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DISTRESS IN IRELAND.

The Attorney-General Says Difficulty of Solving Problem is Appalling—Famine Impending.
London, March 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday John Redmond, in supporting Mr. Hayden's motion charging the government with failure to mitigate the distress in the west of Ireland, urged the government to take immediate steps to avert impending famine. The Land Act of 1903, Mr. Redmond asserted, had utterly failed to settle the problems, and the tide of immigration would not cease until the grazing lands of the west had been restored to the people. The existing conditions of things, he further said, were infamous and cruel, and had made English rule in Ireland abhorrent to humanity.
Mr. Atkinson, attorney-general for Ireland, in defending the government, admitted the enormity of the evil, but said the difficulty of solving the problem was appalling, reciting the measures already taken, including the expenditure of \$8,000,000 by the congested districts board. He declared it most unjust to say that the government had not taken every precaution to meet the distress.
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JAPS LOST MORE THAN THOUSAND MEN

REPULSED BY RUSSIANS SOUTH OF THE PASS

Made an Attack on Centre of Kourapatkin's Position—Force Moving on Vladivostok.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 15.—Gen. Kourapatkin, in a dispatch dated March 14th, says:
"A fierce Japanese attack on the centre of our positions at the Fan river (about 13 miles south of Tie pass) has been repulsed."
"More than a thousand corpses remain in front of our positions."

JAPANESE ARE APPROACHING THE PASS.

New York, March 15.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says: According to the latest news from Tie pass, the Japanese are within a few miles of that position and a resumption of fighting is hourly expected. The general staff, however, declares that the enemy is too much exhausted for an immediate attack.

According to Gen. Kourapatkin, the Russians are fast reorganizing their forces and on the alert. According to Gen. Masloff, the extent of the loss to the third army is still uncertain.
Gen. Kourapatkin is highly commended for leading the onslaught against Gen. Nogi on March 10th, which is believed to have prevented the complete loss of the second and third armies.

There is no news of Gen. Reuhenkampff. It is feared that his division of trans-Balkal Cossacks shared the fate of the Caucasus cavalry brigade. Two officers, Albert and Hartmann, report that they are the only survivors of that brigade who remain to tell the tale of the fighting of Friday and Saturday, when the cavalry was sacrificed in order to cover the retreat of the rear guard.

A Japanese force of infantry and artillery is reported to be approaching Vladivostok. This gives rise to the belief that a siege is contemplated.

In connection with the announcement of Gen. Kourapatkin's offer to resign comes a statement from an equally authoritative source that Gen. Kourapatkin attributes his failure to the inadequacy of his reinforcements, and that he points out the hopelessness of achieving any conclusive result until overwhelming forces are in the east.

JAPANESE CRUISERS ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE.

London, March 15.—A dispatch to the Star from Singapore, Straits Settlement, says that four Japanese cruisers arrived there to-day from the eastward.

NUMBER OF PRISONERS MAY BE INCREASED.

With Gen. Oku's Headquarters, March 12, 4 p.m., via Fusan (delayed in transmission).—Reports received up to last night show that over 40,000 Russian prisoners have been captured by all the Japanese armies; and that over 50 Russian guns have been taken. Reports still coming in say that the Russians are still surrounded. There are many villages within the Japanese circle yet unoccupied and it is possible they contain many more prisoners. The total number of prisoners it is expected will reach 50,000.

The Chinese are enthusiastically welcoming the Japanese into Mukden, and flags are waving from all buildings.
The Russians have no stores between Tie pass and Harbin.

In the last stages of the battle Gen. Linvitch's army became completely separated from the remainder of the forces. Captured prisoners report that Gen. Kourapatkin believed that he was winning the battle up to March 7th, when Gen. Nogi pressed him strongly on the northwest. Gen. Kourapatkin ordered the troops on the Shakhe river to fall back and defend Mukden, thus forfeiting an opportunity to utilize the Hun river, which affords a stronger and more natural line of resistance than the Shakhe. Ranges of hills command the plain and the crossing of the wide river bed is dangerous on account of the partially melted ice. The hills are strengthened by a series of earthworks connected by deep trenches. This position was lost on account of General Kuroki's rapid marching.

Some of the foreign military observers criticize Gen. Kourapatkin's generalship very severely.
Field Marshal Oyama's original plan seems to have been to hold the Russians along the Shakhe while working around them with both wings, but the Japanese right was fought to a standstill. The Russian retreat from the Shakhe river, rapidly pursued, gave the Japanese an opening to cut the Russian centre, surround Mukden, and isolate the Russian left.

One thousand prisoners are being marched to Liao Yang for shipment to Japan. They are a mixed lot, including Poles, Mongols, Buriats, and Kirghis. Their clothing and equipment is much inferior to that of the Japanese. The

Siberians who fought in the earlier months of the war were the finest men that Russia has had.
The Russians that are voluntarily surrendering make an abject spectacle. The Japanese are treating them most kindly.

NEW COMMANDER FOR RUSSIAN ARMY.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—4:21 p. m.—It is now definitely stated that Emperor Nicholas has approved the decision of the council of war to send Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch to replace Gen. Kourapatkin as the best means of putting a stop to the intrigues and jealousies among the generals of the army both at St. Petersburg and at the front. Gen. Soukhomouloff will be chief of staff.

While no further dispatches have been received from the front to show whether the renewal of the fighting yesterday was continued to-day, there is a persistent report on the bourse that Lieut. General Linevitch has achieved a notable success against General Nogi, cutting off and surrounding two divisions which were marching south to the west of Tie pass with the view of engaging in a new turning movement.

The fight yesterday indicates that Field Marshal Oyama is determined to pursue the Russians to the bitter end.

PROBABLY THREE GUNS INTO RIVERS.

Newchwang, March 15.—The military men here advance the theory that the difference in the number of guns the Japanese are reported to have captured and those guns Kourapatkin is reported to have lost, is owing to the Russians when routed having dropped the guns into the rivers through the ice and abandoned others in ravines and gullies. It is expected that when the present rush work at Mukden is over search for the lost artillery will be well rewarded.

REPAIRS TO THE LENA LYING AT MARE ISLAND.

Vallejo, Cal., March 15.—The plans of the Russian government to have the Russian cruiser Lena, which has been lying at the Mare Island navy yards for many months, repaired at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, have been abandoned, as President Roosevelt would not give the desired permission. The work will be done at Mare Island by the regular yard employees. Two months of time will be required to complete the repairs.

THE ADMIRALTY AND ESQUIMALT UNDER-SECRETARY MAKES STATEMENT IN COMMONS

Authorities Will Be Ready to Act When Strong Force Is Required in the Pacific.
(Special to the Times.)
London, March 15.—In the discussion of the navy estimates in the House of Commons General Laurie referred to Esquimalt and Halifax, and asked what was the use of the British government keeping on the yards, stripped of stores and buildings, in the hands of caretakers. The only object in maintaining the garrisons and fortifications at Esquimalt and Halifax was to protect naval bases. Instead of putting these yards in the charge of caretakers the government should hand them over to the Canadian government, on condition that they should be available for the navy whenever they were required.
Mr. Pretyman, under secretary of the admiralty, in reply, said the point of General Laurie's remarks in regard to the Canadian government taking charge of the naval base had not been lost sight of. There were two parties to a bargain, but the admiralty would be willing to negotiate in regard to the North Pacific. The immediate local danger to be guarded against did not appear to warrant the maintenance of a naval base at Esquimalt. The problem of the distribution of the fleet, has the construction problem, was a shifting one. When the presence of a stronger force in the Pacific was required the admiralty was perfectly free to arrange accordingly.

THE EDUCATIONAL CLAUSE.

May Be Referred to Supreme Court to Decide Whether It is Constitutional.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 15.—R. L. Borden in the House to-day brought up Premier Haultain's letter and referred at length to the circumstances under which the Autonomy Bill was introduced. He said he would not discuss the merits of the question, that would be left until the bill came up. Mr. Borden's story was that the bill was introduced in the absence of Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. C. Sifton, who should have been consulted. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said Premier Haultain had been consulted and that the cleavage between them on the school cause was such that time was not likely to change it. The Premier said he was considering amendments.

There is an impression here to-day that the education clause may be referred to the Supreme court to settle the question of its constitutionality.

THE TRANSFER OF GARRISONS

AUTHORITIES HAVE COMPLETED DETAILS

Canadian Officer Will Be in Command—Some Imperial Troops Are to Be Retained Temporarily.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 15.—On July 1st Canada will take over the command of the garrisons at Halifax and Esquimalt. Details have been completed between the Imperial and Dominion governments. Canada will assume the command and the payment of the troops, have full administration, and responsibility for everything connected with these garrisons.

A Canadian officer will be placed in command. It is likely that the new commander of the forces at Halifax will be D. O. C. for Halifax district. All the principal officers will be Canadians.

A few Imperial officers will be retained temporarily. All the infantry will be Canadians. Some of the Imperial artillery and engineers will be retained until such time as Canadians will be available to take their positions.

The present strength of the permanent corps is 2,000. An amendment will be made to the Militia Act this session providing that the number be increased to 4,000. The greater number will go to Halifax and the remainder to Esquimalt.

Sir Frederick Borden will shortly announce his scheme for a larger military command. The main feature will be the creation of two districts in Ontario, one in Quebec, one in the maritime provinces and one in the west. One of the D. O. C.'s will command the larger district as well as his own.

THE POSTPONEMENT OF RUSSIAN LOAN

French Bankers Await Developments

Are Not Disposed to Advance Additional Funds While the Present Uncertainty Lasts.
(Associated Press.)
Paris, March 15.—The postponement of the Russian loan is definitely confirmed. This is likely to exert a powerful influence towards peace, as it is the first time that French financiers have shown an indisposition to advance funds while the uncertainties of war continue.

The following details of the postponement are from an authoritative source: A committee representing the syndicate of French underwriters went to St. Petersburg to arrange the conditions with the minister of finance, and a contract was drawn up for a \$120,000,000 loan, taking the form of treasury bonds running seven years at 5 per cent. The contract was then brought back to Paris for the approval of all the underwriters.

