be located across northern British Columbia. All three companies are projecting and constructing numerous branch lines, which will soon leave no good agricultural or mineral area inaccessible to enterprising pioneers or prospectors. With this favorable prospect for rapid development, it seems an unwise policy on the part of any of these three provinces to handicap themselves by entering into, or even encouraging, any entangling academic alliances with outside universities. The inevitable effect would be to defer the establishment and development of independent provincial institutions with all-round courses of study and teaching staffs as efficient as existing conditions permit.

Rossland Miner: In commenting on Mr. Hawthornthwaite's long and rapid speech on the woman suffrage question, the Hamilton Herald says: "It almost deserves to rank with the memorable oratorical and physical triumph of another distinguished British Columbian, Amor de Cosmos, when that lover of the universe spoke for twenty-four hours without pausing in a successful attempt to talk against time." British Columbia's champion "long distance" talker was Leonard McClure, and his speech lasted only 17 hours, which was long enough, in all conscience. Mr. McClure's feat has been credited to Amor de Cosmos with remarkable persistence, and the whole incident furnishes another illustration of the vitality of historical distortions. It may be added that Mr. McClure's over-exertion on that occasion brought on him illness which soon caused his death, a fact which may or may not carry a warning for Mr. Hawthornthwaite. The latter's verbal gymnastics are perhaps more likely to prove fatal to others than to himself.

Mr. Tatlow announces a surplus and confesses that the debt of the province has increased. In this respect his financial statement seems somewhat contradictory in its conclusions. The two conditions are hardly compatible with each other.

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What Other People Think

BILL NO. 2, MASTERS AND SERVANTS ACT.

To the Editor:—I was not surprised when I read the names of the deputation that waited upon the city members and Premier McBride in reference to the above bill. It has often occurred to me that the actions of some of those composing the deputation were the actions of selfish and thoughtless Conservatives rather than the actions of progressive Liberals, working in the interest of the people. Mr. Thompson evidently has only one end to serve, that of making capital out of labor without using his own capital. He evidently has assured himself that the Conservative members of the legislature through the Kalen Island deal are pandering to capitalism. He says the bill would be unworkable; it would be impossible to pay the salaries weekly in the sealing and whaling industries. Sealers are not employed by the day, week or month. Their pay depends on the catch. They are practically guaranteed so much per month on account, including board and lodgings. The known amount coming to them could be paid weekly to the wives of the married men or to the accounts, if so desired, of the single men. The whaling industry is of a different nature. There should be no difficulty in arranging weekly payments. The payment of loggers weekly should cause little trouble to the employer. The same with surveyors, etc. All these businesses or professions are managed by a responsible person who should be supplied with the necessary capital to pay wages when earned, the unpaid labor of the employees should not form the capital of any private corporation or business, but should be paid to the laborer, so that he can pay cash for the necessities of life. If the clerical staff of a large factory is properly organized the weekly pay roll of from two hundred and fifty to five hundred men can easily be made up on pay day, and the whole of the employees paid at the end of the day in half an hour. It is done in scores of factories in England. It does occasionally occur that employers have to guarantee payment for their laborers' food, out of their wages. That is the fault of the system. Why not pay the laborer his day's pay instead of holding it for a week, two weeks or a month, in some instances? When an employee is discharged he is invariably paid the wages due him. The employer

under those circumstances does not consider it a hardship. There are firms which, when a man leaves his employment of his own will, he is made to wait for his wages until pay day, which is sometimes two or three weeks. And now, sir, the payment of wages is of the utmost importance. Deferred payment of wages is the cause of the credit system, which system is the cause to-day of so much poverty. I question whether even our drinking customs have devastated more homes than have been ruined by the credit system. This may be thought a strong statement by some persons, but it will be remembered that a drunkard is a much more noticeable individual than a debtor. But let us look a little more under the surface of working class society, and others, and we may soon astonish ourselves with the panorama of the hideous realities resulting from the living upon the future—always behind and always, as it were, in debt to the future. Note again the host of small debtors constantly in the Small Debtors court. Gather up from the traders at large an account of the number of their customers who are always a month or more behind drifting along under the delusion that by and by they will pull up. The consequence invariably is that they are unable to stand the pressure of their creditors. They skip the country, leaving sorrowing creditors behind. Through business men know that it is an indisputable fact that the less credit the greater security as far as losses from bad debts are concerned. It is almost impossible to separate credit from losses of various kinds, and the latter will be in proportion to the extent of the former. By adopting the weekly payment of wages it will help those who are now in debt to get by degrees away from the horrible incubus of credit, which is now holding them down in misery and despair. Credit helps to keep the workman at the mercy of those who employ him. Credit helps to keep us a fruitful tax for the support of an army of lawyers, accountants and others. It is terribly demoralizing to a large class of the community through opening a channel for the most bartered robbery. Through increasing the cost of living and the cost of distribution it very much affects the cost of production in every branch of manufacture, and places us in so much worse position as a community of producers. After giving the subject careful consideration it will be surprising to find any intelligent business man opposed to the weekly payment of wages. For the information of our local money-bags I may say that this question will be an issue of all subsequent elections. CO-OPERATOR.

