

EXTENSION ALONG SAANICH ROAD

Tramway Company Will Construct New Line This Summer--Other Branches Considered--New Pension Scheme.

The British Columbia Electric Railway Company will extend its line along the Saanich road this summer, says the most important announcement made by James Bunten, superintendent, when seen at the company's office this morning.

His present visit is more of pleasure than business, as he will return to Vancouver by this evening's boat. During the past few months Mr. Bunten went to London and conferred with the board of directors on the whole situation and impressed upon them the demand for extensions and improved service in the cities of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster.

READY TO MAKE A START TO-MORROW

ARCTIC EXPEDITION

WAITS ONLY ON COOK

Seattle Mill Donates Five Tons of Cornmeal For Use of Dogs on Journey.

All depends now on the arrival of a cook from Seattle as to whether the schooner Duchess of Bedford will be able to get away on her Arctic exploring expedition to-morrow. The vessel was to have sailed on Thursday according to the plans of Capt. Einar Mikkelson early in the week, but an unexpected delay resulted in getting the papers from Ottawa postponing the changing of the schooner's name from that of the Beatrice, by which she was known as a sealer, to that of the illustrious lady who is one of the patrons of the expedition.

The searchlight which is so frequently seen on vessels departing on so long a voyage will not be a part of the schooner's equipment, and the reason is obvious upon a little reflection, for in the Arctic there will be no such light needed beyond that which nature supplies.

Gordon Head is a long way, and the company would have to carefully calculate the cost and maintenance charges before even thinking of construction. But I hear there are a large number of residences being built in that district by newcomers from Manitoba and the Northwest, and will on my next visit go over the ground and make a preliminary investigation.

At present we are attempting to attract a large traffic to the Gorge. The new bathing house is half up, the beach practically completed and all should be ready within a couple of weeks for the crowds we hope will visit our park. I do not think we will interfere with others having bathing facilities there, as the company will cater principally to ladies and children. The bathhouse being built at the bridge will be more for deep water swimming and we will be glad to see any other attractions provided at the Gorge.

From the mouth of Mackenzie river the schooner will head for Prince of Wales Strait, where the first actual work of the expedition will be done.

The projected itinerary of the expedition has been mentioned in the Times on several occasions. As readers of that paper will recall, the principal object of the venture is to locate the edge of the continental shelf and to discover a chain of islands which are supposed to extend from Banks Land and Patrick Island on the east along the parallel of about 55 degrees to the longitude of Wrangell in the north of Alaska. Other scientific purposes will also be kept in view. This region, Professor Davidson points out in his report of the Geographical Society of the Pacific, has been fairly well sailed over by American whalers since the discovery of Wrangell Island by Captain Lewis in 1841. The most recent scientific purposes will also be kept in view. This region, Professor Davidson points out in his report of the Geographical Society of the Pacific, has been fairly well sailed over by American whalers since the discovery of Wrangell Island by Captain Lewis in 1841.

STOLEN AUTOMOBILE

Thief Not Only Secured Machine, but Bonds, etc. Valued at \$100,000. New York, May 18.—A \$10,000 automobile containing \$100,000 worth of bonds, scrip and other valuable papers, stolen early this morning by a daring thief who jumped into the machine while it stood unoccupied on Broadway near 2nd street. Its owner, J. H. Clarke, an automobile manufacturer, had stepped into a restaurant nearby. He heard the machine puff as it started away, and though he rushed to the street, the thief sped the machine around a corner and escaped.

RUBIN GOLDMARK

Will Lecture on "Parsifal" at St. John's Schoolroom To-night.

Rubin Goldmark, who delivers a musically illustrated lecture on Wagner's "Parsifal" at the schoolroom to-night, comes highly recommended. Speaking of his recent appearance in Brooklyn, the Eagle of that city says: "His exposition of the drama and his interpretation on the piano of its musical skeleton left little to be desired. His piano arrangements of such portions as the transformation scene and the chorus of the flower maidens were perhaps the best that have been heard in Brooklyn. He was careful to make himself thoroughly intelligible to the non-musical part of his audience, through first sounding the themes stripped of all accompanying chords. His explanations were clear and concise, calling attention to the particular features of each theme as it was played. Nearly all those of any importance were mentioned in the order in which they are heard in the opera and the significance and relations of each were explained. The lecturer deserved the thanks of his audience for sticking so closely to Wagner's own exposition of his masterpiece, instead of yielding to the temptation to give personal impressions that would have been interesting, but perhaps not so instructive."

EARLY MILITARY REMINISCENCES

INTERESTING LETTER FROM A SURVIVOR

Gilbert Malcolm Sproat Gives Details as to the Original Vancouver Island Rifles.

The Times has received the following communication from G. M. Sproat, referring to the first military force in Victoria. In the article of May 12th, dealing with this matter, it was stated that the first volunteers were organized shortly after the departure of the original garrison of Royal Engineers in 1862. This, he states, is incorrect. Though the existence of the body he mentions was known at the time the article was written, no data were available to show that official recognition was given to it by the home authorities.

The Times is glad to have this point cleared up, and trusts that any other inaccuracies or omissions that may have crept in will be corrected by those conversant with early military history. The departure of the Imperial troops yesterday closed an interesting chapter in the annals of British Columbia, of which the Times has endeavored to give as far as possible a correct account.

In this manner it has hoped to place on record certain events that in a few years would otherwise have sunk into oblivion. Mr. Sproat's letter follows: To the Editor:—You are away out some 15 years, I think, in stating that the first military force raised locally here was in 1864. The Vancouver Island Rifle Regiment, with 27 men on the roster, was organized here in 1863—the pioneer British volunteer regiment. Captain Simpson (late of Elk Lake), an officer of Crimsan service, was adjutant, and Beckett-Joy, of the Marine Artillery, our chief drill sergeant. We had a colored company of close on 30 in number, and our good men they were.

A survivor, I wonder where that book is, a letter addressed to "Colonel the Hon. Sir Justice G. M. Sproat, Esquire," etc. etc. That is the sort of man wanted in time of hazard, who will "rain bullets" all over the object in hope of making a hit. Not play-soldiers at all were we, as any enemy would have found, though there were some non-effective whose purses, however, were useful.

The colony had just suffered from the San Juan menace—sometimes there was no naval ship at Esquimalt, and the Royal Engineers were on the mainland. For a while we met any conceivable force on our beloved town, from the direction of Cadboro, Cordova or other possible landing places, were discussed, expertly, week after week by the "staff"—and others the "brain" of the army, meeting for military improvement and self refreshment, at Mr. Griffin's house.

