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**SUPPLIES RUNNING SHORT.**

Snow in Cape Breton Prevents the Carriage of Goods By Railways.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—The necessities of life and fuel are short in many places in Cape Breton owing to the railways being blocked with snow. Farmers are killing stock because food supplies cannot be obtained, and many cases are reported of horses being shot for the same reason rather than have them starve.

**EDITOR DEAD.**

(Associated Press.)

Newburgh, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Albert Eugene Carr, a veteran printer and editor, died at his home in Marlborough late last night, aged 78. He edited various papers in New York state and Wisconsin, and for 21 years was one of the editors of the Rome Citizen. Of late years he published the Marlborough Record. Mr. Carr represented Green county in the Wisconsin assembly in 1885.

**HEAVY GUNS ARE NOW IN POSITION**

**RUSSIANS BOMBARDED THE JAPANESE LINE**

Sharp Fighting Between the Scouts—Twenty-Five Torpedo Boat Destroyers for Japan.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Feb. 22.—The headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria reports a continuance of the Russian bombardment of various parts of the Japanese line. The Russians recently placed a number of heavy guns at Chicia Tun, which is two miles west of Ta mountain.

Scouts of both armies collided west of Shahopao on Monday night. A sharp fight took place.

**ANOTHER RAID BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.**

Tientsin, Feb. 22.—About 300 Russian raiders reached and slightly damaged the railway between Haicheng and Tatchekiao on Monday night and again disregarded the neutrality of the territory west of the Liao river. The presence of Chinese soldiers was not reported.

It is evident that the villages keep the Russians well informed as to the position of the Japanese troops. The damage to the railway was immediately repaired.

**GEN. NOGI'S DIVISION ARRIVES AT LIAO YANG.**

Mukden, Feb. 22.—From reports of scouts the Japanese have constructed three lines of narrow gauge railway from Beuligai to Padzaza, or Houbaihill, and from Shakhe to Sincinpu. The staffs of Field Marshal Oyama and Generals Kuroki and Oku are at Liao Yang, which is strongly fortified.

The ninth division, commanded by General Nogi, has arrived at Liao Yang, and the first division is now arriving there. The reports that the Japanese are reinforcing Korea are true. Chinese say siege guns are being used.

**SERIOUS DEFECTS ON SIBERIAN RAILWAY.**

London, Feb. 22.—According to a Daily Telegraph St. Petersburg dispatch the Siberian railway is giving way under the tremendous strain under which it has been subjected. A general sagging of the rails and other serious defects are showing themselves, and though the railway is only capable of carrying barely sufficient provisions for General Kouropatkin's army, this is becoming increasingly difficult and the number of trains daily soon must be reduced.

**NEW DESTROYERS FOR JAPANESE NAVY.**

Tokio, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.—The Japanese government has ordered the immediate construction of twenty-five torpedo boat destroyers. Fifteen are to be built in the government yards and ten in private yards.

It is reported that a steamer bound for Vladivostok has been caught and held in the ice in Ezo strait, between the islands of Kunashiri and Hokkaido, since February 7th. The name of the steamer has not been ascertained.

**KAMIMURA'S FLEET IN INDIAN OCEAN.**

London, Feb. 21.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph states that Admiral Kamimura and his squadron are in the Indian ocean, and the correspondent believes that great naval events are pending.

**IS PREPARING FOR DECISIVE BATTLE.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Information reaches the Associated Press that Gen. Kouropatkin is preparing industriously to try final conclusions with Field Marshal Oyama, and that a decisive battle may be expected within a fortnight. Foreign military attaches have been asked to leave Vladivostok, probably in anticipation that operations will begin there when shipping opens.

Emperor Nicholas is said to be dissatisfied with the conduct of Gen. Gripenberg in Manchuria, and he has not only sustained Gen. Kouropatkin, but has ordered Gen. Gripenberg to return to his post. It is gossip in court circles that Gen. Gripenberg's face was far from cheerful when he left the Emperor's cabinet.

**PEACE SENTIMENT IS GAINING GROUND.**

Paris, Feb. 22.—Russia has not given any indication to France that she is ready to take up the question of peace, and therefore the authorities here do not feel qualified to discuss the St. Petersburg reports.