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Fancy Rolled Sides, Stationary Body Go-cart, drop back and foot rest, upholstered in solid plush, fancy lace parasol. \$26.75
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Baby Buggy, rubber tired wheels, upholstered back, sides and seat in plush, detachable hood lined with plush, \$16.75.
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MONTHLY MEETING. We Have the following Popular Works in Stock by Clive Philipps Wolley

Ladies' Committee of Protestant Orphanage Transact Business. Yesterday afternoon the monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphanage was held at the home, Hillside avenue. There were present Mrs. G. A. McTavish, who occupied the chair, and Messrs. McCulloch, Mines, Pichard, Bishop, Van Tassel, Todd, Munzie, Shakespeare, Crow, Baker, Fell, Higgins, Astle, Spragg and Berridge, and Miss Aubin. Routine business having been disposed of, the accounts for February, amounting to \$12.57, were approved and ordered paid. A cash donation of \$20 from Messrs. Hiram Walker & Sons was reported by the secretary. It was acknowledged with thanks. After the reading of the visiting committee's report, Mrs. D. P. Pichard and Mrs. A. Toller were appointed visitors for March. They were requested to arrange, if possible, to have all the dormitories, halls and playrooms kalsomined. It was reported by the reception committee that one little girl had been admitted during the month, but that an infant seven months old had, for certain reasons, been refused admission. The receipt of donations was reported by the matron, all of which were acknowledged with thanks. It was reported that Miss Rogers, the assistant matron, had resigned her position for the purpose of setting up a home of her own. Although the committee expressed regret at her pending departure they wished her every happiness in her new sphere of life. A new official, it was announced, had been obtained to fill the vacancy thus created. Donations for February were as follows: J. A. Barnes and J. V. Johnson, per Fernwood Young Men's Club, 1 box cakes, 20 pounds sugar, quantity of bread; Edwin Johnson, 17 Heywood avenue, new wheelbarrow and shovel; Mrs. Bird, girl's coat; Miss Potts, sandwiches; Mrs. Munzie, codfish; Mrs. Olson, Osklands, milk; A. Friend, candy; Fraternal Order of Eagles, large box of apples, 30 loaves bread, oranges, cakes, sack sugar, 1 tin of pepper, 1 tin of mustard, 3 pounds butter; Mrs. Harris, Clarence hotel, candy and clothing; St. Barnabas church, per S. P. C. A., per Mr. Cuthbert, magic lantern entertainment; Mrs. (Mrs.) Hamilton, coat and hat; Calvary Baptist church Sunday school, 2 pencil boxes, 4 exercise books, 1

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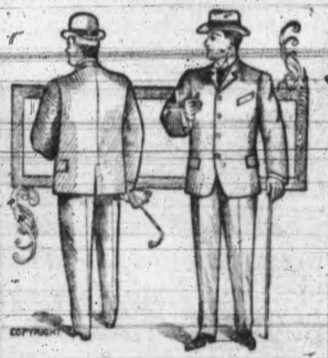
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The usual social dance will be held in Semple's hall on Friday evening.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending March 5th were \$326,330.

The Margherita Mandolin Club will hold its regular rehearsal this evening at 8 o'clock sharp in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. hall. All members are urgently requested to attend.

D. G. S. Quadra will leave to-morrow for a month's work in northern waters, during which she will install a new light on Green Island, and will visit Egg Island and other stations.

The sealing schooner Libbie, Capt. W. Heater, sailed to-day on her annual spring sealing cruise. She will call for an Indian crew down the West Coast. Other vessels of the fleet will sail as soon as crews can be secured.

Nightwatchman Hooson is mourning the loss of his two English setters, which were stolen from the kennel, at the Hooson house on Sunday night. The dogs are well known, and if harbored by anyone there is likely to be trouble.

An important meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening, when the following resolution, introduced by Canon Beaudry, carried unanimously: "That school teachers and all others interested in the preservation of the wild lily and lady's slipper be requested to circulate as widely as possible throughout the schools the information that in order to protect these flowers from destruction the leaves must not be plucked with the flowers, and the flower stalk broken off (not pulled) above the ground. Every flower taken otherwise destroys a plant, and want of care in this particular will bring about their extermination."

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Don't forget the production of "All the Comforts of Home" by local talent at Victoria theatre, the 12th and 13th nights of March.

The managing board of the W. C. T. U. has arranged to hold a home-made candy sale in the rooms, Yates street, on Friday afternoon and evening. Afternoon tea will also be served.

The regular review of Baxter Hive, No. 8, Ladies of the Macabees, will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Williams, Mary street, Victoria West. A full attendance is requested.

The alleged indecent assault, which has occupied the attention of Magistrate Hall for the past couple of weeks behind closed doors was again up this morning. It was adjourned till the 13th inst., to permit of the court stenographer extending his notes of the evidence.

The first of the series of meetings under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in the Seaman's Institute yesterday. The Lord Bishop of Columbia gave a short and impressive address on the object of these meetings. The speaker at today's meeting was Rev. W. Baugh Allen, and the meeting to-morrow will be conducted by Rev. G. Miller. All men are cordially invited.