The sorrowful tree, which grows on the Island of Gos, near Bonny Bay, is so called because it has a drooping and appearance during the daytime, its aspect changing as the sun goes down. Then its leaves open and fragrant blossoms appear.

THE JUDGING HAS BEEN COMPLETED

SUCCESSFUL DOGS AT KENNEL CLUB SHOW

Award on Irish Setter Class May Be Protested--Exhibition Continues Until Saturday Evening.

The attendance at the bench show being held at the Philharmonic hall under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel Club was not as large yesterday as was the case on the opening day. A crowd, however, assembled about the ring-side to watch Judge Elyng, maintaining the ribbon to successful competitors. He performed his task very expeditiously while giving every dog entered the closest inspection before committing himself to placing them. The keenest interest was displayed by fanciers, and the favorites proving successful were greeted with applause as they left decorated with the coveted blue ribbon. The judging was completed late in the afternoon, and no time was lost by the committee in charge in ticketing the kennels of the fortunate canines in order that spectators may locate them with the least possible inconvenience.

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PROGRAMME FOR GORGE REGATTA

CONTESTS OUTLINED BY THE COMMITTEE

In Charge of Aquatic Sports in Connection With Victoria Day Celebrations--Notes.

Members of the Victoria Day celebration committee have practically completed their labors. Only details remain to be attended to, and nothing can be done in the regard until within a few days of the carnival. The parade to take place on the morning of the 24th, the fireworks on the afternoon of that day, the fireworks in the evening, and, in fact, every feature is well in hand, and promises to be carried through most successfully. All that is desired is favorable weather, and it is believed that the meteorological agents will see that those who wish to celebrate the auspicious occasion in a fitting manner will not have their ardor dampened, but rather stimulated by bright warm sunshine.

1. Five-oared service swimmers—Course round Deadman's Island and return. Open to army and navy regular forces. Prizes, 1st \$20, 2nd \$15. 2. Double sculls, schoolboys' race—Open to boys actually attending school. Only one crew from each school to be allowed to enter. Course from Mr. E. Crow Baker's boat house to starter's barge. Prizes, value \$12.

3. Indian war canoe—40 to 50 feet. Course around island and return. Prizes, 1st \$6, 2nd \$3, 3rd \$1 per paddle. 4. Four-oared lapstroke, amateur—Senior championship of British Columbia. Course from Point Elliot bridge to starter's barge. Prizes, value \$30. 5. Tandem canoe—Open to ladies only. Course from buoy near Curtis Point to starter's barge. Prizes, value \$15.

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In connection with this aquatic feature it might be mentioned that arrangements have been made for a clear course. Logs have been loaned by Moore's Wharf for use in marking out the side-lines, and the rule that all rowboats and pleasure craft keep on the inside will be stringently enforced. Such a regulation, as may be readily seen, is necessary in order that the contests may be brought off quickly and without any interference of the part of inconsiderate spectators. For the convenience of those attending there will be the usual refreshment barge, and, in addition, the Y. M. C. A. have announced that a tent will be erected on Curtis Point for the dispensing of light refreshments, lunches, etc. It will be presided over by the Ladies' Auxiliary of that institution. The same organization intend sending a small boat with ice cream, etc., among the craft on the Gorge, and, no doubt, many will take advantage of the opportunity to regale themselves without the difficulty of disembarking and going to any given point on either side. There are still many preliminaries to be dealt with, but, on the whole, the regatta gives promise of eclipsing anything of the kind previously held in Victoria.

Sufficient has been said of the horse parade, the pyrotechnic display on the evening of Victoria Day at Beacon Hill and other events which are under the direct supervision of Secretary Smart and his assistants to give every assurance of their proving fully as attractive as the most sanguine predict. But very little mention has been made, however, of the evening of the regatta, which is taking place in connection with the festivities, but under distinct management. Among these are the lacrosse matches between representative Victoria and Vancouver teams, the baseball games in which the Victoria and University of Washington teams will cross bats, the automobile races at the driving park, the water carnival at the Gorge, or the Y. M. C. A. field meet at Oak Bay park. All are included in the official programme, and each is well worth seeing, but none come within the scope of the authority of the Victoria Day celebration executive.

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IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE DISPOSED OF

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Two candidates for the ministry were recommended by the Indian district and accepted. One of these Mr. Bromwick is an undergraduate of Oxford University, and has for a short time already done faithful service in a northern field. The other young man is a native Indian, and was accepted as a missionary to his own race. Rev. W. H. Barracough, B. A., presented the pastoral address. It was a thoughtful and well-written document, and indicated the steady progress of the work of the conference. During the year there had been a net increase in church membership of 48, and in missionary giving of \$2,344.

The committee on conference relations reporting through Rev. Jno. Robison, recommended superannuation relation to the following ministers, most of whom are merely continuing in that relation: Revs. G. W. Dean and J. L. Sheridan, of Victoria; C. Ladner, D. Robison, Jos. Hall, James Turner, Vancouver; T. D. Pearson, J. P. Howell, New Westminster, and E. B. Glass, coming to the province from the Northwest.

MAY TEMPORIZE WITH PARLIAMENT

CZAR WILL PROBABLY GRANT PARTIAL AMNESTY

Is Not Likely to Follow Advice of Those Who Wish to See House Dissolved.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The critical moment which will decide whether there will be peace or war between the crown and the people apparently arrived with the passing by the lower house last night its reply to the speech from the throne. President Mourmouloff has gone to Peterhof to present the reply to the Emperor, and His Majesty's reply is awaited with great anxiety. Popular opinion considers that the government has no option between surrender and war. Nevertheless, when the Emperor's reply was followed each other with extreme rapidity, the issue now raised is not likely to be decided quickly. The Russians generally believe that the Emperor, court and government have been dazed by the blunt direct fashion with which parliament demands, and their policy naturally will be to gain time. The Emperor personally is in a beneficent frame of mind, and for the present will not listen to the opinions of those who advise him to dissolve parliament and fight. Nevertheless, he is resolved not to yield anything like parliament demands. It safely can be said therefore that he will pursue a temporizing policy with partial amnesty as the first sop thrown to the country.

The Constitutional Democrats, whose programme would be upset by the dissolution of parliament, are quite as anxious as the Emperor to avoid the precipitation of a conflict. They would regard the failure of the government to declare war as a big preliminary victory of which they would take advantage by forcing through their agrarian project upon which they count to strengthen themselves in the country before the final battle opens.

That the court reactionaries, headed by Gen. Trepot, are seeking in every way possible to influence the Emperor to fight is apparent by the discovery made by the Reich of a recent circular sent to the governors instructing them to have the "Black Hundred" organizations immediately dispatch to the Emperor's protests against amnesty and the abolition of the death penalty. These have been flowing into Peterhof from all directions. Over 50 were printed in the Official Messenger to-day.