The reports are explained substantially as follows: The peace sentiment has lately been steadily augmenting throughout the Russian empire, particularly outside of St. Petersburg, and within recent days some of the most influential persons in St. Petersburg have sought to impress responsible officials that the time has arrived to take definite action. The Russian foreign office has not shown

a willingness to accept the peace view, however, though the reports are considered to be a hopeful sign of tendency in the highest quarters towards peace.

The officials of the Japanese legation inclined to the view that reports were designed to sound official sentiment in Japan. They express a strong personal conviction that prior to determining details it will be indispensable to settle the main principle that the terms will insure peace in the Far East for many years to come. The Japanese position is said to be quite definite against arranging a peace which would permit Russia to rehabilitate herself. The legation considers that some indemnity would be equitable, as Japan has expended double the amount of the cost of the Chinese war in upholding principles which St. Petersburg reports indicate Russia is now disposed to recognize.

**THE JAPS MUST PROPOSE TERMS.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Although the party which is advocating peace as the only egress from the present situation continues to gain strength nothing has actually been decided and no move has yet been made. It is officially maintained that Russia's attitude is unchanged. At the foreign office not the slightest encouragement is given to the peace talk. On the contrary, it is affirmed as strongly as ever that Japan must propose terms, while at the same time it is admitted that it is inconceivable that Japan can offer conditions acceptable to Russia, and that therefore the war must go on to a conclusion.

The idea of a complete Russian victory is not harbored, but it is insisted that Russia is not beaten, and will not be until Gen. Kouropatkin is decisively worsted by Gen. Oyama, and the fate of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron is determined.

The main consideration entering into the calculations of the uncompromising advocates of prosecuting the war is that Japanese financial resources must become exhausted before Russia's.

**THE TRANSFER OF E. & N. RAILWAY**

**C. P. R. WILL TAKE OVER SYSTEM ON APRIL 1ST**

Company Will Proceed With Work on New Wharf Here—Supt. Marpole's Statement.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 22.—Superintendent Marpole arrived from Winnipeg to-day. He says the E. & N. deal may be considered closed, and that the C. P. R. plans on taking over the line on April 1st. He denies the quotation in the Winnipeg paper about litigation, taking the position that the latter cannot affect the C. P. R. A new station is to be built this year at Revelstoke.

The company will proceed with the completion of the general wharf system at Victoria, and immediately thereafter will let the contract for a fine building. F. M. Rattenbury will be sent to see Sir T. Slaughter at Montreal to finally decide about certain matters.

The renewing of the old section of the Hotel Vancouver will not be done until the completion of the Victoria house. New local freight sheds for Vancouver will be started this year, while in 1906 work will be commenced on new piers.

**REDMOND APOLOGIZED.**

Taken to Task by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 22.—A lively scene at question time in the House of Commons to-day arose from the affair of Sir Anthony Macdonnell, under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland. The Nationalists were heckling Premier Balfour and Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, in an effort to extract further information as to how far Mr. Wyndham was involved in what he has termed the under secretary's "indefensible" course connected with the evolution scheme, when John Redmond, the Irish leader, turning to Mr. Wyndham said: "You might as well tell the truth at once." Mr. Balfour immediately raised a point of order. The Speaker ruled that the remark was "offensive," and Mr. Redmond promptly apologized, and explained that he had not meant to imply that untruths had been told, but that the whole truth had not been told yet, and that he did not want to be obliged to drag it out piecemeal.

Mr. Redmond ultimately secured an adjournment of the House to call attention to Sir Anthony Macdonnell's position. The debate will begin to-night.

**AUOMOBILES DESTROYED.**

Fire in London Caused Damage Estimated at \$1,250,000—Some Narrow Escapes.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 22.—Langens, the centre of the motor car and carriage industry of this city, was the scene of a disastrous fire to-day, resulting in damage estimated at \$1,250,000. Hundreds of automobiles, which had just been returned from the exhibition which closed Monday, were destroyed. There were some exciting escapes of tenants who occupied flats above the warehouse.

**KNOWS HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER**

**GRAND DUKE ALEXIS STARTS FOR MOSCOW**

Death of Coachman Who Was Injured When Sergius Was Killed By Explosion.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 22.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald, dated Tuesday, says: "The Grand Duke Alexis started to-night for Moscow. When remonstrated with he replied: 'I am on the list of those condemned to death, so it does not matter.'"