A delegation consisting of Messrs. Perry and Beech, employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, at Vancouver, accompanied by R. H. Sperling, superintendent; A. T. Goward, manager; and A. E. McPhillips, solicitor of the company, sailed upon J. D. McNeil, M. P. P. yesterday. They protested against bill No. 74, which has been placed before the local legislature by that member. It provides for the abolition of the running board and the cutting of an aisle down the centre of all open cars. Mr. McNeil promised to meet their wishes in any reasonable way.

A packed house greeted Manager Jamieson's new offering for the week at the Grand theatre last night. The headliners are Delphino and Delmaro, in a novelty musical act, introducing mechanical and electrical effects.

John and Watton have a funny sketch which is well played, entitled "Our Country Cousin." Dan Reikaw has a comedy bicycle act, in which he performs some clever feats. Lillian Melbourne scores quite a hit in a number of "good songs, with her accompaniment; Frank Smith, the new illustrated singer, sings "Kate Kearney," and the moving pictures, "The Hen With the Golden Egg," conclude the entertainment.

David Logan, lineman, and P. H. Daykin, of Carmanah, have given evidence before the Valencia inquiry at Seattle, and are expected to arrive in Victoria to-morrow, when another sitting of the local commission appointed to investigate the wreck will be held, for the purpose of hearing their evidence. In their evidence at Seattle these witnesses declared that they were within two hundred yards of the wreck and could hear the shouts of the people on board, but were unable to communicate with them. They did not have line sufficient to reach the wreck, and even if they had they would not have been able to throw it that distance.

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The dredger Mad Lark will be hauled on Turpel's ways to-morrow to be overhauled. The improvements to be made on the vessel have not yet been determined.

At Lake school this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, a public meeting will be held for the purpose of selecting a suitable candidate to represent that portion of the district in the Saanich municipality.

To-morrow evening the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will repeat the successful "Novelty Concert," which was given a short time ago. It will be held at St. Columba's Presbyterian church, Oak Bay avenue, and all who have not heard this amusing concert should not fail to attend. Fun combined with good music will be the features of this concert.

The Ladies' Aid of Victoria West Methodist church will give a tea and concert to-night. Tea will be served from 6 to 7.30. The programme will begin at 8 o'clock, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations and gramophone selections. Rev. S. J. Thompson will give an address. A good time is expected. All are welcome.

A young man named Paterson, employed at McRae's milk ranch, reported to the police last night that while on his way to the ranch from town, and when passing the beach from town, he was held up at the point of a revolver, and relieved of \$16. He describes the highwayman as a gentlemanly looking fellow, but beyond this can give no details. The police are investigating the case.

Sixteen barrels of whale oil was brought in from the Sechart station by the steamer Otter, which arrived last evening. The vessel was to have also brought in a shipment of fertilizer, but owing to the heavy rain prevailing on the coast this was not handled. The Sechart station is still busy, notwithstanding the scarcity of whales, and the Otter is almost continually in search of the big leviathans.

It is claimed that the present season is fully a month in advance of that of a year ago. In Victoria the water month ago, something unusual for the month of March even in this climate. Trees are budding and vegetation generally is exceptionally early. Even wild flowers have shown themselves, and those who strolled yesterday into the country were able to gather many of those fragrant and beautiful reminders of spring.

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FINAL BIG RALLY HELD LAST NIGHT

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their exertions he would be elected, a voice: "You'll get there." (Applause.)

Mr. Templeman concluded by hoping that he would be returned to the responsible position in which he was asking the endorsement of the electors of Victoria. It was a responsibility humungunshrdhu that the best of us undertake, and already he had had some half-dozen applications with which he would deal when he got to Ottawa. He assured his hearers that his best efforts would be devoted to their interests, and hoped that when he returned to them in three or four years hence and asked for a renewal of their confidence his record would be such as to earn it. (Applause.)

Here the orchestra played the Dead March in Saul in honor of deceased Conservatism, whose remains will be buried in Victoria to-morrow. J. C. Grant, in character, sang a topical song, to the air of "Massa in the cold, cold ground." He was vociferously encored, and after considerable persuasion responded.

H. Lugin was sixth speaker, and apologized for unpreparedness. He had suddenly been called upon in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Oliver and Mr. Macdonald. He reminded his auditors that to-morrow was the election day and their vote would be cast for the prestige of Victoria—not so much Mr. Templeman or even the Laurier government. Mr. Beckwith and his party asked them to return a man who was opposed to the government and he would have no influence. Mr. Templeman had lived amongst them for fifteen or twenty years and any man might be proud to stand on a public platform with him or entrust him with the great interests of the province in a government which was the greatest and most beneficial that ever ruled in Canada. They had seen what wealth had done in the United States, but in Canada they had greater resources, and were part of the greatest empire the world ever saw. In Canada they wanted to have a government that could not be controlled by wealth. When the Liberal government came into power they placed upon the statute book a law which gave everyone a right to appeal against these great corporations should they appear here. Who gave the workmen of Canada the right to organize and be heard in the councils of the country if not the Liberal party. The young Liberals of Victoria, he said, were the hope of the country. Some of the Young Liberals of this province had laid down their lives for their country, and yet men had the audacity to come on a platform and impugn the loyalty of Young Canada. In gaining a victory for Mr. Templeman they would be gaining a victory for Victoria and a prestige for the province such as she never before had an opportunity of enjoying. The speaker concluded by asking all to support Mr. Templeman.