The dispatches from the interior report demonstrations in front of the prisons in all parts of Russia in favor of the release of the political prisoners. At Simferopol, troops surrounded the prison where the political prisoners were making a demonstration and sent them through the windows. In St. Petersburg, the political prisoners awaiting transportation at the departing prison hung out red flags from the windows and sang the "Marseillaise" throughout the night, while the crowds outside joined in the revolutionary songs.

Two Thousand People Witnessed the Execution of Miles Fuller at Butte, Montana. (Associated Press.) Butte, Mont., May 18.—Miles Fuller, aged 36, was hanged in this city at 5:30 o'clock this morning for the murder of Henry Callaghan on October 24th, 1904. Death was instantaneous, the neck being broken. Two thousand people witnessed the execution, hundreds of them being admitted on invitation cards. Fuller died game and made no protest. His age and extreme feebleness had led to a wide petition for his imprisonment, but the officials declined to interfere. Fuller was suspected of three other murders, one dating back twenty years, but he could not be convicted of these. He is said to leave a wife and several adult children in California.

Medical men, on an average, die sooner than other professional men. Between the ages of forty-five and sixty-five two doo tors die to one clergyman.



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INVESTING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

WINNIPEG CAPITALISTS PURCHASE FAULT LAND

Storm in Ontario During Which Church Near Deseronto Was Demolished-- Eastern Notes.

Winnipeg, May 17.—V. C. Maddock, of the firm of V. C. Maddock & Co., real estate brokers, has returned from a trip to the coast province, where he has completed the sale of two thousand acres of fruit land to a party of Winnipeg speculators. Mr. Maddock states that everything is looking fine in British Columbia. The apple and cherry trees are in full bloom, and there are splendid prospects for an immense yield this season. American speculators are investing heavily in the Kootenay district, and some large orchards are being planted. The parcel of land selected by Mr. Maddock is in the very heart of the fruit district, along the Kootenay Lake and close to Nelson. The net price paid for the tract was \$100,000.

New Waterworks.
Winnipeg, May 17.—The first sod was turned on Indian-Head's new waterworks to-day. The supply is brought eight miles from the Swinell hills.

Church Demolished.
Deseronto, May 17.—During a fierce electric storm which passed over this section of the country, the English church, situated on the Mohawk reserve, about one mile west of Deseronto, was completely demolished. The stained glass window presented by Dr. Oronhyatekha was entirely destroyed, but nearly all the fixtures were removed. This church was very old and has an interesting history. The congregation have in their possession a communion set presented by Queen Anne. Many of the chiefs and their families of the tribe of Mohawk have been buried within its grounds.

Heavy Property Loss.
Toronto, May 17.—The storm was very severe at Waterloo. Joseph Snider's barn, stock and implements were destroyed, with a loss of \$2,500. Edward Vermilyea's barn and dwelling house, near Bellefonte, with several pigs and calves, were burned, the loss being \$2,000.

Will Improve System.
Toronto, May 17.—The Toronto Street Railway Company will spend \$1,500,000 in improvements to the system this year.

Found Not Guilty.
Toronto, May 17.—After a second trial lasting two days, Charles Deseronto, an Italian, has been found not guilty of murdering John J. Hoban

THE HERESY TRIAL.

Four of Jurors Find Rev. Dr. A. S. Crapsey Guilty.

Rochester, N. Y., May 15.—The verdict in the heresy trial of Rev. Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey to-day was delivered to the accused minister. Four of the jurors state that in their opinion sentence should be passed as follows:

That the respondent should be suspended from exercising the functions of the church until such time as he shall satisfy the ecclesiastical authorities that his belief and teaching conform to the doctrine of the Apostles' creed and the Nicene creed as this church hath received the same.

However, we express the earnest hope and desire that the respondent may see his way clearly during the thirty days that, under the canons of the church, must intervene before sentence can be pronounced, to the full satisfaction of the ecclesiastical authority of such conformity on his part.

W. C. ROBERTS,
C. H. BOYNTON,
G. S. BURROWS,
JOHN MILLS GILBERT.

Dr. Francis Dunham filed a minority report.

The undersigned, a member of the ecclesiastical court referred to in the foregoing decision, makes and files the following separate decision and report.

Whereas, the respondent constantly affirms his acceptance of all the articles of the Christian faith as contained in the Apostles' creed and

Whereas, this decree declares the sacred mysteries of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of the most holy Trinity, and a belief in the resurrection of the body, concerning which eternal verities of the Christian religion the said respondent is called in question, I find from his own statements and the evidence submitted for his defence that his error consists rather in not summing to define what God has not been pleased to reveal and to interpret those doctrines in a manner not generally received by the church, rather than in a denial and rejection of their truth and authority.

FRANCIS S. DUNHAM.

CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE.

Still Determined to Carry Imperial Fiscal Reform.

London, Eng., May 17.—C. R. Hosmer sails on the Cedric to-morrow. He has spent a busy ten days in London and lunched with the governors of the Bank of England yesterday. To-day he was Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's guest and had the opportunity of putting Canada forward in his vigorous, enthusiastic way.

Mr. Chamberlain replied to the following effect when asked for a message to the Canadian people:

"Don't for one moment suppose I or those with me here have abated one jot of our enthusiasm for, and our determination to carry imperial fiscal reform. It is the one question for every thinking Englishman and must and will win—probably more quickly than now seems possible. For the moment, a big majority was only made possible by divergent causes and interests that cannot be reconciled and cannot hold together. At any rate, my battle cry is 'tariff reform.' The movement was never fuller of promise than now."

Mr. Hosmer urged him to visit Canada, and Chamberlain replied: "Yes I know how kind you Canadians are, I fully appreciate all you say, but you must see that my chief work lies here; and just now it is the British people that stand most in need of education in the big imperial issues at stake; and for the moment I must remain here and leave my colonial friends to continue to do their part in their own good way. We have the same great end in view."

Mr. Hosmer says Mr. Chamberlain was full of vigor and in the best of spirits.

TRIED TO LOOT TREASURY.

Men Returned Fire on Soldiers Who Were on Duty at Building.

San Francisco, May 17.—A daring attempt to loot the United States sub-treasury was foiled last night by soldiers from Company G of the 11th Infantry. The soldiers claim that their fire was returned by the men who were attempting to loot the safe in the building.