In the meantime the disastrous events in Manchuria naturally aroused doubts on the part of the financiers as to whether Russia should make peace or pursue the war. The influence of the financial elements was almost unanimous for peace, but Russia's disinclination to consider peace appears to have induced the decision not to proceed with the contract, and accordingly the signing of which was expected yesterday has been postponed, and all the pending negotiations are also postponed.

According to the Russian view, this does not mean that the negotiations have been broken off, but merely that they are adjourned, as the Russian authorities say that the syndicate holds itself bound towards Russia, now as before.

However, the circumstances of the adjournment tend to show that the syndicate inclines to wait some definite developments of peace before proceeding further.
It is authoritatively stated in the highest French quarters that the French government exercised any pressure towards preventing the increase of French holdings of Russian securities. Nevertheless, it is established that some members of the government, acting individually, voted the prevailing view that caution was desirable. Since M. Rouvier has combined in himself the presidency of the council of ministers and the ministry of finance, the government has indirectly exercised a strong influence on private financial affairs.
It is significant that the postponement of the loan is coincident with a strong movement of the influential French press favorable to peace. The Matin prominently displays a statement, believed to reflect the views of financial circles, which declares

that if Japan is ready to adopt a generous attitude, by waiving an indemnity, or imposing any humiliation upon Russia, then Russia's position of war to the bitter end will cease.

It is noticeable that some of the Russian officials speak approvingly of the latter proposition. They say peace is impossible if an indemnity or any humiliating conditions are asked, so that the elimination of these two points will go far towards securing favorable consideration of peace.

Lord Rothschild's Views.

London, March 15.—Lord Rothschild regards the postponement of the Russian loan as tantamount to a refusal on the part of the French syndicate to treat any further.
"After all," he said, "it cannot be a matter for surprise. It is owing to the force of circumstances and not, I think, to the result of pressure on the part of the French government in the interests of peace. Between \$2,500,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 of French money is invested in Russia. There is nothing more natural than at the present time, with the affairs of Russia in the state that they are both at home and abroad, that it should become difficult at last to find subscribers in France to another Russian loan. That is all. I think it is force of circumstances and not pressure tending to peace on the part of the French government. The French know that to continue the war means a revolution in Russia, and that to cease it now under the present conditions means a revolution."
Lord Rothschild thought it was difficult to say where Russia would find the money to continue the war.

Russian Report.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—4:23 p. m.—At the ministry of finance it was said to-day that the negotiations for a new Russian loan of \$125,000,000 in France are expected to be concluded and signed in Paris in ten days.

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE.

Number of Important Measures Will Be Considered—House Meets on March 30th.

(Associated Press.)

St. John's, Nfld., March 15.—The legislature, summoned to assemble on March 30th, will consider many important measures, including regulations for policing the French shore fisheries, action on the Bond-Hay treaty, parliamentary approval of the Harmsworth pulp-making project, and various bills relating to fishery matters.

TWENTY-THREE SAILORS DROWNED

BRITISH SHIP KHYBER IS A TOTAL WRECK

Storm Sweeps the Irish and English Coasts—Fears Entertained for the Safety of Fishermen.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 15.—A storm of hurricane force burst over the Irish and English coasts during the night and it is feared that many disasters have occurred, but the telegraph lines are broken at many points.

The British ship Khyber, has been totally wrecked off the Cornish coast. Twenty-three of her crew were drowned, and three were saved. The Khyber was on her way home from Melbourne, Australia. The Khyber was built in Liverpool in 1888. She registered 1,327 tons net, and was owned by J. Joyce & Co. of Liverpool.

The storm swept over the north of Ireland early this morning and did great damage to private property. Fears are entertained for the safety of the fishing fleets.

The high winds caused considerable havoc along the coasts of the United Kingdom. Telegraphic communication between London and many points is cut off. The lifeboat stations are busy, and shipping everywhere is seeking shelter. Reports of minor wrecks, accompanied by loss of life, have been received. Terrible seas are running. The departure of Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria, and other members of the royal family from Portsmouth for Lisbon to return the visit of the King and Queen of Portugal, which was prevented by the water, was again postponed this time until tomorrow.

Vessels Ashore.

Queenstown, March 15.—A large iron vessel, the British ship Wray Castle, from Portland, Ore., which arrived at Queenstown yesterday, has been driven ashore and several others have dragged their anchors owing to the severity of the gale of this coast.

The Wray Castle lies on the eastern bank in Whitegate roads. Sons are working over her, but possibly she may be towed off after being lightened.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

(Associated Press.)
Havana, March 15.—An automobile in which President Estrada Palma was riding yesterday ran over and killed Manuel Palomero, a 12-year-old Spanish boy. The machine is owned by Louis Marx, an American tobacco planter, who, with Gen. Montaña, secretary of public works, Portuondo, and a chauffeur, was with the President at the time of the accident.

NEW BUNKERS FOR C.P.R. ON RESERVE

PLANS OF COMPANY GIVEN BY MR. MARPOLE

Before Board of Trade Railway Committee—Freight in Bulk to Be Delivered.

Before the railway committee of the board of trade, at a special meeting called yesterday, Superintendent Marpole, of the western division of the C. P. R., outlined briefly some of the plans which his company has under consideration regarding the making of a terminal here. This is the subject which citizens have been discussing for some time, but up to the present the policy contemplated in the way of carrying out further improvements in this city was unknown. The statement made therefore is very important.

The interview with Mr. Marpole was brought about by the railway committee. They desired to know if the C. P. R. Company, after taking over the Island railway, would afford the same shipping advantages to wholesalers in this city as are provided in Vancouver, where freight is delivered over the tramway lines to different business firms. There were present at the meeting A. J. Morley, chairman of the committee; Andrew Gray, F. Vincent and P. C. MacGregor, and on behalf of the C. P. R. Company Mr. Marpole, Engineer Cambie and Captain Troup, of the B. C. coast steamship service. The result of the interview was highly satisfactory.

Members of the committee wanted to know of Mr. Marpole if some arrangement could not be made between the C. P. R. Company and the tramway company whereby freight in bulk could be delivered to merchants on Wharf 7 and Store streets. This, it was suggested, could be done by the construction of a track from the station on Store street.

Mr. Marpole quite concurred in the proposal. In fact he said the tramway company had already been approached on the matter. His company had in view the filling in of the flats around the hotel with gravel, and in the same connection the hauling of this from some point up the E. & N. railway might very well be handled. The method of delivering the freight in bulk to the wholesale merchants in Vancouver, where the cars are hauled to the various business premises along the route of track by means of an electric engine, was giving satisfaction, and there was no reason to look for different results here.

Assuming that the E. & N. Company's right would be recognized in the disposition of the Indian reserve, Mr. Marpole then outlined some of the plans his company had in mind in providing terminal facilities in Victoria. He did not wish, however, to have the impression abroad that his company were simply setting in the thin end of the wedge in their dealings with the city. What they did would be done in a straightforward business way. The company had nothing whatever to do with the Indian reserve bill now before the provincial House, and he knew no more about how the reserve question would be dealt with than the people of Victoria. This point he wished to emphasize.

Having explained his position in this respect, Mr. Marpole next proceeded to tell of what the company desired to have done on the portion of the reserve which they might get.

They had in mind the erection of coal bunkers somewhere between the Marine hospital and the E. & N. bridge, where steamers of the company's fleet could be accommodated, or any other vessel which could enter the harbor could replenish their fuel supply here. The present method of delivering the coal in barges, Mr. Marpole pointed out, was too expensive.

The company further desired to erect round houses, but agreed with some of the members of the committee that it would be preferable to have these located out from the centre of the city. He also complained of the present terminal facilities being too cramped for the company's operations in future, and he gave those present the impression that eventually the company would have their station on the reserve with the result possibly that the E. & N. railway bridge would be handed over to the city.

Mr. Marpole indicated his willingness to have everything his company did in the way of carrying out improvements subject to the General Railway Act of Canada, passed in 1903, and which places everything of this kind under the supervision of the railway commissioners of the Dominion.

A number of the members of the committee were not quite familiar with the reading of the act, but have since looked into it, and in their report to the monthly meeting of the board of trade to-morrow evening will present a report dealing with this, embodying Mr. Marpole's statement.

The interview yesterday was regarded as wholly satisfactory.

MARTIAL LAW AT END.

(Associated Press.)
Rio Janeiro, March 15.—A decree has been issued terminating the state of martial law which was proclaimed February 4th, throughout the whole republic as a result of the insurrectionary movement in Brazil.

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READY FOR NEXT JAPANESE ATTACK

RUSSIANS TAKE UP THEIR NEW POSITION

Report That Oyama is Carrying Out a Wide Turning Movement—Russians Being Reorganized.

The Pass, March 14.—As after the battle of Liao Yang, the advance of the Japanese army against the new positions of the Russians at Tie pass is slow. The leading columns are eight or ten miles southward, and in touch with the Russian van posts, but the operations at present are not serious. Marshal Oyama shows slight intentions of pressing his advantage in an immediate attack on Tie pass.

It is possible, however, that a wide turning movement, of which reports are current, is in progress. In such operations the Japanese have the immense advantage of several bases and lines of supply to which now is added the Simintin road, while the Russian army is necessarily dependent on one base and one line of communication, and therefore may be outflanked easily.

In the grand army, order is being brought out of chaos with remarkable celerity.

The plan in front of Tie pass, which on March 11th seemed like a past of ants with the

Dense Confused Mass

of transports, artillery and troops corps, divisions and regiments being scattered and parties inextricably mingled—has been cleared, the regiments reorganized, stragglers sent to their respective commands, organizations taken their assigned positions, and to-day the same soldiers who on March 10th became a terror-stricken, surging, disorganized mass of gray at a few shots from a little detachment of Japanese, or who even fled in panic, firing indiscriminately in all directions as they ran at the mere baseness of "Japanese cavalry," are now gathered singing about the camp fires with new courage, ready to oppose with a stubborn resistance any attack on Tie pass.