Mr. F. Richardson sang a few comic songs in good style, while Hawaiian waltzes being handed round. Richard Hall, M. P., also apologized for his unpreparedness. When he looked over the big audience before him he could not but exclaim "God bless the boys of Victoria." When they had the boys they had the fathers and mothers. This was not a political fight; it was a business proposition. He hoped the men of Victoria would cast their votes for Mr. Templeman and thereby show that the people of Victoria were sold for the great party now in power at Ottawa. He ridiculed the idea of accusing the Liberals of disloyalty and asked all to vote for Mr. Templeman and the Liberal party of which he was a minister.

The meeting concluded with cheers for Laurier and Templeman, and the singing of the National Anthem.

The old, familiar form of Phillip Chalk adorned the police court dock once more this morning on the usual charge—drunkenness. It is now some weeks since Phillip paid his last fine, and yesterday he was strolling round town so fashionably dressed that even many of his old friends did not recognize him. He pleaded in extenuation of his offence this morning, that the saloons being closed to-day, he was tempted to take on a double supply of liquor before the polling booths opened. Ten days or \$5 was the magistrate's decree.

A lecture will be given by Prof. J. C. McLennan, of Toronto University, upon the metric system of weights and measures, some time during the summer months under the auspices of the Victoria Board of Trade. The professor is an acknowledged authority upon the subject, and for that reason the Dominion government have secured his services for a lecture tour of Canada in order that the system may be laid before the people in a clear concise manner. All the expenses incidental to the journey will be undertaken by the Federal authorities and Prof. McLennan, who is now arranging his itinerary, expects to leave in the course of a few weeks. His intention is to spend several months, during the spring and summer, in the Northwest.

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SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN.
Rev. A. J. Brace Recounts His Experiences at Meeting of Y. M. C. A.

In the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon Rev. A. J. Brace, of New Westminster, a trooper in the Second Mounted Rifles during the Boer war, told of the motives which led him to join the colors, of the experience in camp at Halifax preparatory to sailing, as well as some of the incidents of the voyage, and vivid language described how he and five others were surrounded by sixty of the enemy to whom they were forced to surrender after a five hours' fight. He told, too, of some of the splendid fellows in the troop, rough in their ways, many of them, but men with large hearts whom it was a pleasure to know and serve.

Before joining the forces for South Africa Mr. Brace lived among the men in the backwoods in Ontario, and in his address he remarked that the stories by Ralph Connor were true, such men then lived and do yet in the lumber camps and cattle ranges of Canada.

The large number of men present on Sunday followed with interest the speaker's recital of some of the stirring incidents of the South African campaign and his description of some interesting characters and of the religious meetings conducted.

At the opening of the Russian-Japanese war Mr. Brace was asked to go to the front as one of the Y. M. C. A. army secretaries, but was unable at that time to do so.

C. A. Steele, whose voice has been heard on former occasions at the men's meeting was again present, and contributed a solo.

Through the courtesy of F. Carnie and Porter & Sons donations for the Home for the Aged and Infirm will be forwarded from those stores to the institution gratuitously. All those wishing to make contributions are requested to leave them at either of the places mentioned.

Notice has been given by William W. Northcott, the purchasing agent of the corporation, that tenders will be received up to 4 o'clock on Monday, the 12th inst., for 5,000 cubic yards (more or less) of clean beach gravel. It is to be delivered in accordance with specifications to be seen at the assessor's office, city hall.

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CHAPTER XXXIX.

The Fascination of James Merritt.

On the whole Mr. James Merritt, ex-convict and humanitarian, was enjoying himself immensely. He did not sleep at the castle, for Lord Litterer drew the line there, but he contrived to get most of his meals under that hospitable roof, and spent a deal of time there.

"Come on the terrace," she said. "I have something very serious to say to you. Mr. Merritt, you have got us both into very serious trouble. Why did you do it?"

"I had known what was going to happen I should have put up with my loss. But I was so sure that I could get it back without saying a word to anybody, and now I find the star was pawned in Moreton Wells."

"I had thought of you, once I allowed matters to go out of my hands entirely with the police. And I am informed that they may come here and arrest you at any moment. I fear there is no escape for you—your pawned the thing yourself in your own name. What a thousand pities you yielded to sudden temptation."

"DORCAS" TO-MORROW. Comic Opera to be Presented by Miss Hall and Company—Other Attractions.

The appearance here of the Pauline Hall Opera Company in "Dorcas" at the Victoria theatre on March 7th will be one of the principal events of the present theatrical season.

Mme. Gadeki, who will be heard at the Victoria on Saturday next, has been long enough in this country to become widely known as a vocal artist.

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municipality or else be collected as was proposed by this amendment.

Hon. Mr. Fulton thought this was something which should not be introduced. The municipality should either bear the expense or should not have entered into the arrangement if it case a private arrangement could have been made by the owners benefited.

The amendment was lost. Mr. Oliver moved an amendment to cover the necessity for borrowing money in new municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Fulton proposed that this should be put on the order paper and a way devised for overcoming it. J. D. McNiven moved the following amendment:

To add to section 50, sub-section (47) line 1, the following: "And for providing for a board of examiners of efficiency to matter plumbers and to journeymen plumbers, and to prohibit plumbing being done by persons not possessing such certificates, or carrying on their business contrary to the by-law."