Six men from Company G were detailed to guard the treasury last night, three on each side. At 1 o'clock this morning the men stationed on the Commercial street side saw they recognized a man attempting to reach the entrance of the building. He was ordered to halt, but instead attempted to run, and the guard fired at him. The bullet did not take effect, and two of the guards gave chase, leaving one guard behind. Almost immediately the soldiers on the Clay street side began firing, and the one guard on Commercial street says he saw four men run to the windows of the upper story of the treasury building. He immediately opened fire and the men in the window replied with shots from their revolvers.

Fully thirty shots were exchanged, some of the bullets striking the wall of the building on the north side of Commercial street. The men were later seen to come down stairs, but were not again heard of. Detective Sig Taylor headed a detachment of police in a vain search for the would-be looters.

WORKMEN INJURED.
Grand Forks, May 17.—While repairing a furnace at the Granby smelter this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, a piece of the pipe in the furnace causing an explosion of the steeler, which terribly burnt Foreman Miles Barrett and James Ritchie and two other workmen whose names have not yet been learned. Ritchie's injuries will likely prove fatal. He is a married man with three children.

NEW PRESIDENT.
New York, May 17.—A contest for the election of a president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineering has closed with the choice of Professor Samuel Sheldon, of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

MINISTERS BLUNDERED.

Adopted Unwise Measures in Dealing With Newly Elected Parliament.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—Public opinion is greatly excited as to how the Emperor and the government will meet the defiant attitude of the lower house of parliament. Many constitutional democrats are not yet convinced that the government will seek a compromise. They see indications that the bureaucracy is preparing for a desperate fight. As a matter of fact the constitutional democrats are unable to any longer hold the extreme left wing of parliament who are breaking away and going about the social democratic workmen group establishing a distinct party of the extreme left which wants not parliamentarism but a revolution. Some of the Polish delegates are flirting with this group on the basis of complete autonomy for Poland. The greatest anxiety prevails as to what the immediate future may bring forth.

The scheme most favored by the bureaucracy is to allow parliament to formulate its demands and ventilate its grievance for two months and then dissolve parliament. Notwithstanding this reactionary talk the far-sighted realize that such a step, in view of great agitation in the country, would be fatal and that the government's only chance is to compromise with parliament. This certainly is the Emperor's present intention. The cabinet, however, made a bad start in this direction. Had its members immediately begun participating in the debate and manifested a disposition to meet parliament on an amicable spirit they might already be on the road to an approach. As soon as the reply to the speech from the throne is adopted by the lower house, the leaders of the constitutional democrats will introduce a bill providing for the establishment of civil liberty and demand its immediate consideration.

The debate on the reply to the speech from the throne was resumed when parliament met this morning. Paragraphs demanding the removal of martial and other exceptional laws and the abolition of council of the empire were passed without amendment.

Count Heydon, a prominent member of the right, declared that the right did not oppose in the principle the substance of the reply to the speech from the throne, although it regarded some of the paragraphs as unfortunate and unnecessarily offensive to His Majesty.

KILLED BY REVOLUTIONIST.
Officer Who Participated in Maltreatment of Maria Spiridonov.

Tamboff, Russia, May 17.—Seanoff, a police officer who participated in the brutal maltreatment of Maria Spiridonov, was killed on the street here to-day by an unknown man.

The avengers of the young revolutionist recently meted out the same fate at Borisoglebik to Abramoff, the Cossack officer, who boasted of his cruelty to her while she was in prison.

Maria Spiridonov, the granddaughter of a Russian nobleman, was killed by the Chief of Police Lushenofsky of Tamboff. She was condemned to be hanged, but her sentence was commuted to 20 years' imprisonment. She was terribly treated in prison immediately after committing the crime by Abramoff and another Cossack officer.

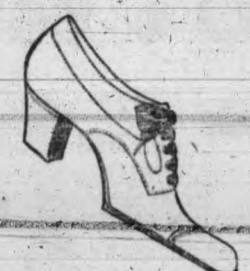
SEMINARY WRECKED.
Catholic Institution Near Palo Alto Will Be Rebuilt at Once.

A recent issue of the Palo Alto Tribune contains particulars regarding the damage wrought by the recent earthquake to St. Patrick's Catholic Seminary, which is located just north of that town, and was erected at a cost of a million or more dollars. The seminary was begun 12 years ago; the plan of the buildings covering six acres, was just about completed. The following account of the destruction was furnished by one of the priests in charge:

The greatest losses from the recent earthquake has been sustained by the archdiocese of San Francisco in the destruction of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park. The crowning work of many noble works towards the completion of which Archbishop Riordan obtained every energy, it now lies in ruins, a pathetic relic of its former greatness. To place the loss at \$250,000 is to state a very modest figure.

On the eve of April 18th it stood a massive pile challenging the admiration of every passer-by, a monument to the zeal of a great man, the home of many who would go forth from its walls to carry comfort and hope to their fellow-beings; now it lies in its wrecked vastness for a sigh for a life task vain and a grand mission frustrated.

To view the edifice from a distance the eye sees only a part of the east wing torn out, and the tower of the administrative building fallen away, but when the observer stands close to it and walks through and around it, then does the havoc impress him, and the feeling of sadness that comes over one when looking at the ruin of a noble structure, are accentuated by the pathetic posture of the two thousand eight hundred pound statue of the patron saint of the institution which was crunched from its granite pedestal and lies face downward upon the ground, its head pointing to the wrecked seminary. The east wing, or Junior College collapsed in front and its whole length of three hundred and two feet, cracked from the first floor to the roof.



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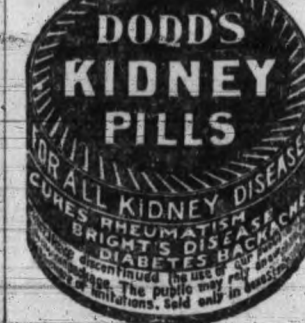
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MOUNTED POLICE WANTED.
General Superintendent of C. P. R.
Advocates Stationing in British
Columbia.