It is unfair to accuse the entire army of this panic. General Linevitch entered Tie pass with his regiments in perfect order with music playing and the men singing, and scarcely a soldier was lost in the long difficult march. Other organizations made equally

Praiseworthy Retreats,

and especially the rearwards of all the armies, who performed their difficult tasks steadily and resolutely.

The struggle for the possession of Mukden cost both sides close upon 200,000 men. The Russian loss of officers includes a large proportion of the regimental commanders and field officers.

It is possible now to give a general view of the battle, the connected story emanating out of the confusion incident to the evacuation of Mukden and the forced retreat to Tie pass.

On February 24th all was ready for an attack on the westward; various portions of the army had been disposed for an advance on the right flank. Suddenly, on the evening of that day, the order to advance was cancelled, and a second order was given for the transfer of Gen. Rennenkampf's First Siberian corps and several other organizations to the left flank, which was being pressed heavily by a large force of Japanese. From

by 5 a.m. The enormous task was completed in nine hours, including the hasty embarkation of the wounded, who crowded the station platform and occupied the hospital house. Many had already left in the morning when the private trains of Kouroupatkin, Kaulbars, Sakharof, Bildering and Zabelin departed, but thousands remained.

The last train out was the service train with all the employees of the railroad, property and station papers. This party saved thousands of wounded soldiers and an immense amount of ammunition and millions of dollars' worth of property and cash.

It must be remembered that five miles north of Mukden a deepening of the ice in progress. Trains earlier had been bombarded with shrapnel shells and the railroad was twice damaged. The wounded crowded the station, filled every vacant place in the cars, and the brake-beams, buffers and roofs were occupied, while others were hanging to the steps. There remained eight telegraphers, who had volunteered to stay with their keys until the Japanese arrived.

In the hospitals of the Livonian division were 1,050 severely wounded, including 304 Japanese, the Chinese governor of Mukden giving his word

To Defend Them

until Mukden was occupied by the Japanese.

Of the military railroad, all but 125 miles was abandoned, and the wagons were destroyed. Most important of all, from a material point of view, in the loss of the Fushun coal mines, which supplied the road with coal.

The retirement of the wagon transport was twice imperiled by panic on the morning of March 10th. A Japanese squadron and guns concealed in the mountains opened fire, and the drivers left their wagons and carts, cutting loose their horses or throwing away their stores. Confusion spread to civilians and even gunners, and was communicated to some infantry troops. The gray-clad cloud without formation, hidden by dust, surged on. The Japanese, however, soon ceased firing and order was restored.

Troops following the wagons carried off a few cannon. Soldiers broke open officers' boxes and portmanteaus and ransacked them for valuables.

Just before dusk another panic occurred at Santaietsu. The cooler heads calmed the panic-stricken mass, but many lives were lost and additional property was sacrificed.

The retirement of the western and central armies was effected by four roads, and also over the fields between. The army of General Linevitch followed the eastern roads from Fushun, Limpun and Fu pass. The third army retired in echelon, leaving a strong rearguard.

The Japanese bent their efforts to thrust in from the flanks and cut off portions of the army. Several divisions acting as the rearguard, under General Leonov, were almost surrounded, but broke through. The rearguard on the night of March 10th held the heights at Suchita, and on March 11th and 12th fell slowly back to Tie pass.

Now, two days later, Tie pass is a great organized military camp, in which troops assembled are calm and have got themselves into order. The men, forgetting their recent hunger, sleeplessness, weariness and fear of death, sit around the camp fires and are ready to defend the position, and even offer to go on any attack the Japanese.

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THE RUSSIAN LOAN

French Banks Ordered to Postpone the Issue—No Date Set.

Paris, March 14.—Inquiry to-day at three banks principally interested in the proposed new Russian loan, brought the response that they had been ordered to postpone the issue. A representative of one of the banks said the postponement was for such an indefinite period, that it was not likely the issuance would occur for some time to come. The postponement was attributed to the uncertainties of the war situation.

The Temps says: "It was quite natural that the Paris bankers should refuse to sign a contract, in view of the conditions in Manchuria, and the entire ignorance of the financiers concerning the real intentions of the Russian government."

The paper declares the postponement will continue until Russia's intention becomes clear.

The Journal Desbats, in its financial article, says: "Many people consider the postponement as evidence that Russia has reached the end of her resources."

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FOR SALE—Set of boxing gloves, \$2.50; bike, coaster brake, \$12; accordion, \$2.50; hand saw, \$1.50; silver watches, \$3.75; coat, \$25; shagreen, No. 12, \$9. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson Street, two doors below 67th Street.

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\$100—Lot, near Richmond Road.

\$500—Lot, Pandora Street.

\$900—Cottage, Fernwood road, and 2 lots.

\$1,000—Cottage, Fort street, and 1/2 lot.

\$1,000—Cottage, stable and corner lot, Devonshire road.

\$275—Lot on Hillside Avenue.

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

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

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FOR SALE—10 acres good land, on Victoria Arm; price \$1,500.

FOR SALE—Dairy farm at Rossmore, fully stocked, buildings, etc.; price \$4,500.

FOR SALE—Cottage and two lots, Hereford Street, owner leaving city; price \$1,100.

FOR SALE—Pretty home, near Birdcage Walk; James Bay; price \$1,700, on easy terms.

FOR SALE—Owner left city, cottage, 5 rooms, large lot, must be sold; price \$250.

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

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FOR SALE—10 acres on the Spanish road, 4 acres cultivated, 30 fruit trees, 1,000 shrubs, no plants, cottage, stable, etc.; only \$1,000.

FOR SALE—3 roomed dwelling, near Dallas road, \$1,000, on particularly easy terms. (408).

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

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

FOR SALE—Spanish District, 20 acres, all cleared and under cultivation, 3 roomed house, barn, stable, chicken house, good water, no rock or stumps; \$2,700, and easy terms. (2099A).

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FOR SALE—Fort Street, lot 60x120, 6 roomed dwelling, with all modern conveniences; on terms if desired; price \$2,000.

FOR SALE—Five roomed cottage and two lots, near tram line; only \$1,000.

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

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FOR SALE—Fine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value \$240; our price \$200.

FOR SALE—James Bay, corner lot, with five roomed dwelling, only \$1,800.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, 10 roomed dwelling, all modern conveniences; \$2,500.

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

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FOR SALE—Cottage and lot, Johnson Street; nice home.

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

FOR SALE—Water lot and dwelling, near the new C. P. R. wharf, James Bay; price's terms on application.

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

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, with frontage on beach, 1/4 acre and 8 roomed house, \$2,500; terms.

FOR SALE—9 1/2 acres, four miles from city; \$350.

FOR SALE—340 acres, Lake District, excellent fruit soil, plenty of water; only \$8,000.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, March 15-5 a. m.—The barometer remains low along the coast...

FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Nourtherly and easterly winds, mostly cloudy and mild...

REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 51; minimum, 50; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS

Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—H. Siddall, A. B. McGregor, R. B. Henderson, P. F. Small, C. W. Peck, J. S. Emerson, Mrs. Davis, F. A. Jackson, E. A. Hays, R. Brittain, E. P. Bremner, C. H. Mowat, C. D. Rand, M. F. Wood, G. H. Webster, F. C. Sewell, E. A. Cleveland, S. Shal- gers, F. Babcock, Mrs. Plakerson, H. Enderby, Sidney Shaw, W. Briener, Mrs. Briener, Jas. Bryce, R. L. Dodd, Miss E. Patterson, A. G. McCandless, C. Crofton, Mrs. A. L. Herdner, Mrs. M. O'Brien, J. K. Dick, R. A. Woollaston, R. Cassidy, L. G. Wing, N. McLeod, Jno. Thomas, J. C. Macdonald and family, Mrs. T. Bourke, Mrs. Nelson, J. Nelson, R. M. Smith, W. G. Bennett, N. A. Moss, E. S. Moss, Staff Sgt. Everts and family, A. Edwards, J. B. Greenfield, Cape Moresby, L. Frey, Mrs. J. T. Doble, T. W. Clark, A. D. Grossman, C. M. Rolston, H. E. Rolston, F. J. Marshall, J. M. Jenks, W. Williams, Miss Raynor, M. Nelson, Miss Sharpe, A. Kette, T. Robb, W. Rowe, J. Blair, J. Fee, A. McAllister.

CONSIGNEES

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Hall & Co., B. C. Market Co., Wilson Bros., Geo. Powell & Co., Vio-Water-Gas, Hickman The Hardware Co., J. A. Anderson, E. G. Prior & Co., B. C. Fruit Co., West End Grocer Co., Fred. Farne, Windsor Grocer Co., Saunders Grocer Co., H. B. Co., A. McGraw & Son, Victoria; Boyd, Barnes & Co., Macintosh Ash Sup. Co., Hinton Elce Co., Watgorth Railway Co., Vancouver Gas Co., Thos. Tracy, W. H. Malkin & Co., Vancouver.

SON SHOT HIS FATHER

Fired Both Barrels of Gun in Defense of His Mother. Auburn, Cal., March 13.—E. F. Nison, living near Lincoln, was shot by his son last night. The statement is made that Nison ordered his wife to milk the cow, and her shoes being bad, she doctored. He then picked up a rifle and ordered her to go or he would kill her. His son then took a shotgun and fired both barrels, striking his father in the back, the charge going through his body.

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ST. JOHN'S ORGAN RECITAL

Splendid Programme Provided for Last Evening's Concert—Enjoyed by Large Number.

There was a large attendance at the organ recital given by G. Jennings Burnett in St. John's church last evening. The organist was assisted by a number of the leading vocalists of the city.

In last evening's concert, there was sufficient variety in his selections to add strength and artistic coloring to the programme. There was the "grand overture" by Holms, a heavy composition requiring much technique; his own "Romance" in A flat, a piece simple in theme and very pretty in melody; the dainty "Pastorale" in G by Wely; and the "Cantata" by Wolstenholme; Scho-mann's night song "Nachtstück," Handel's majestic "Largo," Chopin's "Fugue," a beautiful number, given at the conclusion of the programme.