The amendment was carried. Mr. Cameron moved:

In line 3 of sub-section (18) of section 50, to strike out the word "upon" and insert the following: "Or on a petition signed by a least one-twentieth of the total number of voters on the current year's list of voters entitled to vote for mayor, submit."

W. J. Bowser thought the council which was seeking election should be the say as to what should be submitted to the people.

R. L. Drury approved of the amendment, except that he thought ten per cent. of the voters should be the percentage fixed.

Mr. Cameron said he was willing to change the percentage. The people of the referendum was right he thought.

The amendment was changed to ten per cent. Mr. Cameron explaining that this applied only to the time of an election.

Hon. Mr. Fulton thought 10 per cent. was too low. The amendment of Mr. Cameron carried, the percentage being 20 per cent.

Mr. Brown moved an amendment to make it clear whether after a by-law had been passed it should be necessary to refer back to the people again before such by-law could be repealed.

Mr. Cameron called attention to the fact that this was some doubt on the question. He moved that the sanction of the Lieut.-Governor in council should be sufficient for the repeal of the by-law.

On the recommendation of Hon. Mr. Fulton this stood over.

Mr. Cameron moved to add at end of section 154:

"All that part of section 31 of the Land Registry Act, after the word 'conducted,' in the ninth line thereof, and section 32, shall not apply to any tax sale to be held, or that has herebefore been held, of lands for overdue taxes in the city of Victoria."

Mr. Cameron said all he was asking for was that Victoria should be put on equal footing with Vancouver.

Mr. Bowser said this was not necessary, according to the Land Registry Act as now amended.

Mr. Cameron called attention to the fact that this advice from Mr. Bowser was surely with bad grace, when by referring to the order paper there was an amendment for the Vancouver City Act, proposed by Mr. Bowser, which was exactly the same as this one proposed by him.

Mr. Bowser said that he had been asked by the city collector of Vancouver to submit it.

Mr. Cameron said he was not a legal gentleman, but would like a vote on the question.

Mr. Bowser said he did not think his motion necessary, and the motion of Mr. Cameron was not pressed.

The committee rose and reported progress. Columbia & Western.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896.

after they were reserved. The chief commissioner should know the land laws or was not fitted for the position. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that settlers who went upon the land did not obtain their rights. If the amendment did not go through these settlers were without rights.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that if this amendment carried these settlers would be given their rights if the act had not been in force.

Mr. Oliver said that under the statute these settlers had the right to pre-empt 320 acres and the right to purchase 640 acres. If these men had not complied with the law it was because the government, which Mr. Hawthornthwaite supported, would not do it.

Hon. Mr. Green said that the right to pre-empt had been done under the law as the government had the right to refuse these applications.

Mr. Brown said that east of the Cascades the application for land was nearly always for 320 acres. This amendment should provide for that amount.

J. A. Macdonald said that there should also be considered the case of persons who applied for timber lands. He did not see that persons who applied in good faith for timber should not receive this consideration.

Hon. Mr. Green said that the amendment he intended to move an amendment in regard to pre-emptions he thought that the committee might rise and report progress.

Hon. Mr. Green did not wish to allow the bill to stand over. He thought this could come in on report.

In reply to Mr. Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Green said he would allow this to come.

Mr. Paterson said he wished to know if these settlers needed protection why the chief commissioner did not bring in the amendment and not leave it to Mr. Hawthornthwaite to make his gallery play by bringing this in.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he did not propose to protect the timber men. He was seeking only to protect the working men and the small farmers.

Mr. Paterson said that the House was seeking to play the member for Nanaimo of appearing for the working men. Mr. Paterson said that he would again ask Mr. Hawthornthwaite if he had not canvassed the members of the House in support of an amendment in the favor of the greatest capitalist in the province and who was displaced by him.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he did not make him suspicious. When members like Mr. Paterson supported the bill, it was introduced by him.

Mr. Paterson said that Mr. Hawthornthwaite had approached the collector to get this amendment referred to. He knew all about it.

The amendment of Mr. Hawthornthwaite carried.

A. B. H. Macgowan said that he was moving an amendment in favor of the mercantile class which paid the taxes. The distance from Winnipeg to Nelson was 1100 miles, from Vancouver to Nelson was 552 miles. Yet the C. P. R. discriminated in favor of Winnipeg by making the shorter haul only 25 per cent. more than the longer. He contended that the incorporation act of the Columbia and Western act and the subsidy act was one. He proposed to overcome the difficulty which was met with in companies to get control of rates by the province, when any aid was given.

There was a great doubt as to whether control of freight rates could be obtained except by special arrangement. He moved to add as a new section:

"This act shall not come into force until the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is assured that the company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have agreed to equal freight rates to Kootenay and Crow's Nest points as now obtain, or may obtain, from Winnipeg to said points."

Mr. Oliver reminded the mover of the motion that when the bill was up for discussion a few days ago that men to be seen from the bill by his silence. (Laughter.) At that time this member let the best opportunity pass of introducing this. If he were really sincere in this he would have taken this action before.