R. Marpole, general superintendent
of the C. P. R., made an interesting
suggestion when interviewed in Van-
couver upon his return from Kamloops
after the arrest of the reputed train
robbers. According to the News-Ad-
vertiser he strongly advocates the sta-
tioning of a body of Dominion Mounted
Police within British Columbia and the
permanent keeping of packs of blood-
hounds at suitable points. In the
course of an interview he said:
"There appears to be a number of
rough characters in the country south
of Kamloops whose antecedents should
be looked into—some of them like Ed-
wards, have been allowed to roam
around that section of British Colum-
bia without any questions or surveil-
lance; it is not creditable to the prov-
ince and there must be some radical
change to prevent such desperadoes
making our country a harbor of refuge;
we will make representations in this
connection to the executive of the pro-
vincial government. The presence of
a contingent of the Dominion Mountain
Police in British Columbia would cer-
tainly have a deterrent effect—I see
no reason why a corps should not be
stationed at a point like Kamloops and
another farther south and also at Gol-
den. The provinces of Alberta and
Saskatchewan are favored in having
such a magnificent body of men to
maintain law and order—the sparsely
settled and remote districts of this
province surely require just as much
attention; I am convinced of the nec-
essity for something to be done in
this country as the result of the brief
investigations made by our special de-
tectives. I am strongly in favor of
keeping bloodhounds at certain points
in this province—this opinion is the
result of interviews with the owners
of the dogs we brought from Spokane
—Harry Draper and his assistant,
Thomas Hopper, both men of experi-
ence as hunters of outlaws and men
who have done a great deal of other
hunting, that is, big game in the wilds
of Idaho and Eastern British Colum-
bia."
Colonel Perry, chief commissioner,
R. N. W. M. P., who came to Kamloops
with his men, has every reason to be
proud of them—and he followed keenly
by advice and precept all the efforts
made on all hands to capture the rob-
bers.

"Had the robbers broken through the
first cordon and escaped south of
Douglas lake, Colonel Perry had on the
way to Pentticon a contingent of ten
Mounted Police under Inspector
Church, who would be there on Tues-
day with expert local guides, and with
the aid of the provincial officers and
Indian trackers and detectives would
have certainly captured the desperadoes
before they got over the bound-
ary if they made for it."
"It was a happy inspiration of Mr.
Whyte's to ask for the services of the
Mounted Police, and also the extraor-
dinary prompt way Col. Perry
brought the men from Calgary and
other points to the scene of the
trouble."

AMATEUR GOLF.
Record Number of Entries For Na-
tional Championship.
London, May 17.—As a result of the
drawing to-day for the amateur na-
tional golf championship to be decided
at Hoylake, near Birkenhead, from
May 21st to 25th, C. B. MacDonaid, of
New York, will play against L. Mar-
tin, of the Dublin Golf Club, and P. L.
Machey, of Oregon, will meet M. Cop-
land, of the St. Andrew Golf Club. There
is a record entry of 143, eighteen more
than the previous highest number of
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**WATER QUESTION
WILL STAND OVER**
**ALDERMEN WISH TO
WAIT FOR JUDGMENT**

**Mr. or Morley Gives Information That
Goldstream Property May be Pur-
chased for \$750,000.**

The city council at its sitting last
evening decided to postpone the con-
sideration of the question of a water
supply for Victoria until after the
judgment touching on the rights at
Goldstream had been handed down. It
was intimated that this judgment
might be expected this coming week.
His Worship wished the council to take
up the question and arrive at a con-
clusion as to the course which would
be taken, estimating the price to be
paid for the Goldstream property at
\$750,000. This latter sum His Worship
had been informed was the figure at
which the private interests there could
now be obtained.

The aldermen, however, refused to
take action until the judgment was de-
livered by Mr. Justice Duff, and the
matter was accordingly laid over.

There were present at the meeting
last evening, in addition to the mem-
bers of the council, the city barrister,
W. J. Taylor, K. C., and the water
commissioner, J. Raymur.

His Worship asked the chairman of
the water committee to give what in-
formation he had.

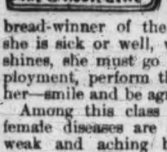
Ald. Stewart said that he had not
very much information to give. He
thought it better to have information
from the city barrister and the water
commissioner.

He said that it was a question whe-
ther it would be wise to take im-
mediate steps in the way of exprop-
riating the Goldstream water. He thought
they should hear from the city barris-
ter as to the power which the city had.

His Worship thought it would be
better to consider the question by tak-
ing the estimated annual cost and
maintenance of the completed system
from Elk Lake and from Gold-
stream. That one system would have
to be faced in the near future, was
he thought, the opinion of all. Law would
not put out fire or keep the laws
green.

**CORDIAL INVITATION
ADDRESSED TO WORKING GIRLS**

**Mrs. Robitaille Tells How Mrs. Pink-
ham's Advice Helps Working Girls.**



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are particularly
susceptible to fe-
male disorders, es-
pecially those who
are obliged to stand
on their feet for
long hours in
stores or facto-
ries.
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out the girl toils,
and she is often the
bread-winner of the
family. Whether
she is sick or well,
whether it rains or
shines, she must go
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ployment, perform
the duties exacted of
her—smile and be agreeable.

Among this class the symptoms of
female disease are early manifest by
weak and aching back, pain in the
lower limbs and lower part of the
stomach. In consequence of frequent
wetting of the feet, periods become
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Victoria had to continue to pay higher
rates than the remainder of the city,
and at the same time bear its share in
improvements to the city system. If
Victoria went ahead at the rate it was
expected, there would be need of go-
ing to Goldstream within a very few
years. The expenditure of \$28,000 for
Elk Lake would then be useless. The
city revenue would be expected to
grow westward. He thought that
this was done it should be done on
the basis of supplying for a city of 100,000
inhabitants.

He wanted a system which supplied
the whole of the city. He favored the
Goldstream system therefore. It was
the same as the one that was in use
over the river for the first few
years. This would gradually improve,
however, and the city would have a
supply second to none on the coast.

His Worship thought that by the
Elk Lake system there might be a
sale of water for irrigation purposes—if
it was not necessary for the city sup-
ply. ALFRA might be raised by the
irrigation system and also large areas
could be devoted to fruit growing. In
this way the investment would not be
a complete loss.

Ald. Stewart said he did not advo-
cate excessive rates. He read from
eastern cities and towns to show that
the rates were from \$10.50 to \$18
a year. The rates were, therefore, not
excessive in Victoria.

Mr. Raymur said there was 1,500,000
gallons used now. The limit of a
supply was 2,400,000 gallons. Mr.
Adams had estimated that at the nat-
ural increase of the city the Elk lake
supply would last for 25 years. There
was at Elk lake a 16-inch main and a
12-inch one. The 16-inch pipe was laid
at such a grade that in the summer
time it would not supply water without
pumping. The main did not run full.
There was no use putting a pump at
the top of the hill. It would pump only
air. If that main had been laid on the
proper grade the pump should not
have been required. Another main was
necessary.