Of the vocalists who assisted Mr. Burnett all are equally well known to the musical residents of this city. Dr. Hermann Robertson sang "O Rest" in the duet with Dr. Robertson, his voice well suited to the composition chosen. Probably the piece of greatest interest, however, was that of "Hold Thou My Hand," which was written especially for Mrs. D. E. Campbell's contralto voice.

Mrs. R. H. Pooley appeared slightly at a disadvantage, having been suffering from a recent illness. She never fails to delight her audience. Both in her solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock," and in the duet with Dr. Robertson, "Love Divine," she created the same admiration that has invariably followed her appearance in public.

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To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil, rust stains, paint and earth, etc., use the "Master Mechanic" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

GOVERNMENT GIVEN CONTROL OVER LAND

Songhees Indian Reserve Bill Passed Third Reading in Spite of Opposition's Warning.

Victoria, March 14th. The legislature to-day passed the Songhees Indian Reserve bill in spite of the earnest warning of the opposition that a most dangerous power was being put into the hands of the government in allowing it to dispose of the land in whatever manner it saw fit.

The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with purely routine work. Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Dentistry Act. A bill to amend the Dentistry Consolidation Act introduced by W. J. Bowser was read a first time.

Songhees Reserve

On the third reading of the Songhees Indian Reserve bill, J. A. Macdonald moved the following resolution: "In the opinion of this House, the government should immediately procure a new reserve for the Indians now on the Songhees Indian reserve, which may satisfy the said Indians and to the Dominion government, and facilitate the removal and settlement of said Indians upon said new reserve; and that the question of the disposition of the lands now forming the Songhees Indian reserve be not now considered, but that the same be dealt with by this House at the session of the same following the removal of said Indians as aforesaid, in a manner which will protect the city of Victoria in the matter of park lands; give said city control of part of the southern end of said reserve for wharves and other harbor facilities; provide terminal facilities for transportation companies and conserve the general interests of the province in the premises."

The speaker ruled this out of order inasmuch as it had been previously moved in the House on the second reading. Mr. Macdonald held that the rules would allow of a motion to recommit the bill in order that a motion of this kind should come up. Under the present circumstances this was not necessary as this was a resolution, and was not, therefore, a formal amendment. Quoting from May he argued that the resolution was fully in order.

John Oliver referred to the journals of 1892 to show that in connection with a railway subsidy act an amendment was defeated on second reading, and on the third reading of the bill it was re-committed and the same amendment carried. Premier McBride held that the same latitude was given with respect to moving amendments on the third reading as on the second reading. But it was an established rule that once brought up an amendment could not be introduced again. He contended that it would be out of the spirit of the rules to have a proposition brought up which had a few days before been decided upon. He up-braided the opposition for bringing up this matter again.

Mr. Macdonald said it seemed impossible to enter a motion of order in the House without calling from the Premier the same "clap-trap." It might just as well be agreed that there should be no third reading to a bill if the Premier's contention was correct. The speaker maintained the resolution was out of order.

John Oliver moved that the bill be read a third time three months hence. In support of this he said that it was a dangerous thing to put in the power of the government the disposing of this property. It was handling over a property valued at about \$250,000 to the absolute control of the government to dispose of. He alluded to the fact that the property had been brought to the present value largely by the city of Victoria. The city had a right to recognition in various ways in the disposing of this land.

He pointed out that the government within the past year had in a land transaction acquired a somewhat notorious reputation. In that instance the Premier and his colleagues went outside of the Land Act to make an exchange of land. It was surely not wise to put the disposition of land in the hands of this administration. In Vancouver there was an example of the C. P. R. having acquired practically the control of the waterfront. That had worked to the disadvantage of that city. When it was remembered that the present government was too much under the power of the C. P. R. this was still more dangerous as the C. P. R. might easily acquire a control of Victoria's waterfront similar to that in Vancouver.

Premier McBride said he was ready to credit Mr. Oliver with honest zeal in his parliamentary duties. The member for Delta seemed to be very anxious about Victoria. With respect to the transfer of asylum lands, the Premier said that the government had done it in order to benefit the situation of those mentally deranged. Dr. Manchester held that it would be little short of a scandal to continue the conditions at the asylum. The government made a change in land. It was an honest exchange which was made. J. Murphy said the motion had not been discussed by the Premier. He did not propose to give this land into the hands of any prospective government. He had no use for the present government. The government in this province according to past history had in many cases been unmanly. He would ask Mr. Cotton if Hon. Jos. Martin had not been the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council. The amendments of Mr. Oliver was defeated on the following division: Against—Messrs. Hawthornthwaite, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Wilson, Cotton, Ellison, Clifford, Bowser, Fraser,

Ross, A. McDonald, Green, Fulton, Gordon, Taylor, Wright, Young, Macgowan, Shatford and Grant—21. For Messrs. McLunes, Drury, Brown, McNiven, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Wells, Hall and Cameron—16.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved to add after the word "adviseable" in the 4th line of section 2, the following words: "Provided that any legal rights or interests of the city of Victoria in the said land are not prejudiced or affected by such disposal."

This the speaker ruled was out of order. Premier McBride pleaded that notice was on the order paper. The speaker ruled that it could not be in order.

The bill passed its third reading. Companies' Mortgages. The House adopted the report on the bill to provide for the registration of companies' mortgages.

County Court Act. The County Court Act was further amended and the report adopted.

Reports Adopted. The reports were adopted on the following bills: To amend the Unrepealed provisions of the Assessment Act; to consolidate and amend the law for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels, and to amend the Land Registry Act and Amending Acts.

Receivership Act. The bill to amend the Wellington Receivership Act, 1903, was completed. The act provides that: None of the powers vested in the receiver shall continue after the 1st day of May, 1907.

Railway Bills. In the absence of Dr. King, the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Forcing Valley Railway Company was proposed by J. R. Brown. This road opened up, he explained, a large area of coal lands in the southeastern part of the province, upon which there had been expended already about \$75,000.

The bill passed its second reading. C. W. D. Clifford moved the second reading of the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Incorporation Act, which was carried.

Mr. Clifford asked that the bill to incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company be referred back to the railway committee.

On the second reading of the bill respecting the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company, Mr. Clifford explained that the object was to reduce the capital from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000, and to get a further extension of time in which to complete the work.

The first amendment was made necessary in consequence of a part of the line being likely to be utilized by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The bill passed its second reading. Social Clubs Restriction. The bill to amend the Benevolent Societies Act was committed with J. R. Brown in the chair.

Mr. Bowser explained that the object of the bill was to overcome the difficulty where the law was violated by organizations incorporated as clubs.

The section applying to it was as follows: "The incorporation of any society incorporated under the provisions of this act may, at any time, be declared to be revoked and the society to be dissolved by order of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, and such revocation and dissolution may be upon such conditions and subject to such provisions as to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council may seem proper."

J. A. Macdonald held that this was a rather dangerous power to put into the hands of the government. He proposed that the power of revoking should be confined to societies having authority to supply liquor to its members.

Mr. Bowser said that would completely destroy the bill. There were none of the clubs he had reference to which had authority to supply liquor. This was not a dangerous power to put in the hands of the government. Similar legislation existed in Ontario.

Mr. Macdonald proposed then to apply the revoking power to societies incorporated as social clubs.

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Mr. Bowser was agreeable to this proposal. J. H. Hawthornthwaite said the bill did not go far enough. He proposed that all clubs where liquor was sold should pay a license just the same as other places. He intended later to introduce an amendment along those lines to the License Act.

The amendment of Mr. Macdonald was carried, and the bill was reported complete. Supreme Court Bill. On the second reading of the bill to amend the Supreme Court Act, J. R. Brown said that he had been asked to take charge of this bill by Dr. King, who was absent. The bill proposed to fix the security for costs in any appeal to the full court should be \$300.

The bill passed its second reading. Elections Act. On the second reading of the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, Parker Williams said that the object was to reduce the deposit for candidates seeking election from \$200 to \$50. The latter sum would be a sufficient guarantee of good faith. This was not a Socialistic measure.

Premier McBride moved the adjournment of the debate, which was carried. The House adjourned until to-morrow.

John Oliver on Thursday next will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Did the government employ a surveyor to define the boundaries of lands acquired by the government in Coquitlan municipality? 2. If so, who was the surveyor employed? 3. What was the cost of the work? 4. By whom was the cost paid or to be paid? 5. When was the survey completed? 6. What was the object of such survey, with a statement of the work actually done?

Notice of Motion. Stuart Henderson gives notice that he will move an amendment to the Supreme Court Act to do away with the tree-of-wigs in the court.

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RAILWAY POLICY AT LAST.

We regret to have to report that the responsibilities of office appear to be exercising a deleterious effect upon the character of Premier McBride.

It will be remembered that at a dinner a few months ago the Premier announced that a comprehensive railway policy had been agreed upon by his government.

The policy, we infer, was laid before a caucus of government members last night. It was "comprehensive" in the extreme. It covered as with a blanket all sections of the province.

But the disquieting feature of the business lies in the fact that the Premier has not made up his mind upon the question of a policy himself.

IN THE HOPE OF SALVATION.

If the Czar of Russia be, as described by T. P. O'Connor, "a small, low-sized, delicate little man, with soft blue eyes and a small, weak mouth," it is no wonder that in his extremity, knowing not the minute that a bomb may put an end to his royal career, he has gone back about three centuries in his search for a body on which to cast the responsibility for the government of his country.

A writer in the New York Post points out that the Zemsky Sobor played its part in Russian history in little more than a century. At no time was it anything like an assembly of the people.

The first gathering of the boyars took place during the minority of Ivan the Terrible and he himself called them together in 1550. The most important of these gatherings was that of 1613, when delegates of the country districts met, and Michael Romanoff became by their vote the founder of the Romanoff dynasty.

HE FEARS NO FOE.

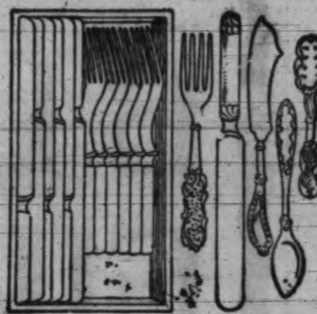
The Toronto Star pertinently asks: "Is Canada going to exclude Japanese from settlement in this country? If so we should quickly get Esquimaux in order, for if we put this affront on Japan we may have to thrash the nation that is whaling Russia."