"The Grand Duke Vladimir is too ill to go. The Emperor sent a representative to the frontier to meet the Grand Duke Paul, bearing his uniforms and decorations and a message. He has been restored to full rank and all his titles and emoluments which were sequestered at the time of his recent marriage."

Coachman Succumbs.

Moscow, Feb. 22.—The coachman who was driving the coach in which the Grand Duke Sergius was riding when he was assassinated is dead of his injuries. He sustained 76 distinct wounds.

There was a continuous procession of Muscovites yesterday passing the Kremlin gates to visit the Choudoff monastery and the scene of the tragedy in Senate square. They paused to cross themselves at the tall cross which has been erected at the exact spot where the assassination occurred, and before which a lamp is constantly burning as before a shrine. Pieces of the carriage and other evidences of the tragedy are continually being found.

The remains in the coffin are now covered with a light gauze through which part of the uniform of the dead Grand Duke is visible. Besides practically continuous requiems, an unusually solemn funeral mass was conducted yesterday by the Moscow Metropolitan.

The body will be given temporary interment in the chapel of Andrew, the first called. It is a gloomy room of ancient Russian architecture, pillared and gilded with byzantine ornaments. The burial place is immediately behind the famous "Red Staircase" of the Choudoff monastery, from which for centuries the Emperor and Empress have greeted their subjects after the coronation ceremonies and on great state occasions.

In spite of four days' diligent investigation the police know practically no more concerning the assassin than when he was captured.

Even in the midst of his grief over the death of the Grand Duke Sergius, Emperor Nicholas is giving his attention to political developments. Indications point towards a decision to revive the Zemsky Zabor, although it is understood that the court party is still fighting desperately for time, maintaining that it would be an irreparable blunder to yield to the fear of terrorism, even if it should be advisable later on. Contrary to previous reports, it now is said that the last word from the Grand Duke Sergius to the Emperor, contained in a letter brought by Prince Schirinsky Schakamatoff, was to stand firm.

**SEEKS TO ASCERTAIN THE RAILWAY POLICY**

The Leader of the Opposition Gives Notice of Motion on Going Into Supply.

The leader of the opposition, J. A. Macdonald, is determined to place Premier McBride on record with respect to his railway policy. The following notice of motion appears on the order paper for Thursday:

Mr. Macdonald to move on the motion "that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair," for the purpose of going into committee of supply, an amendment thereto, by adding the following words after "chair":

"But whereas, the Premier, at the last session of this legislature, intimated that his government would submit to this House proposals of a definite character on railway matters:

"And whereas, failing to submit such proposals, the Premier subsequently stated on the floor of this House that a summer session would be held to deal exclusively with railway and transportation matters in this province:

"And whereas, said session was not held as promised:

"And whereas, the government has as yet submitted to this House no proposals during the present session looking to better transportation facilities:

"Therefore, this House regrets the indecision of the government and its repeated failures to deal with an urgent public question."

As the motion to go into committee of supply will not likely be moved to-morrow this amendment of Mr. Macdonald's will have to stand over.

The motion of Mr. Macdonald will meet with general favor, it is believed, not only on the opposition side but by the government ranks.

The bill calling for a compulsory

eight-hour day in smelter will likely be considered this afternoon.

Mayor Coburn and Ald. Hayworth, representing the Ladysmith council, and Robert Allan and Geo. Hanna, of the board of trade of that city, arrived in the city at noon to-day to oppose the amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Act introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite.

A special dispatch from Nanaimo to-day says:

The board of trade last night decided to wire the Premier asking the postponement of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's coal mine regulations amendment till the opinion of the mining community of British Columbia can be obtained.

The School Act.

The School Act was brought down this afternoon. Provincial aid is provided for as follows: A per capita grant of \$350 per annum for cities of first class; \$375 for cities of second class, and \$420 for towns and cities of third class, based on the actual number of teachers employed. The per capita grant for rural schools is \$450 for each teacher per annum. There is a further per capita salary of \$1 for each dollar by which the salary of any teacher employed in any public or High school shall be supplied by the trustees of the school district, shall be paid by the minister of finance out of the consolidated revenue fund of the province.

**SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.**

The Supreme Court Reserves Decision on Number of Questions.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The Supreme court, after hearing counsel for the Dominion, Ontario and the Lord's Day Alliance on Sunday legislation reference, expressed the opinion that there was no necessity for further arguments on behalf of the other provinces, railways or industrial corporations, and accordingly reserved the decision on the questions referred to the court, to be delivered on some future day.