His Worship said it had been found
by experience that it was better to go
longer distances and get water from
a higher level than pump it up from a
lower level. It was a question whether
it would not be well to improve the
Elk lake system and when the popula-
tion came up to what was expected go
directly to Cowichan river, a distance
of only about 40 miles, where an un-
limited supply could be depended upon.
Ald. Fullerton did not favor ex-
panding \$30,000 for a system which
was only temporary. He asked W. J.
Taylor, K. C., concerning the staking
for the record of water at Goldstream.
Mr. Taylor said that the argument
of the city was that Victoria had a
superior right to the water company
for water there. If this was not
borne out the city might then have a
claim on the water company for the
dam of the company and for paying the
government the usual fee.
Ald. Fell said that the city should
have gone to Goldstream at first. Fur-
ther, the city should never have al-
lowed the water company to get there
ahead of the corporation. But decid-
ing to go would not get the water from
Goldstream. He had had a view that
it would be a wise thing to pump the
water into a higher reservoir, and then
let it run to the source of supply.
The water commissioner, however,
said that there was not the necessary
water coming through the mains to the
city.
He thought, however, that it might
be pumped to Mount Tolmie, and thus
a head acquired to distribute the
water. He thought that it was neces-
sary to find a point where water should
be pumped to water towers. This was
done along the St. Lawrence river and
in the New England states. This
might be done as a temporary move
until such time as it was necessary to
go to Goldstream.
His Worship pointed out that the

usual method in pumping to a higher
level was to pump right from the
source of supply, which was unlimited.
In the present case the city pumping
station was drawing from a 14-inch
pipe and pumping into 16-inch pipe.
This contradicted and reversed the
usual laws.

Ald. Douglas wanted to know if there
was any way of hastening the decision
of the judge on the case.
Mr. Taylor said that a judge was at
liberty to take his own time in giving
his judgment. He pointed out that the
delay in the present instance might be
readily due to the fact that Mr. Justice
Duff, the trial judge, had been very
busy with the assizes sitting long
hours.

In answer to His Worship Mr. Taylor
said that appeals were open from this
decision.
Ald. Hall said that he as a member
of the water committee was waiting
not for the final judgment of the courts
on this matter. He was simply wait-
ing for the judgment of the trial judge.
That given he was prepared to con-
sider what should be done.

Ald. Fell felt that when the judg-
ment of Mr. Justice Duff was given
the council would be in a very good
position to know what to do.
His Worship thought it might be
wise to discuss the question of taking
water from Goldstream if it could be
got at a cost of not more than \$750,000.

Several members of the council, in-
cluding Aids. Hall, Yates, Vincent and
Fell were not agreeable to pledging
the council to any action. This would
be playing into the hands of the Gold-
stream company they thought, and
would be a very injudicious step to
take.

His Worship considered that it was
safe to proceed on an understanding
that the Goldstream plant could be got
for \$750,000. No harm could be done
in considering the question on this
basis.

The aldermen pointed out that it
might be possible to get it for even
less than that sum.
Ald. Hall pointed out that the coun-
cil could not be said to have done
nothing if it were true that \$750,000
would buy the Goldstream company's
interests. That body had asked \$1,125,-
000 last year. The council by delaying
the matter had effected a saving of
\$500,000, which was surely doing effec-
tive work.

His Worship said this did not bring
water to the city, however.
Ald. Hall said \$500,000 would go a
considerable way towards bringing the
water in. If by delaying a little longer
a further saving could be effected it
would not be a bad policy to wait.

Ald. Davey wished to know if there
was not a bill between Cadboro Bay
and Elk Lake which could be utilized
for reservoir purposes.
Mr. Raymur said that Mr. Adams
had urged against it the distance
away. If a site for a reservoir could
be got close in the city it would be bet-
ter.

The council after a little further dis-
cussion decided to lay the considera-
tion over for the present and ad-
journed.

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PROVINCIAL POLITICAL SITUATION

There have been three sessions of the present provincial Legislature, sessions which have been full of trouble for the government that has had a more or less doubtful control of the heterogeneous majority which has kept it in power.

The reasons for this impression are numerous. In keeping the government in power the majority has not done violence to its own principles, because it has no fixed convictions which could not be unfixed for its own personal convenience and profit; but it has outraged the principles of the minority of the electorate it was chosen to represent.

The "independents" in the House are not the only doubtful forces to be reckoned with in the coming time. There are other members who have occasionally by their course indicated their belief that the government they were elected to support has forfeited any claim upon their further allegiance.

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is therefore for the Premier to decide which course of action involves the greater risk to his retention of power. If he were to meet the House and be defeated he would forfeit the privilege of an appeal to the country as Premier. If he were compelled to take the field as the leader of a Conservative opposition on his record as the chief of the present administration, the Conservative party of British Columbia would be as the Conservative party of Nova Scotia, there "would be no such thing."

And in this connection we desire to draw attention to the fact that all things have been made ready for a dissolution. The deals by which the country has been robbed of public lands worth millions of dollars have, we may be sure, resulted in an assurance of a fat campaign fund. A "newspaper" is to be published in the city of Nelson, a field which admittedly cannot support one daily journal, purely for political purposes. Such a project would not be entertained if there were not an election pending.

HOW CANALS AND MILLIONAIRES ARE MADE.

At last the American Panama Canal Commission is getting down to business, and soon we may learn that the ditch is being dug through the atmosphere and that there is a prospect of the work being completed within the lifetime of the present generation.

There is one aspect of canal construction work, however, that is causing some controversy. The United States is a protectionist country. The Americans have adopted the principle of protection for all home industries.

It is morally certain, however, that Secretary Taft will not long be permitted to continue in his economical course. The matter has already been drawn to the attention of Congress.

CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA.

The Czar of Russia a few months ago professed his deep regard for the welfare of his people and his undying love for the fatherland, and as a token of his sentiments announced that he was about to concede the fullest possible measure of self-government.

HIS LUCID ANSWER.

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MEET POSTPONED. School Sports Advertiser for To-Day Called Off Because of Inclement Weather. At a late hour this morning it was announced that the school sports for the Swinerton cup, advertised to take place at Oak Bay this afternoon, had been postponed.

QUEEN'S ARRIVAL. Steamer Reached Port at an Early Hour With Record Passenger List. It is probable that the passenger list of the steamer Queen, which arrived from San Francisco at 5 o'clock this morning, is the record for any steamer of the line.

EAGLES' NEW HALL. Will Be Opened To-Morrow Evening With an At Home. To-morrow evening the Eagles will formally open their new hall over Dixie Ross & Company's store on Government street with an at home befitting the occasion.

BIDDING AGAINST TIME. A curious custom has been observed in the letting by auction of a piece of land at Bourne (Lincolnshire). The auctioneer stands on a bridge, and as each bid is given a boy is despatched to run to a certain point in the town, the bid that remains unchallenged when he returns remains unchallenged to have the lotting.

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ACCUSED ACQUITTED IN THE ASSIZE COURT

Hamilton Found Not Guilty by the Jury in Assault Case Yesterday Afternoon.

The criminal assize closed yesterday afternoon on the acquittal of James Hamilton in the assault case. The case of Rex vs. Hamilton was the only one to come up at the assize.