Mr. Macgowan said that he took his own time to move and his constituents appreciated it.

Premier McBride said that the member for Vancouver had not moved at the proper time in this matter. The merchants of Vancouver had employed Joseph Martin, K. C., to represent their case before the railway commission. This question would then be settled. In the Terminal City "way" was being waged against the C. P. R. on this point and would do all that was possible to get redress.

The premier said as the government had in equity brought this bill in it would not be right to introduce something outside of the question when the grant was first made.

He found no fault with the time and place to bring this up. This freight trouble constantly arose and was liable to come up at any time. He did not mean to say he was not in sympathy with the business men of the Pacific coast. He would like to see the trouble settled. This was a bill and the railway commission was the place to settle this.

Mr. Oliver said that he hoped that Mr. Macgowan would be satisfied and that he would be ready to get from the Liberal government at Ottawa

what his own government in British Columbia was prepared to give him.

The premier did not think that the railway commission should be regarded as a political organization.

Mr. Oliver said Mr. Macgowan could always expect just treatment from the Liberal government at Ottawa and the railway commission.

The motion of Mr. Macgowan was lost and the committee rose.

Second Reading. The bill to provide for the establishment of a Provincial Stock-breeders' exhibition, improvement, purchase and sale of pure bred live stock, passed its second reading on motion of Hon. R. G. Tatlow.

Liquor Act Amendment. Hon. E. Carter Cotton in moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Liquor License Act said that the proposal was to limit the number of licenses. It was the proposal to limit these to 3 for 500 inhabitants and one for each 1,000 over that number.

The bill was reported complete. Water Clauses Act. The bill to amend the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, by which the power of municipalities were limited, passed its second reading on motion of Hon. E. J. Fulton.

The bill passed its second reading. Revised Statutes. The bill to amend chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes passed its second reading on motion of Hon. R. G. Tatlow.

Out of Order. At the request of Dr. Young the Speaker gave his decision on the point of order raised on Saturday with reference to the amendments introduced to the Vancouver Act of Incorporation.

The Speaker decided that the amendment had not had notice given of it by petition or notice and was therefore out of order.

The House then adjourned until tomorrow. Notices of Motion. By Geo. A. Fraser, on Wednesday next:

"That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that a copy of the order-in-council relative to the retirement of Mr. B. H. John be brought down to this House, together with copies of all correspondence passing between Mr. B. H. John and any member of the government relative to such retirement and between any member of the House and the government."

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Mr. Brown, on Wednesday next, will ask the chief commissioner of lands works:

1. At what date were government agents instructed to receive applications of licensees to acquire crown lands now known as lots 2,711, 2,712, 2,713, 2,714, 2,715, 2,716, 2,717, 2,718, 2,719, 2,720, 2,721, 2,722, 2,723, 2,724, 2,725, 2,726, 2,727, 2,728, 2,729, 2,730, 2,731, 2,732, 2,733, 2,734, 2,735, 2,736, 2,737, 2,738, 2,739, 2,740, 2,741, 2,742, 2,743, 2,744, 2,745, 2,746, 2,747, 2,748, 2,749, 2,750, 2,751, 2,752, 2,753, 2,754, 2,755, 2,756, 2,757, 2,758, 2,759, 2,760, 2,761, 2,762, 2,763, 2,764, 2,765, 2,766, 2,767, 2,768, 2,769, 2,770, 2,771, 2,772, 2,773, 2,774, 2,775, 2,776, 2,777, 2,778, 2,779, 2,780, 2,781, 2,782, 2,783, 2,784, 2,785, 2,786, 2,787, 2,788, 2,789, 2,790, 2,791, 2,792, 2,793, 2,794, 2,795, 2,796, 2,797, 2,798, 2,799, 2,800, 2,801, 2,802, 2,803, 2,804, 2,805, 2,806, 2,807, 2,808, 2,809, 2,810, 2,811, 2,812, 2,813, 2,814, 2,815, 2,816, 2,817, 2,818, 2,819, 2,820, 2,821, 2,822, 2,823, 2,824, 2,825, 2,826, 2,827, 2,828, 2,829, 2,830, 2,831, 2,832, 2,833, 2,834, 2,835, 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LOCAL BYE-ELECTION
IN PROGRESS TO-DAY
Large Number of Victoria Voters Turn-
ing Out—Only Question of New
Minister's Majority.

As the Times goes to press voters
crowd about the doors of the Royal
Cafe, Fort street, anxious to cast their
ballots, and in a few hours the verdict
of the electorate will be public prop-
erty. The beautiful weather, which
has so far marked election day, no
doubt has had considerable to do with
the unexpectedly large turn out of
voters. They have been coming from
all parts of the city ever since the
opening of the polls at 9 o'clock this
morning, members of both the Liberal
and Conservative committees having
been exceedingly active in sending for
those known to stand solid for their
respective candidates. Although it is
generally considered unwise to make a
pre-election prophecy the outcome is
so widely acknowledged, even among
supporters of the Conservative rep-
resentative, that it is safe to say that
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister of
Inland Revenue, is assured the en-
dorsement of the community by a sub-
stantial majority.