Roosevelt does not feel disposed to apply his big stick to the backs of the Oriental conquerors of the Slavs. A few solitary politicians in the United States have protested that laws should be passed prohibiting the entry of Japanese into the country, but the President has given no sign, and Congress has remained discreetly silent upon the subject.

There is but one potentate on earth who has not been awed by the prowess of the men of the new power. And we are not quite sure that he is so eager to bid defiance and give cause of offence as he was a few months ago.

An interesting survey of trade disputes in the United Kingdom during 1904 has just been published by the Labor Department of the British Board of Trade.

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total number of workpeople involved. These figures, however, compare favorably with those for 1903, when the number affected was larger by one-half, and the aggregate duration more than twice as long.

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TAXING COMMERCIAL MEN.

To the Editor:—The legislature have decided upon imposing a tax upon commercial travellers—non-resident in the province. There are, and have been, during the past fortnight at least, one hundred travellers

collecting orders in Victoria. If the tax is to become law, why not make it law at once instead of waiting until the season is past?

NO MORE PLEASING.

It must be exceedingly offensive to self-respecting Englishmen to be told by the Manchester Guardian and other Little England journals that Canada is secured by the United States Monroe Doctrine from overseas attack.

A REDEEMING FEATURE.

Woodstock Express (Ind.) One good thing about Mr. Whitney's cabinet arrangement is that it is not likely to be permanent.

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MILLINERY STORES' SPRING OPENING

EMPORIUMS ATTRACT VERY LARGE CROWDS

Spencer's Arcade, the Elite and Mrs. Vigor's Thronged Yesterday—This Season's Fashions.

Yesterday marked the annual millinery opening of the different local emporiums. Crowds of women thronged Spencer's Arcade, the Elite and Mrs. Vigor's popular Yates street store from early morning until evening.

At the former establishment the second floor was devoted almost exclusively to millinery. Beautiful hats of all shapes and modes, elaborate waists and graceful gowns engaged the attention of visitors. This exceedingly tempting display was set off by tasteful decorations, flowers and evergreen having been used in profusion and with charming effect.

The show windows of the Elite also were wonderfully attractive. The proprietors had devoted all their energy to make this display a suitable index of the extent of their stock of spring goods. And that they succeeded, nobody who inspected the windows will deny.

Another striking feature are the colors of the season. Blacks are noticeable for their absence, so that the conclusion generally reached is that bright, glaring hues—cornflower blue, pale pinks, greens of varied shades—will be the fashion. But the effect will not be gaudy as some might imagine.

Flowers of the smaller varieties are used by profusion on one flower being given precedence over another.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Business Transacted at Regular Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon. A large amount of correspondence was disposed of at the weekly meeting of the Tourist Association executive yesterday afternoon.

PERSONAL.

C. F. Heiberg, of the cement works, Tod Inlet, is among those registered at the Dominion hotel. He announced that the plant is now complete and ready for immediate operation.

E. Nicholson, senior partner of the firm of Nicholson & Bain, Winnipeg, and Nicholson, Bain & Johnston, of Calgary, wholesale merchants and commission brokers, is here awaiting the sailing of the steamer Empress of India, which sails next Monday.

S. Pinkerton, of San Francisco, has returned to Victoria after an absence of twelve years. He is much impressed with the wonderful improvements that have taken place during that period.

F. H. Eaton, superintendent of city schools, has resumed his duties after a severe attack of influenza. Mr. Eaton is rapidly recovering his strength.

C. W. Peck, of New Westminster, is at the Dominion. Mr. Peck is interested in the cannery business and intends spending several days in Victoria.

Capt. C. Bloomquist and wife are in the city. They arrived from Shawanigan Lake yesterday, and are registered at the Dominion hotel.

D. H. Hays, of Vancouver, a brother of C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, is among the guests at the Driford hotel.

W. J. Johnson left last evening on a month's vacation. He will spend some days at the Harrison Hot Springs.

Ald. Douglas is confined to his home with pneumonia.

H. McLeod, of Greenwood, is in the city on business.

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An unknown man about 80 years old was found dead in a standing position near a strawstack on a farm near Syracuse on Tuesday. The body was frozen stiff and the feet were so embedded in the frosty ground that the body had to be chopped out. The old man held a cane in his hand.

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Fast steamers for Skagway—Steamer Jefferson, March 10th; steamer Dolphin, March 21st. The Alaska Steamship Company, 100 Government street.

Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal.

At the Redmond theatre to-night "Faust" will have its last presentation by the Watson company, and to-morrow evening the most laughable of all farces comedies, "My Aunt From Brazil" will be the offering at this popular play-house. In the principal comedy role, that of Lord Babberly, Mr. Watson is at his best, and his best is good as has been proven time and time again since the coming of his company to Victoria.

There are many good roles in this delightful laugh-maker, and they will all receive admirable handling at the hands of the Watson players. For the coming week the offerings are of particular interest, that of the former half of the week is that stirring romantic drama, "A Royal Prisoner," which is a fine dramatization of "The Prisoner of Zenda." Hayden Stevenson makes an ideal Bessie, and Miss Roberts fairly revels in the role of the "Princess Flavia." The latter half of the coming week will be given over to David Higgins's melodramas, "Kidnapped," a play which has had years of success on both sides of the ocean.

A musical treat is in store for all who attend the organ recital and sacred concerts, which will be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening. A splendid array of talent will take part, in addition to a large chorus. One of the organ numbers will be Godfrey's "Prize Coronation March." This was the march that won the \$100 prize that was given for the best march composed at the time of the coronation of King Edward.

A meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held at the board of trade building on Friday evening.

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THE ELITE GRAND SPRINGinery Opening
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The clearings for the week ending March 14th aggregated \$788,780.

Mrs. W. L. Reese will hold a spiritual meeting at her residence, 36 Superior street, corner of Bidegate Walk, at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a social this evening at the residence of Mrs. Netherby, 142 Chatham street. A good programme and refreshments are promised.

The local I. O. O. T. lodges held an enjoyable social gathering in the Temperance hall, Pandora street, last evening. About fifty gathered around the festive board, and the evening passed with song, speech and story.

Mrs. Arthur Croghan, of 14 Farguhar street, died this morning, after a lingering illness. She was 57 years of age, and a native of Blyth, Northumberland, England. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 p. m. from the Salvation Army barracks, where services will be conducted by the Army officers.

Arrangements have been made by the newly organized Cecilia orchestra to give a concert in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday, the 20th inst. Jesse Leungfield, the leader, is arranging a splendid programme, having secured the assistance of some of the best local talent. A pleasant time is assured all who attend.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Refuge Home committee the following were tendered a vote of thanks for donations to the home: Mrs. Lester, Mrs. D. Spencer, King's Daughters, Mrs. E. B. Martin, Wan Burt, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mrs. Rocket, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. Frank Grant, Lenz & Leiser, and Mrs. McNaughton.

The Irish concert to be given by Mrs. Gleason on Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms promises to be a splendid success. Judging by the programme, which includes musical selections, recitations, etc., those who attend will spend an enjoyable time. G. H. Larrigan will give a number of piccolo and violin selections, while Miss Ralfe is to render several piano solos. The entertainment is in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Union Prayer Meeting.—The Evangelistic Band, who have lately assisted at revival services in connection with the different churches, have made arrangements to hold a united prayer meeting in the Harmony hall mission, Victoria street, every Wednesday at 8 p. m. The special object of these meetings will be prayer for the deepening of spiritual life in individual Christian workers, and the outpouring of God's spirit in this city and province. All Christians are earnestly invited to attend. At the close of to-night's service, the mission band will hold a very important meeting. All members are requested to attend, as important business is to be discussed.

Lawrence O'Orsay will appear here in his great comedy success, "The Earl of Pawtucket," on Friday evening next. Judging by the press reports there is good ground for the expectation that this production will be one of the most enjoyable of its kind presented at the Redmond theatre this season. Mr. O'Orsay is surrounded by a very capable company, the cast including many who have created favorable impressions here with other companies. For instance, there is Mary Elizabeth Forbes, a niece of James Neil, who was starring a short time ago in "Barbara Freilich." Theodore Murphy, Charles Herbert, Herbert Forrier, S. S. Wittise, Florence Robinson and Jane Peyton, are also in the company.

J. B. Hobson, of the Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Company, has returned from the East, and is now in Vancouver. It is reported from the Terminal City that the company has decided upon the recommendation of Mr. Hobson with respect to putting in the hydraulic improvements looking to an increased water supply. This scheme has been described in the Times. It involves the expenditure of well on to a quarter of a million dollars. The stockholders in the company have subscribed the necessary amount, and the work will be carried from Spanish lake, ensuring 2,500 miners' inches. The transportation of the pipes will alone cost a vast amount, and work will begin next fall.

At the regular review of Victoria Hire No. 1, Ladies of the Maccoches, held last evening in A. O. U. W. hall, a resolution was passed extending thanks to all the members and friends who contributed towards the success of the masquerade dance held in Assembly hall on the 3rd inst. The committee especially desire to compliment Mesdames Dickson and Simpson on their successful management of the affair; and also to tender sincere thanks to C. A. Harrison, proprietor of the Hotel Driad, and last, but certainly not least, to the press, whose generosity on this occasion was most gratifying. The financial report of the dance was presented at the meeting, and proved very satisfactory. The amount taken at the doors for admission was \$285; the total expenses amounted to \$111.50, leaving a net profit of \$93.50.



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ARE NEGOTIATING FOR SETTLEMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR

Approves Offer of United States For Purchase of Canadian Sealing Rights.

Negotiations are still in progress between the Imperial and Dominion governments on the one hand and the United States on the other for the settlement of the sealing question. This is an old subject to Victorians, it has been before the people off and on since 1898. That was the year when the Joint High Commission sat in Quebec and Washington for the settlement of questions in dispute between Canada and the United States. It will be remembered that there were a number of questions before this commission, the most serious at the time being that of the Alaskan boundary. But the commission failed to arrange a basis of settlement in this matter, so did not arrive at a decision with regard to the sealing question. The commission on fishing stood adjourned and never sat again. Capt. J. G. Cox, of this city, attended the meetings of the commission, and was absent on this business for several months.