The charge laid against the accused was proved to be unfounded. Unfortunately Mr. Hamilton, who is a laboring man with a wife and small family, has been subjected to all the inconvenience which this action implies and the expense of counsel and loss of time.

His Lordship Mr. Justice Duff in summing up the evidence presented it to the jury in a very judicial way. He pointed out that the jury in this case was not under the necessity of deciding whether there was an assault. The evidence established that the crime had been committed. It was not necessary for them to come to the conclusion even that the man who was seen at the corner of Love's Lane was the same man who committed the assault.

AT THE VICTORIA

Lee-Morris Company Gives Excellent Performance-The Pollards on Monday and Tuesday. "Bonnie" was again put on the boards of the Victoria last night by the Lee-Morris stock company, but, despite the excellence of the players, failed to attract a large audience.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Queen from San Francisco-Hattie Erskine, C. Bremer, R. Ritchie, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Viglesang, Mrs. J. Pratt, R. Burnett, E. K. Kelder, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Crigh, V. H. M. Troncy and wife, Mrs. C. H. Hester, and daughter, C. L. Stuin and wife, A. L. Cleaver and wife, A. P. Water and wife, G. Stricker, V. Lee, T. Fricke, Anne Mole, Miss Pauli, Mrs. Wilson, B. Mole, Mrs. J. Hasie, Miss Hadley, C. F. Gibson, Mrs. Hubbard, R. Tanner, J. S. Melton, H. M. Spence and wife, Miss McDonald, H. Gedenbaum and wife, S. H. W. Ditty.

Sporting News

ATHLETICS.

FOR SWINERTON CUP. the annual school sports held under the auspices of the directors of the Oak Bay park.

The principal competition is that between the representatives of the respective schools for the Swinerton cup. For some time past the youthful athletes have been faithfully training so that each competition should be well contested.

CLOSE TO-MORROW.

It is announced that all entries for the Y. M. C. A. field meet, which will be held on Saturday, the 20th, in connection with the Victoria Day celebrations, will close to-morrow night.

A RACE SUGGESTED.

In all probability the victory of W. Sheering, of Hamilton, in the Marathon race at Athens will result in the inauguration of an annual long distance competition, some 15 or 20 miles or thereabouts, in connection with the celebration of Dominion Day.

BASEBALL.

Members of the Victoria Peninsula team were unable to attend practice last evening owing to the inclemency of the weather. But they are in splendid shape and may be depended upon to give a good account of themselves when called upon to cope with the Anacortes nine.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

An Oakland dispatch dated Tuesday says: "After having agreed last night to surrender his interests in the Los Angeles baseball team, James W. Morley changed his mind today and tried to wriggle out of the agreement made between the representatives of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, whereby the Southern team for a consideration of \$1,500 went to McCredie, Evans and Ewing, representing, respectively, Portland, Fresno and San Francisco.

LACROSSE.

Members of the Victoria Lacrosse Club are training steadily and should be in splendid condition for the exhibition match with Vancouver on Victoria Day. Under the efficient management of Lionel York, the players are becoming more proficient each day.

MEETING TO-NIGHT.

As previously mentioned, the annual meeting of the Victoria Y. C. Club will be held, commencing at 8 o'clock this evening. Besides the consideration of reports and the election of officers, important business in connection with the arrangement of plans for the season will come up for discussion.

THE KING.

All preparations for the fifteen-round bout between Frank Fernandez and J. Hannaford of Ladysmith, at the latter city on Saturday night are complete. The former, who has done all his training here, left the gymnasium for the last time yesterday. He is in the pink of condition, and his manager, Bert Griffith,

A match will be played on Saturday between teams selected by L. O. Garnett and J. C. Buchanan from the membership of the Victoria club—the games will commence at 2 o'clock at the Jubilee grounds. CHUMKIEF. MATCH ARRANGED. A match will be played on Saturday between teams selected by L. O. Garnett and J. C. Buchanan from the membership of the Victoria club—the games will commence at 2 o'clock at the Jubilee grounds. HOSPITAL MEETING. Directors Transact Routine Business and Consider Recommendations for Renovation of Ward.



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Fare from Victoria to Goldstream and return 50 cents. Fare from Victoria to Shawnigan Lake and return \$1.00. Children under 12 years 50 cents. Tickets available for Thursday, May 24th only. Train leaves E. & N. Depot at 9:00 a. m., returning arrives at 7:25 p. m. EXCURSION RATES IN EFFECT TO ALL OTHER POINTS. GEO. L. COURTNEY, District Passenger Agent.

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Pacific Coast Steamship Co. FOR San Francisco LEAVE VICTORIA 7:30 P. M. Umatta, May 23. Queen, May 23, June 6. Steamer leaves every seventh day thereafter. EXCURSIONS around the Sound every seven days. Alaska Excursions—S. S. Spokane, June 7, 21, July 5, 20, August 2.

FOR South Eastern Alaska Connecting at Skagway with the W. P. & Y. Railway. LEAVE SEATTLE, 9 P. M. S. S. City of Topeka, Humboldt, City of Seattle, May 25, 27, 31, June 1, 5, 10, leave Victoria, 6:30 a. m. City of Topeka, May 13. Steamers connect at San Francisco with Company's steamers for ports in California, Mexico and Humboldt Bay. For further information obtain folder. Right is reserved to change steamers or sailing dates. TICKET OFFICE. VICTORIA, 96 Government and 61 Wharf Sts. R. P. RITHEB & CO. LTD., Agents. C. D. DUNNAN, Gen. Passenger Agent, 10 Market St., San Francisco.

NOT RESPONSIBLE BR. SHIP. Garnarvon Bay Griffith, Master. This vessel will commence discharging cargo at the outer wharf Tuesday morning, May 15th, and following days. Consignees are requested to present bills of lading at the office of the undersigned, pay freight and receive orders for their goods. All goods remaining on the wharf after 5 o'clock each day, and while on the wharf, will be at the risk of the consignees thereof respectively, and may be stored at their expense. R. P. RITHEB & CO. LTD., Consignees.

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TRAGEDY IN THE ALPS. Man Who Accidentally Shot a Friend Ends His Own Life. "I am going to join one of my friends and explain to him that it was an accident," was the message left behind by M. Sany, who committed suicide by shooting himself at his home at the village of Percey, near Chateau d'Oex, says a Geneva correspondent.

India's national expenditure in proportion to its population is the lowest in the world—only eight shillings a head. TO LET. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion. TO RENT—Six roomed house, all modern improvements, 2 Frederick street, near car line. Apply at 71 Frederick street.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the first sitting of the Annual Court of Revision of the Municipality of the City of Victoria will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, the 25th day of June, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m.