The present election, like the cam-
paign which preceded it, is singularly
devoid of that tense excitement and
that feverish energy on the part of the
adherents of the opposing candidates
induced only through a realization of
the uncertainty of the results. Al-
though those interested are leaving no
stone unturned in the cause of Hon.
Mr. Templeman, Mr. Beckwith or Mr.
Marcon, as the case may be, they go
about their duties in such a way that
it is perfectly apparent that to their
own minds, the voice of the public is
already known. In the Liberal rooms
a methodical and systematic plan is
being followed in getting everyone in-
cluded upon the voters' list to the
polls. But there is no indication of
the usual confusion and hurry and,
perhaps, the results will demonstrate
the value of less enthusiasm and more
honest conscientious work. At the
Conservative headquarters Mr. Beck-
with and his confidential lieutenants
have spent the day thus far in mar-
shalling their forces and dispatching
carriages and buggies to the most re-
mote parts of the city in the effort to
bring out recalcitrant party adherents.
Mr. Marcon, the Socialist, is operating
more quietly. He seems to use
vehicles of any kind, such conveyances,
no doubt, being too symbolic of the
luxuries of the capitalistic class against
which he has levelled the flag of de-
fiance in the leaflets distributed broad-
cast during the past week.

The arrangements of returning Of-
ficer Hick at the Royal Cafe has proved
very satisfactory, enabling the voters
to enter at one door and pass out of
another, thus avoiding the possibility
of confusion.
A first-class bulletin service will be
provided by the Times from the time
the first returns are available until the
last ballots are counted, and the re-
sults have been definitely announced.

PRISONER PAINTED.
Young Woman Swooned After Plead-
ing Guilty to Manslaughter in
First Degree.

(Associated Press.)
New York, March 6.—Bertha Clatche
pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the
first degree at the resumption of her
trial for murder in the Supreme court
this morning.
There was an intensely exciting
scene in the court room when the girl
pleaded guilty to the manslaughter
charge. Scarcely had she uttered the
words "guilty" when she fell back in
a faint, and when the attendants re-
vived her she became hysterical, and
her screams could be heard through-
out the corridors of the building. All
efforts to quiet her were in vain, and
finally she was carried from the court
room and across the Bridge of Sighs to
the Tombs prison. The Tombs' phy-
sicians were called to attend her.
As soon as the young woman had
been taken from the court room Justice
Davis discharged the jury.
Justice Davis announced that sen-
tence will be pronounced March 23th,
and Bertha Clatche was remanded to
prison until that date.

KING EDWARD.
His Majesty Leaves the French Cap-
ital For Biarritz.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, March 6.—King Edward, who
was accompanied by the railroad sta-
tion by Premier Ribot, left here for
Biarritz at noon to-day for Biarritz, whence he
may go to San Sebastian to participate
in the formalities of King Alfonso's
funeral. Crowds cheered His Maj-
esty as he departed. The King will
stay several weeks at Biarritz.
Whitelaw Reid, the American am-
bassador to the court of St. James, is
spending his vacation at Biarritz.

THE IDAHO CONSPIRACY.
Men Who Committed Crimes Alleged
to Be Victims of "Inner Circle"
of Federation.

Portland, Ore., March 6.—The Ore-
gonian prints to-day a dispatch from
its Boise, Idaho, correspondent, which
states in substance that the "inner
circle" of the Western Federation of
Miners did not confine itself to the
murder of non-union miners and state
officials, but that the tools who com-
mitted the crimes were themselves the
victims of the "inner circle."
Orchard was one of the tools marked
for destruction, and the correspondent
says that the confession of Steve
Adams is said to show that Orchard
had been shadowed for a long time. It
is not believed that Orchard knew that
he was under suspicion, but there is
every reason to believe he stood in
fear of death at the hands of those
by whom he was employed.
The correspondent states that
through a resident of Boise, still an-
other victim of the disturbances con-
nected with the Colorado mining
trouble is added to the list. This is
Wesley Smith, a boss miner, who dis-
appeared from Telluride in 1902.

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DENOUNCED AS TRAITOR.
Father Gapon Says Father Petroff Is
a Tool of Social Democrats.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 6.—Father Ga-
pon in an open letter to-day denounces
Father Gregori Petroff as a traitor
and a tool of the social democrats who
he says are fighting against the true
interest of the workingmen. Father
Gapon also proposes a plan for the
complete investigation of his organi-
zation by representatives of the vari-
ous parties.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS.
Challenges Received From Australia,
America and Austria for Dwight
F. Davis Cup.

(Associated Press.)
London, March 6.—The entries for the
Dwight F. Davis international lawn ten-
nis cup closed to-day with only three
challengers, America, Australia and Aus-
tria. The drawing for the preliminary
heat to be played on the 11th of the
British holders of the trophy is expected
to-morrow.

PHILIPPINE RAILWAYS.
Company Formed to Build and Operate
Steam and Electric Roads.

Hartford, Conn., March 6.—The Phil-
ippine Railroad Company, of Hartford,
has filed a certificate of incorporation
with the state secretary. The author-
ized capital stock is \$5,000,000. Arthur
L. Shipman, Charles W. Gross and
Alvin W. Hyde, all of this city, are
the incorporators. The company pro-
poses to own and operate steam and
electric roads in the Philippine islands
and elsewhere.