MUNICIPAL ACT WAS UNDER DISCUSSION

Amendments Proposed by Legislative Committee With Respect to License and Police Commissioners.

The municipal committee of the legislature met last evening and disposed of two important matters. One of these relates to the right of a municipality to expropriate public utilities. This has been before the committee for some weeks. It came up on representations from Fernie in connection with telephones. The committee decided that public utilities should be open to expropriation. Mr. Farrell, of the Telephone Company, made representation before the committee, and it was resolved. The question was one of trouble for some time, and it was decided that the matter should be settled finally last evening. Mr. Farrell again appeared before the committee, and represented that his company might be injuriously affected if legislation was passed which rendered the telephone system liable to expropriation. It was decided by the committee to leave telephone companies free from expropriation, inasmuch as no municipalities were known to be seeking the power at present. Another important subject which came up was that relating to the appointment of police commissioners and licensing boards. A very warm discussion ensued on this point. Several members of the committee reported difficulties in connection with the present system. It was agreed that the government having the full power to appoint two members of the boards no continued line of action could be carried on. John Houston suggested a change in the law which would overcome the difficulty. He proposed that the sheriff appointed on the boards should be named by the city council instead of being appointed absolutely by the government as at present. The Lieutenant-Governor in council should still have the power to appoint the third member. This received the support of nearly all the members of the committee. W. J. Bowser, true to the doctrine that the present government could do no wrong, opposed it strongly, but the amendment carried. It was urged that Mr. Houston was actuated by personal feeling in the matter. Mr. Houston denied it. He contended that the last election in Nelson had hinged on the question of municipal ownership of utilities, such as electric light and street railways, and his opposition of a public proposal of gambling. The people who favored these issues won, and elected Mr. Houston as mayor. The provincial government appointed as police commissioners and license commissioners men who had the support of the gambling element and the people who are opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities.

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The number of vessels engaged in the local sealing business was originally given as 24. The fleet has since changed somewhat, but practically remains as stated in point of tonnage. Victoria sealers claim that the compensation offered does not fully cover what they have put into the industry, but it is understood they would be satisfied to accept the sum mentioned. It is understood that the British ambassador at Washington has recommended to the Imperial authorities that the offer of the United States government to purchase the rights of the Canadian sealers in Behring Sea should be accepted. The offer is something like \$300,000 to indemnify the sealers. At any rate, it is a cash offer. On two previous occasions the Canadian government has refused to accept a similar offer. In fact, it was not considered in either instance. The Dominion has not changed its mind in this regard, and the statement that the British ambassador has recommended that the offer be accepted is not received with favor here.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTED TO MEETING

They Suggest Ways and Means for the Proper Organization of Team—Other Sport.

Lacrosse enthusiasts discuss the prospects for the ensuing season with considerable animation. The special committee's report, advocating an entire re-organization of the Victoria club, was submitted at a meeting held yesterday. As far as can be judged at present the consensus of opinion is that this is the only course to pursue in order to place a winning team in the field for 1905. Therefore the report finds support among many who have the interests of the Canadian national pastime at heart. But quite a number object strongly to the suggested innovations. They contend that the recommendations involve too radical alterations. Under the circumstances the annual meeting of the local club, to be held on the 20th inst., will be one of the liveliest in the annals of the Victoria Association.

Taking the report throughout, it is doubtful if strong argument can be raised against any of the proposals. It provides that the club shall be properly governed by a constitution and by-laws, the necessity for which no member can dispute. An arrangement is made by which all players over 16 years of age may be brought into the association, officials are provided for, and a fair suggestion made for the selection of teams. The latter is a matter that certainly needs attention, as there was a great deal of discussion roused last summer because of the lack of any regulation governing the selection of players to participate in league games. Then follows a clause relative to finances, providing that no player under any circumstances can receive remuneration. All must be on a level with the amateur standing of the club may be maintained. The remainder of the recommendations deal with the offering of cups and medals for different leagues, practice matches and regular meetings. Everything considered, all unbiased members will acknowledge that the adoption of the report will have a beneficial effect upon the local lacrosse team. Therefore it is to be hoped that no obstacle will be placed in the way of its acceptance.

Regarding the British Columbia league, the same conjecture as to the possibility of bringing together New Westminster and Vancouver continues. The two Mainland clubs are anxious to ascertain Victoria's stand before definitely outlining their respective positions. For this reason the former club has postponed its annual meeting, which was announced for a date previous to that of the local association, until after the 20th. Therefore it will be necessary for Victoria to exercise considerable diplomacy, and take action that will conciliate these clubs.

Appended is the complete report of the special committee appointed to recommend a policy to be followed by the Victoria club during the season:
It being our opinion that only radical reforms will bring the championship back to Victoria as well as place the finances of the club on a sound and paying basis, we make the following recommendations:
1. That the Victoria Lacrosse Club be properly organized, i.e. that a constitution and by-laws be adopted.
2. That the membership of the club consist of (a) non-players, who shall pay a yearly subscription, (b) players, who shall pay no subscription.
3. All lacrosse players in the district over 16 years of age shall become members of the Victoria Lacrosse Club upon signing membership roll, which shall be kept by the secretary. These players shall vote at all club meetings, and from these the teams for league matches shall be selected.
4. The executive of the club shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, the president of each local lacrosse club and three other members, who shall be selected from the non-players.

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MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE SELECTED FROM THE NON-PLAYERS.

5. The selection of the team for league matches shall be in the hands of the executive, assisted by the captain and the trainer.
6. No player under any consideration shall receive any gratuity for his services, nor shall any of the funds of the club be handed to him, other than for his travelling expenses; but this shall not prevent the executive paying an employer for the loss of the player's time at practice and at games.
7. That the club offer cups and medals, (a) for a local championship between the present lacrosse teams of Victoria West, James Bay, and Central, together with any other club which may be formed in the district; (b) for a school championship, the latter to be started immediately after Easter. Both of these series to be played on a regular schedule.
8. When there is no scheduled league match of the province, there shall be a city championship match at Oak Bay. Games shall be held fortnightly, so arranged as not to conflict with the baseball schedule.
9. A test match shall precede the game of 24th May.
10. During the season there shall be regular fortnightly meetings of the executive.
11. During the season there shall be regular fortnightly meetings of the whole club.
12. The annual meeting shall be held within six weeks of the last scheduled senior game of the season.

MEETING TO-NIGHT.

An error crept into these columns yesterday when the annual meeting of the Central Lacrosse Club was announced for last night. It will take place this evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. This organization intends forming two teams this summer—an intermediate and junior. The former will comprise the twelve who played for the Central juniors last year, while the junior also promises to be an exceptionally strong team. They will enter for the two local leagues, and, if successful, in the city, intend trying for the provincial championship.

RUDDY FOOTBALL.

Members of the Victoria club who were looking forward to positions on the British Columbia team it was proposed to send to Australia this summer are disappointed. R. B. Woodward, of Vancouver, has received the following cablegram:
"Spring, N. S. W.,
"Via Balmuccia Creek, March 10.
"Woodward, Vancouver:
"Regret unable to accept visit."
"RUGBY UNION."

ATHLETICS.

An important meeting of the management committee of the James Bay Athletic Association was held last evening. The hoarding and house committees submitted estimates of expenditure, approximating \$2,000, for 1905. They were passed. Mrs. Hooper was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the presentation of a number of handsome pictures. Twenty-three applications for the position of caretaker were received, and Geo. Elby, a naval pensioner, was appointed. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

HOCKEY.

Arrangements are being made for a match between the Victoria and R. E. teams next Saturday at Work Point. The local eleven has two more league games to contest before the completion of the series. One of these is with the Royal Engineers and the second against the Royal Garrison Artillery. As the season is advancing rapidly, club officials desire to have these games taken place as soon as possible. Therefore it is to be hoped that the R. E. will find it convenient to play this week.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

A JUNIOR GAME.
Yesterday a match was played between North Ward and Central school teams, resulting in a win for the latter by 3 goals to 0.

HANDBALL.

J. B. A. A. CHAMPIONS.
It is announced by the handball management of the James Bay Athletic Association that J. B. A. and Stanley McB. Smith have won the championship for 1904-5. They have defeated all the crack teams of the association, and will be presented with the cup offered by the club.

WRESTLING.

MLEOD WINS.
Last evening Dan McLeod gave his second exhibition at the Savoy theatre, Ernest Vining, of this city, tried conclusions with the ex-champion, and made a determined, but unsuccessful attempt to carry off the \$50 forfeit. McLeod threw him in 10 minutes and 30 seconds. This evening Dan will meet Chris Pearson, of Tacoma, and an exciting struggle is anticipated.

BILLIARDS.

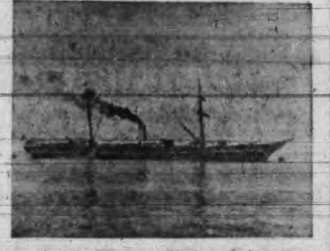
FINAL GAME.
This evening the final match of the Vernon tournament will be played between S. Robinson, of Victoria, and J. Smith, of Vancouver. This promises to be a splendid exhibition.

STEAMER TACOMA SEIZED BY JAPS

CAPTURED WHEN SHE WORKED CLEAR OF ICE

The Vessel Sailed From Seattle In January—Was Loaded With Beef for Vladivostok.

An Associated press dispatch from Tokyo of to-day's date says:
"The American steamer Tacoma was seized by the Japanese guardship yesterday. The Tacoma is an iron screw of 2,812 tons register. She is owned by the Northwestern Commercial Steamship Company, of Seattle, from which port she sailed January 6th with a cargo of barrel beef for Vladivostok, it is said, although ostensibly for Shanghai. When last reported, the Tacoma was fast in the ice north of Hokkaido island with the Japanese ships lying in wait to pick her up when she worked clear."
The fate of the Tacoma has been a matter of considerable speculation for many weeks. For long no reports were received of her. Then came the news of a vessel seen in the ice, resembling the Tacoma. It was later said that the crew had abandoned the ship, and had afterwards returned to her. But once sighted the steamer was never lost sight of, and the fate she has met has been the one predicted almost from the date of sailing.