VICTORIA WATER WORKS. Attention is called to Sec. 22 of the Waterworks Regulation by-Law, 1905, which reads as follows: "No person shall sprinkle or use in any manner whatsoever, the water supplied by the City upon lawns, gardens, yards or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 in the morning, and the hours of 5 and 10 in the evening, unless the water so used shall be supplied by meter."

JAS. L. RAYMUR, Water Commissioner. City Hall, 5th May, 1906. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the partnership subsisting between us, the undersigned, as gardeners and florists, known as the Royal Nursery, at 20 Fort Street, in the City of Victoria, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of Mary McKinnon, who died on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1906, are required to send in their claims, duly verified, on or before the 1st day of June, A. D. 1906, to Messrs. Langley & Martin, of 29 Government Street, Victoria, B. C., solicitors for John Turnbull, executor of the estate of Mary McKinnon, deceased.

FOR SALE. NORTH SAANICH FARM LANDS. Take notice that the mortgagee of the north half of Section One, Range Two, East North Saanich District, under a registered mortgage dated 3rd June, 1905, offers this property for sale under the powers conferred upon him by said mortgage.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS. Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 2 and 3, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, or 160 acres, more or less.

EMPRESS HOTEL LICENSE. Notice is hereby given that the application, a copy whereof is herewith set forth, has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, B. C., and that the said application will be brought on for hearing before the said Board of Licensing Commissioners at the sitting thereof to be held on Wednesday, the 18th day of May, 1906, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY. By R. MARPOLE, General Superintendent Pacific Division. "To the Honourable the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, B. C.:

MUNICIPAL

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

To be sold for Taxes, Interests and Costs on the FIRST day of June, 1906, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1905, unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Taxes Arrears, Interest, Costs, Total. Lists various lots and owners with their respective tax details.

N. B.—In column number 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "L and I" mean Land and Improvements. Dated this 30th day of April, A. D. 1906, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C. CHARLES KENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. Notice is hereby given that the second annual general meeting of the shareholders of The Pacific Northern & Ontario Railway Company will be held at the office of Rodwell, Lawson & Co., 244 Government Street, Victoria, B. C., on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1906, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

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 Funeral will take place from parlors of B. C. Funeral Co., Friday, 18th inst., at 2.15, and at St. John's church, at 2.30.
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STOLEN LETTERS.
 Correspondence Taken From W. T. R. Preston's Office in London.
 (Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, May 17.—W. T. R. Preston, superintendent of immigration in Europe, appeared before the public accounts committee to-day. There was a large attendance. S. Barker, of Hamilton, examined the witness. Several questions of little or no importance were asked, no doubt waylaying the foundation for the examination.
 The relations of Mr. Preston and the Leopold office were soon reached. Evidently this is to be one of the important points in the examination. Mr. Preston said that Leopold came to him with recommendations from Baron Hirsch's people and others on the continent. Witness treated Leopold as he did a dozen other agents. What he (Preston) wanted was to secure immigration. Leopold could assist in that work. He assisted Leopold in getting a license from the Dominion, Allan and other steamship companies, which were doing business with Canada. This did not interfere with the North Atlantic Trading Co. Mr. Preston stated emphatically that Leopold was in the bureau.
 Mr. Barker: "Were you in the bureau?"
 Mr. Preston: "I certainly was not."
 Mr. Preston stated that Leopold had an office in the Charing Cross building before the Canadian office was located there. On account of opposition from Canada all connection with the office ceased.
 To a question from Mr. Barker, Mr. Preston said that the correspondence was not complete.
 Mr. Barker: "Why?"
 Mr. Preston: "Because some of the letters were stolen from my office." When he missed the letters his suspicions fell on one of his clerks, who had relations with the secretary of the high commissioner's office, W. L. Griffith. A man in evening dress gained admission to Mr. Preston's office. Lord Strathcona admitted to him that the matter was put in the hands of a detective.
 A. L. Maclean of Lunenburg, protested against the committee using stolen documents.
 After a few more questions the committee adjourned until Monday.

LOCAL NEWS.
 —Bring your cash along and get good shoes for all ages at most reasonable prices. Watson's Shoe Store, 65 Yates street.
 —Principals and teachers of the various schools of the city are making preparations for the due observance of Empire Day on Wednesday next. Appropriate programmes will be given in most of the schools.
 —The official programmes for the Provincial Teachers' Association, which is to meet in Victoria in June, will be ready for mailing next week.
 —Eaton, superintendent of city schools, who is president of the association, will mail a copy of the programme to each teacher in the province. The convention, according to present indications, promises to be the best attended in the history of the association.
 —The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when reports were made and officers were elected. The meeting was opened with prayer and a song service. Mrs. Riddell submitted a report dealing with the mission board work during the past year. Mrs. Tite's report on evangelistic work stated that a great many children had been induced to attend Sunday schools. Mrs. Teague gave an account of the Loyal Legion's labors. The Legion has a membership of between 125 and 150, and holds meetings every Saturday afternoon, at the close of which refreshments are served. Mrs. McDonald reported on the anticigarette crusade, organized three months ago. Mrs. Reynolds reported that the juvenile temperance league was progressing. The temperance lessons are

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TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS
WEILER BROS.
 HOME, HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS—VICTORIA, B. C.

taught in all the Sunday schools every three months. Mrs. Gleason reported on the distribution of the society's literature and Mrs. Richard on parlor meetings. The following officers were then elected: Mrs. McNaughton, president; Mrs. Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. Wm. Grant, treasurer; Mrs. Dean, recording secretary and Mrs. F. Andrews, corresponding secretary.
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
 WANTED—A nurse's maid, salary \$20 a month. Apply Matron, Jubilee Hospital.
 WANTED—A steady young man, in a grocery store. Apply Box 42, Post Office.
 WANTED—One dozen or three dozen Plymouth Rock one-year-old hens, to be shipped North about first week June. Quote price to J. W. Martinale, Keating P. O.
 WANTED—Strong youth, to work in wholesale warehouse during summer months. Apply by letter Box 12, Times.

Notice is hereby given that, 40 days after date, we, the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay, known as the Hudson's Bay Company, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase for pastoral purposes the following described lands, four miles northwesterly from the land situated in Coast District, B. C., east end of Stuart's Lake, viz: Starting from a post marked "E. C. S. E. corner, thence astronomically north 30 chains, thence astronomically west 40 chains, thence astronomically east 30 chains to point of commencement, containing three hundred and twenty acres, more or less, and situate in the east end of Stuart's Lake, viz: Starting from a post marked "E. C. S. 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