NARROW ESCAPES.
Mobile, Ala., March 6.—Fire to-day
destroyed the Springhill hotel, a winter
resort several miles west of Mobile.
The hotel was filled with guests from
northern cities and many had narrow
escapes. Nearly all of them lost their
effects, including jewelry and dia-
monds. The damage is estimated at
\$50,000.

DEATH OF GEN. GATACRE.
London, March 6.—The death is an-
nounced this morning of Major-General
Sir William Forbes Gatacre, aged 63
years. General Gatacre served with
distinction in the Sudan, but his per-
sistent ill-fortune in the Boer war
dimmed his reputation as a soldier.

ARMY IS READY.
French War Minister's Statement in
the Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, March 6.—In the Chamber of
Deputies to-day War Minister Etienne,
answering inquiries regarding the con-
dition of the war supplies, said that
every branch of supplies and ammuni-
tion was completely assured in the
event of a mobilization of troops.
Mr. Fleury Ravarin, Republican, as-
serted that the stock of soldiers' shoes
was inadequate, to which M. Etienne
replied that 2,600,000 pairs of shoes
were ready, which was amply suf-
ficient, adding, "At present all is ready
and all is in good condition."

C. P. R. HIGHER TARTAR SAILED FROM
Yokohama for Victoria on Saturday
afternoon.

Among trees the elm reaches an age of
35 years, the ivy 40, the chestnut 60,
the cedar 80, the oak 150, and the yew
200.

A QUEER PLOT.
Daniel O'Connell once unravelled a
queer plot in a will case. Witnesses af-
ter witness swore that he saw the docu-
ment duly executed. At last a con-
stantly reiterated expression caught
the lawyer's attention: "The life was
in him" over and over repeated. "By
the virtue of your oath, was he alive?"
he asked one witness. "By the virtue
of my oath, the life was in him," he
was answered. Then O'Connell turned
to the man, and very slowly and very
solemnly said, "Now I call upon you,
in the presence of your Maker, who will
some day pass sentence upon you for
this evidence—I solemnly ask you, and
you answer at your peril—was not
there a fly in the dead man's mouth
when his hand was placed upon the
will?" Cornered and pale with fear,
the witness confessed that this had ac-
tually happened.

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SHIP CARPENTERS STRIKE.
About Thirty Went Out Yesterday to
Yard of B. C. Marine Railway
Company.
Between twenty and thirty ship car-
penters employed by the B. C. Marine
railway Company went out on strike
yesterday over a dispute as to wages.
The trouble arises over the difference
taken in interpreting a letter addressed
to the management of the yard. Some
time ago the secretary of the Ship Car-
penters' Union wrote this setting forth
what the union were prepared to accept.
It was proposed at the time that the
wages should be arranged on a sliding
scale, but this was not agreeable to the
men working on the Princess May, and
the letter proceeded to state what would
be accepted. According to this the man-
agement of the yard is to be held re-
sponsible for the regular wage, but
the men, or at least a majority of them,
think otherwise. In the meantime the
matter has been referred to the Trades
and Labor Council. Some carpenters,
however, are of the opinion that the man-
agement of the yard is in the right, and
that a decision will be given in the man-
agement's favor. At any rate it is ex-
pected that many of the men will return
to work to-morrow.

PERSONAL.
C. M. Dull, assistant manager of the
Briannia mine, arrived in the city yester-
day and registered at the Grand. He
went to Eton this morning.
L. C. Gilman and Alex. Stewart, of
Seattle, are guests at the Grand. Both
gentlemen are connected with the Great
Northern.
A. G. McCandless came over from Van-
couver last night to cast his vote for
Hon. Wm. Templeman.
J. Gourlay, of Galt, Ont., and J. C.
Hornor, of Toronto, are registered at the
King Edward.
A. G. McCandless, of Vancouver, came
down last evening. He is a guest at the
Balmoral.
Frank Fisher, United States customs
house officer at Port Angeles, is at the
Dominion.
C. E. Lang and A. Bruchley, both for-
mer Victorians, are registered at the Do-
minion.
D. W. Higgins, editor of the Vancouver
World, came down last night for to-day's
election.
H. Gorren and Mrs. Gorren, of Vancou-
ver, are registered at the King Edward.
H. Ceil and Mrs. Cecil, of Ladysmith,
are guests at the King Edward.
A. E. Barrett, of Terry & Barrett, Van-
couver, is at the Dominion.
Chas. A. McKay, of Nelson, B. C., is
registered at the Dominion.
C. T. Gibbons, of Cowichan, is regis-
tered at the Balmoral.
B. F. Mackall, of San Francisco, is at
the King Edward.
H. McLeop, of Vancouver, is a guest at
the Dominion.
R. Watson, of Winnipeg, is a guest at
the Dominion.

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SOCIAL DANCE.—In Temple's Hall, Fri-
day, March 9th. Gents, 60c; ladies, re-
freshments.
CARD OF THANKS.
Mrs. Mary Hight, widow of the late Wm.
Hight, wishes to express her sincere
thanks to the many friends for the kind
acts and words of sympathy extended to
her in her recent bereavement, and for
the many beautiful flowers.
MARY HIGHT.