THE STEAMER TACOMA.

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The Tacoma is one of a fleet of 35 or 36 contraband carriers which the Japanese have captured, and there is a possibility of this tonnage being further increased. According to a dispatch from Portland: "The British steamship Ruseba will leave there to-day for Tsingtau, China, with 9,888 bales of hay and 91,000 bushels of oats. While the steamer is going to Tsingtau, there is little doubt that the forage she carries is intended for the Russian forces."

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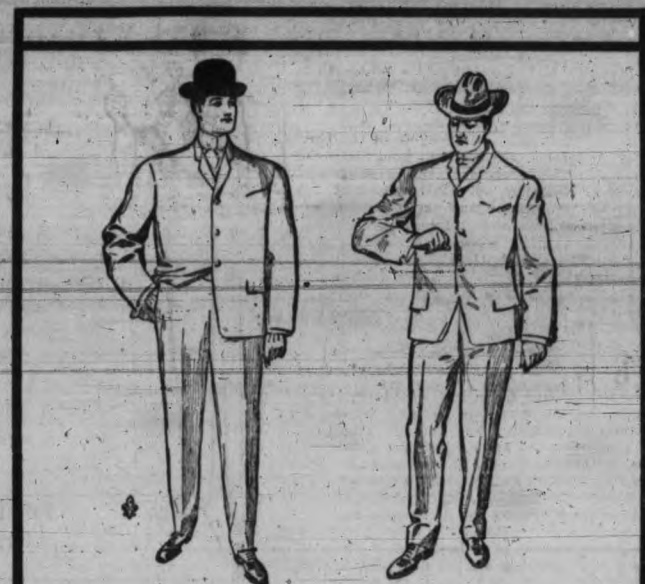


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REVIEW WORK FOR THE PAST YEAR

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE B. C. ORPHANAGE

Generous Donation From Western Fuel Company Reports of Officers for Twelve Months.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Orphan's Home was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon. Charles Hayward presiding. After receiving the usual annual reports the following were elected a committee of management: Rt. Rev. Bishop Edgar, Charles Hayward, H. D. Helmecken, Edgar Fawcett, representing the Reformed Episcopal church; Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, Edgar Crow Baker, Rev. Stanley Ard, A. C. Plummer, representing the Anglican churches; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Thornton Peil, Rev. W. Leslie Gray, G. L. Milne, M. D., representing the Presbyterian churches; Rev. J. P. Westman, North Shakespear, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, W. J. Peardry, representing the Methodist churches; Rev. H. Carsons, G. Carter, W. Scowcroft, D. Sprague, representing Congregational churches; Rev. J. E. Vichert, Adolphus McGregor, Rev. Le Roy Dakin and A. B. McNeill, representing the Baptist churches. These will at their first meeting appoint a president, secretary and treasurer, and also name a committee of ladies to superintend the internal management of the institution.

A. B. Fraser, Sr., was elected auditor and Dr. R. H. Carter, medical attendant at the Home for the ensuing year.

A gratifying communication was received from James B. Smith, vice-president of the Western Fuel Company, Fraser, stating that he had written to Thos. R. Stockert, manager of the company's mines at Nanaimo, requesting him to deliver twenty-five tons of coal to the Home for the year. He requested the Orphanage authorities to communicate with him personally on this matter as long as he was connected with the company. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the company for this splendid donation.

The president's report was read and adopted. It reviewed in general terms the work done during the past year. Reference was made to the construction of a septic tank and the improvement of sewerage facilities, and certain necessary improvements in the heating system.

The report refers to the gratifying financial condition of the institution, but explained the large cash balance by pointing out that the yearly subscriptions were collected just previous to the meeting. The report also deplores the death of Mrs. G. A. Sargison, who for nearly thirty years was an active worker for the welfare of the Home.

The report concludes with an encouraging reference to the future, and an expression of hearty appreciation of the assistance rendered by the ladies' committee.

Then followed the receipt of the ladies' committee report, signed by Jennie F. McChloch, president of the committee. This report gave a comprehensive outline of the work accomplished by the ladies' committee during the year. The report expresses regret on the resignation of Miss Perrin, and deep sorrow over the death of Rev. H. J. Wood. Mrs. Sargison—great praise is given to the matron and her assistants.

The success of the pound party is also commented upon in the report, which also expresses thanks to the collectors, especially to Mrs. Wm. Wilson and Mrs. A. Toller for their excellent work. In conclusion the report says:

"While fully appreciating the work of all our helpers, we feel we must especially acknowledge the very practical and generous assistance of the L. C. C. Society, the King's Daughters, the Hochelega Working Party, the Church Guilds, Dr. Carter, Mrs. Stadhagen, the P. R. Jubilee hospital, the Fifth Regiment band, the Times and Colonist Publishing Companies, the Western Fuel Company, R. Porter & Sons, James Dunsinuir, the teachers of the North Ward and Hillside schools, H. W. Bullock (Salt Spring Island), the Labor Union Bureau, the I. A. A. Association, the B. C. A. Association, the Ladies' Basketball Club, Prof. E. G. Wickens, Messrs. Bishop & Clark, Miss Hynde, John Tomlin, far-off Cariboo for \$32, collected by Mrs. Kelly from the warm-hearted miners, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, the draymen of Victoria, and lastly, the happiest little donor, Oswald Barron.

"The committee take great pleasure in recording their appreciation of the ever-ready and hearty co-operation and support of the many kind friends who have listened to their appeal for aid in this movement, so much needed under modern conditions. We must have money to meet constant emergencies, but better spend our money on 'homes' than on prisons and reform schools. As we gather them in, may we feed their hungry hearts and groping minds with the Bread of Life!

"Number of children in the Home at last report, 43; number of children admitted during the year, 15; total, 58; removed by guardians during past year, 6; placed at service during past year, 5; adopted during the past year, 3; total 14.

at present in the House, 44.

There have been no deaths during the year.

The appended financial statement was submitted by the hon. treasurer:

Receipts.

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| To balance on hand from last year as under: | |
| Orders for goods on hand..... | \$ 51 50 |
| Cash to Cr. Acct. current Bank Commerce, 1,040 04 | |
| Deposit in savings dept. Bank Commerce..... | 1,518 75 |
| | \$,610 29 |
| To annual subscriptions as per statement..... | 821 00 |
| To subscriptions collected by ladies as per statement..... | 570 10 |
| To M. R. Smith & Co. employees, per R. T. Clanton..... | 10 75 |
| | \$1,401 85 |
| To donations as per statement..... | 101 40 |
| To proceeds from "pound party"..... | 122 10 |
| To rec'd on acct. board inmates, 12 mos..... | 1,531 25 |
| To Mrs. Kelso, 8 mos. room rent..... | 24 00 |
| | \$1,998 75 |
| To net amt. rec'd from tenants..... | 436 90 |
| To Est. By. Brackman, proceeds legacy, \$1,000..... | 800 21 |
| To corporation Victoria, 12 mos. int. debentures..... | 80 00 |
| To sale of goat..... | 2 00 |
| To Can. Bank Commerce, int. deposit acct..... | 62 12 |
| To Mrs. E. L. Higgins, re-funds on acct. paid..... | 12 35 |
| | \$1,435 98 |
| To trust funds, wages collected for orphans at work..... | 56 00 |
| | \$7,994 87 |

Expenditures.

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| By monthly bills, 12 mos. as per receipts..... | \$1,548 17 |
| By salaries, 12 mos. as per receipts..... | 1,008 00 |
| By light accts., 12 mos. as per receipts..... | 37 98 |
| By fuel accts., 12 mos. as per receipts..... | 86 25 |
| By printing and advertising, 12 mos. as per receipts..... | 57 75 |
| By sundry repairs and improvements, 12 mos. as per receipts..... | 1,422 84 |
| By taxes, 1904, as per receipts..... | 105 00 |
| By furniture accts. as per receipts..... | 20 75 |
| By insurance accts. as per receipts..... | 48 75 |
| | \$4,545 98 |
| By Cyril Flewin, clothing acct..... | 11 25 |
| By purchase of cow, as per receipt..... | 60 00 |
| By miscellaneous, small accts. and discounts..... | 14 20 |
| | \$ 85 45 |
| By trust funds, orphans' wages deposited..... | 56 00 |
| Balance..... | 8 51 50 |
| Cr. to acct. current Bank Commerce..... | 1,021 48 |
| Deposit in savings dept. Bank of Commerce..... | 1,654 46 |
| | \$2,707 44 |
| | \$7,394 87 |

E. CROW BAKER, Hon. Treas.

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The reports of the ladies' committee and the treasurer were adopted. The meeting placed on record its sense of the loss sustained by the recent death of Rev. H. J. Wood, Mrs. G. A. Sargison and Mrs. A. A. Green, and the executive were instructed to convey the sympathy and condolence of the meeting to their respective families.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and ladies' committee brought the meeting to a close.

A PROMISING COUNTRY.

District in the North Having Great Possibilities For Sportsman or Prospective Settler.

With the inquiry that has lately been going on concerning the districts in the northern part of this province adjacent or in close proximity to the probable route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, there has been brought to attention a country destined, according to those who have investigated, to become one of the finest stock-raising sections of the province.

This is what is known as the Ootsa and Chehalis country. It lies a little to the south of the Bulkley valley and to the east of the coast range. There is a light growth of poplar covering the hills through which the grass grows luxuriantly. Water is plentiful. On the low lands the soil is rich and well adapted for tillage, and in the several lakes and rivers fish abound. To the south there are great stretches of meadow land, the timber found in which country is mostly black pine and spruce.

The climate, too, is favorable. The thermometer seldom drops to 30 below zero, while blizzards are unknown. The climate appears to combine the properties of atmosphere on the Pacific slope and in the East, and this not only makes it congenial for mankind, but permits of all kinds of vegetables being produced, such as potatoes and turnips and oats, which are now grown by the natives. The snow fall averages between a foot and a foot and a half from the end of December to April.

The resources of the country have not been exhausted, but it is known that good quartz is available, and that coal lies close to the trail. The game is unlimited. For those wishing an outing, no part of the province or indeed of the north offers greater opportunities in the way of sport. There are the lakes and rivers, which, as stated, are full of fish, and in addition to the wild fowl, which is found in great variety and are very plentiful there are caribou, bear and other big game.

It is believed that this land of promise will be reached by many this year. The route lies by way of Bella Coola, which point is a port of call for the C. P. R. Company's northern steamers. From Bella Coola there is a good trail, and horses for the trip can there be obtained from William Sutherland, a resident who not only outfits travellers in this

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of Victoria District Sunday School Association to Be Held March 25th and 26th.

The fourth annual convention of the Victoria District Sunday School Association will be held on the 25th and 26th of the present month in the Calvary Baptist church. Judging from the programme as adopted by the executive at their meeting last evening, the sessions should prove highly interesting and instructive. Among the papers to be presented by prominent local workers will be "Some Points of Contact in Teaching," "The Bridge Between the Sunday School and Church," and "Primary Work," as read by Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner at the international convention held at Denver, James Lynch, of Seattle, superintendent of the Plymouth Congregational Sunday school, has accepted an invitation to attend the convention, and will deliver an address on "Sunday School Pathology." Mr. Lynch is a well known and prominent worker among the boys and girls, and devotes his entire time to Sunday school affairs. He will also conduct the question drawer at the closing session.

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St. Petersburg, March 14.—Further terrorist attempts are reported. Lieut. Kouloff, of the Volga Cossacks, has been mortally wounded by the revolutionaries in the courtyard of his house at Kremenchug, it is supposed in revenge for his share in suppressing the disorders in Moscow.

M. Hoffenberg, chief of police at Minsk, was attacked by a man armed with a revolver, but escaped unhurt. Many officers concerned in the suppression of disorders have received threatening letters.

Revolutionary proclamations have been discovered at Cronstadt, inciting sailors and dockyard workers to refuse to fit out warships, or, as an alternative, damage them so as to prevent their sailing. It is rumored that there was an explosion at Moscow last night close to the walls of the Kremlin.

The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the London Daily Telegraph predicts that the Russian authorities will have to battle with an angry sea of troubles in connection with the mobilization of a new army.

The Empire State express, westbound, killed two men at Dewitt, near Syracuse, N. Y., on Tuesday. They had stepped from an accommodation train to cross to the station and walked in front of the express.

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 You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within thirty days from the date of the service of this notice upon you, and in default of a caveat or certificate of in pending being filed within such period—and in default of redemption—you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register Andrew Agnew as owner thereof.
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About noon to-day Detective Sergeant Palmer arrested, a man named John Kirk, who is wanted by United States authorities on the charge of cracking a safe at Nome. The arrest was made on the instructions of United States Deputy Marshal Colby, of San Francisco. The Victoria police received a communication some time ago asking if Kirk was here. They soon located him, and informed Colby to that effect. To-day they were requested to take him into custody. When arrested the man made no statements, and the circumstances of the robbery with which he is alleged to be connected are not obtainable at present. He has engaged Geo. Powell to look after his interests. Kirk has been bartending in one of the local hotels.

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A SERIOUS CHARGE. Young Man Accused of Victimizing His Friends—Suspected Robbery. There are several persons in town who would like to renew their acquaintance with one Edward Haas. This individual, who is a young man somewhere in the early twenties, came here from Tacoma about a year ago, and last Saturday night he abruptly left, after having exhibited a number of symptoms which qualify him for police investigation. Some time after his arrival here he associated himself with revival meetings, which were conducted in a tent on Douglas street. He was apparently impressed by the services, for he became a member of the Galvay Baptist church and its different societies. His conduct at this time appeared to be quite exemplary, and he was brought into contact with a number of kindly-disposed people, who manifested an interest in him. But it was discovered not very long ago that Mr. Haas did not retain the religious fervor inspired in him by the revival services, and recently he disclosed unmistakable evidence that his good intentions he then announced were sacrificed to dangerous and cringing expediency. Last week he solicited the agency of a friend to cash a cheque for him, which was promptly done. He passed another cheque on the pastor of the church. On Saturday night he hurriedly departed, and it was then learned that the cheques were worthless—that, as a matter of fact, they were forgeries. The signature of Mr. Leigh, of Leigh's mill, where Haas was employed for a time, was forged on the documents. Further than that, it is alleged, Haas victimized his friends in other ways. Some of them backed his credit for carpentering impignments, his board bill and so forth, and now they will have to meet the bills. Should the long arm of the law envelop him he will participate in police court proceedings. The police are also investigating what may be a case of robbery with violence, which occurred on Monday night. The complainant is Jack Carson, who lives in cabins on Humboldt street. It is claimed that during the night someone entered the cabin, where Carson was lying, and struck him in the head, inflicting a nasty wound. The undesirable visitor then went through Carson's pockets and abstracted \$6. His wounds were examined yesterday afternoon by Dr. Robertson, and the indications were that they were inflicted by a stick that was in the cabin. Nothing else was taken from the cabin. Yesterday afternoon Magistrate Hall sentenced three boys who stole tobacco and chewing gum from a store at the end of the James Bay causeway to three years each in the new provincial reformatory. They were taken to the mainland early this morning. The robbery case was called in the police court to-day and adjourned until Monday morning. The attorney-general's department was not represented, because, in view of Mr. Justice Duff's decision, Hon. Mr. Wilson is strictly "out of it."

INTERESTING LECTURE. Delivered by Capt. Walbraun at Recent Meeting of the Natural History Society. The regular fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society was held at the legislative buildings on Monday evening. Among the visitors were: W. W. Stumbles, of the marine and fisheries department, Ottawa; Capt. James Curtis, B. N.; and Capt. C. Strongren. There was a large attendance of members. After the routine business had been transacted, Capt. Walbraun, president of the society, read the paper of the evening. It was a continuation of his lecture on the origin of names of places on the coast of British Columbia, being a sequel to a reading previously given. It was of great interest and interspersed with many anecdotes of the persons after whom the points, bays, harbors and islands are called. The lecture closed with the letter "P." Port Simpson being the last dealt with. Probably many Victorians consider that the present site of that port was the original location of the township. This, Capt. Walbraun pointed out, is not the case. The original Port Simpson was on the Naas river, three miles above a settlement of Kilmolith. It was named after Capt. Emilius, commander of the schooner Cadboro, and an ex-lieutenant B. N., who died there in 1831 while engaged in building an overland route for the Hudson Bay Company's service. When the latter company withdrew from Port Simpson in 1833 the Indians were presented with a 25-gallon cask of rum, a beverage which enabled them to suitably celebrate the occasion. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. Capt. Walbraun on motion of Dr. Hassell, after which date the United States Consul Smith and W. W. Stumbles. It carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the 27th inst.

The Victoria Sealing Company received a telegram this morning reporting the sealing schooner Carlotta G. Cox off Monterey on the 10th inst. with 180 skins. In Chambers this morning an application was made to have the date of the trial of the action Edith v. Aorangi fixed. It was decided that the date should be fixed by the court. A meeting of the Victoria Poultry Association was held last evening at the city hall. It was decided to postpone the appointment of a judge for the next annual show until Nanaimo and Vancouver have been communicated with. Arrangements have been made for an exhibition basketball game between the Fifth Regiment and J. B. A. A. teams on Saturday evening at the drill hall. The former five is exceptionally strong, and have been training assiduously during the past few weeks. It is expected that a band concert will be given in connection with the match. Tonight a social will be held under the auspices of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., at the hall, Douglas street. A splendid programme has been prepared. It includes musical selections, followed by a dance. Refreshments will be distributed. A pleasant time is guaranteed.

After having been pronounced dead by two physicians and a nurse, Mrs. Chas. A. Sweet, wife of a provision merchant of St. Louis, Mo., has been restored by the injection of a salt solution into her veins, and is now believed to be recovering her health.

MARRIED. OLSEN-KAROLSEN—At New Westminster, on March 14th, by Rev. A. C. Quail, John Olsen and Miss Petra Karolosen. DIED. MARCOTTE—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 12th inst., of appendicitis, Joseph Charles, youngest son of Mr. X. Marcotte, of South Saanich, aged 24 years. The funeral will take place on Friday, March 17th, at 10 a. m. from the family residence, South Saanich, and a few minutes later, from the Roman Catholic church there. Friends will please accept this intimation. GREEN—On Sunday, March 12th, at the family residence, Stanley avenue, Theophila Turner Green, eldest daughter of I. S. J. Rainer, Ipswich, England, and widow of the late A. A. Green, aged 64 years. The funeral will take place at 11 a. m. on Thursday, March 16th, from the residence as above, and at the reformed Episcopal church at 11.30 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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WILL NOT TALK. Detectives Decline to Tell of Investigation into the Death of Mrs. Stanford. Honolulu, March 15.—It is learned that some action will probably be taken at San Francisco after the arrival there of the detectives, who investigated the recent death of Mrs. Stanford in this city. The detectives say they have received positive instructions not to talk about the case. They will not discuss Prof. Jordan's opinion that Mrs. Stanford's death was not due to strychnine poisoning. BRIEF TELEGRAMS. The London Times correspondent at Tokio reports that a conspiracy has been discovered at Seoul to induce the Emperor of Korea to repudiate the Japanese convention and seek refuge in a foreign legation. The conspirators, it is added, have been arrested. The British attaché, Captain C. J. Airey, and the American attaché, Captain J. V. Judson and Colonel V. Howard, who were with the Russian army and who were captured at the battle of Mukden, left Liao Yang for Japan on Tuesday.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY—Irish social by Mrs. Dixon in E. M. C. A. Hall, Friday, March 17th, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Dixon will be assisted by Mr. G. H. Larrigan, piccolo and violin; Mrs. Gregson, vocalist; Miss Rolfe, pianist. Admission, 25c.

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