**MORE OPPOSITION TO SMELTER BILL**

**TEXT OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT TRAIL**

**Business Men and Smelter Employees Unite in Opposing Measure Now Before Legislature.**

Trail, B. C., Feb. 22.—At a large mass meeting held in the opera house here to-night, Mayor Schofield presiding, for the purpose of discussing the eight-hour smelter day's bill, about seven hundred attended, consisting of employees of the smelter and business men of Trail. The following resolution was carried unanimously:

"As it was felt that the passage of the bill would add a burden to the mining and smelting of low grade ores of this district, which it would be impossible for them to sustain:

"Whereas a bill has been introduced in the provincial legislature, the existing pleasant relations between smelter employees here and the smelter management, and result either in a corresponding reduction in wages, or else in large labor disputes and the closing of the mines and smelters for an indefinite period, resulting in great financial loss to ourselves and the community generally:

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the business men of Trail, and employees of the Canadian smelting works in mass meeting assembled, do petition the government to avoik any legislation which may have the effect of bringing on these conditions."

**NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS.**

Poland National Democratic Party Issue Manifesto Discouraging a Revolution.

(Associated Press.)

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 22.—The Polish National Democratic Party has issued a manifesto discountenancing a revolution. "There are no arms" says the document, "No money and no leaders. No aid can be expected from other countries. Austria is weak. France is Russia's ally, and England is always practical. Therefore a revolution would only result in useless bloodshed. Better continue the work quietly and attain our ends."

The schools of the city are now closed, except the elementary schools for young children, the proprietors of private schools having decided to close owing to the uncertainty of the situation.

**STRIKE SPREADING.**

Trains for Vienna Are Unable to Leave Warsaw.

(Associated Press.)

Warsaw, Feb. 22.—Trains for Vienna are unable to leave Warsaw in consequence of the strike, which is expected to become general on the railroad. Later in the day all the employees of the Vienna railroad struck, and the entire traffic by direct route from Warsaw and Germany was suspended, the strikers, forcibly preventing the bringing out of locomotives from the round houses.

**INTERVENTION BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

**IN CASE OF PERJURY OPENED LAST EVENING**

Hon. Chas. Wilson Will Stop Use of the Courts as Instruments of Private Vengeance.

When Judge Harrison yesterday morning decided that Wong Ah Lum was not guilty of the charge of perjury, it was reasonably expected that the last echo of the celebrated Chinese theatre murder case had been disposed of. But no, there is now another in the shape of charges of perjury which were laid against a couple of Orientals last evening, and in this connection a development has arisen that was not anticipated, at least not by most people interested in the proceedings. Acting on instructions from private parties, or in other words private prosecutors, the local police placed under arrest Wong Ah Lum and Gin Duck. The former had just been liberated in consequence of Judge Harrison's decision, but another count of perjury was quickly charged against him, while Gin Duck was gathered in on a similar charge.

This morning, when the case was called in the police court, there was an intervention in the person of a representative of the attorney-general's department, Mr. McDonald. He informed the magistrate that he had been instructed to take up the matter on behalf of the crown. A lawyer for the private prosecution was on hand with his interpreter, but the action of the attorney-general's department debarred him from participation in the proceedings. The procedure was so unusual that a Times reporter this afternoon communicated with Hon. Charles Wilson, attorney-general, and asked what it meant.

"It means," replied Mr. Wilson decisively, "that there have been so many charges and counter charges laid by private parties in connection with that murder case, that it looks as though certain Chinese factions are using the courts as instruments of their vengeance, and this I intend to stop. I have intervened in this case to fully investigate it, to ascertain whether there is a prima facie case to justify the two fresh charges that have been laid."

"Does that debar the private prosecutors from taking part?" he was asked.

"Yes it does. We propose to attend to the matter ourselves," he answered.

The variety of indictments to which the attorney-general referred has certainly been great and assorted enough to attract attention. In the first place, of course, there was the murder case, which involved two trials, the last of which was a record breaker for duration. While this was pending and the prisoners were in the shadow of the gallows, a charge and counter charge were laid. The first was one of conspiracy, and the defendants were prominent members of the faction who were arrested against the two Chinamen accused of murder. Then followed a charge of perjury against representatives of the other side. These actions kept the Criminal court going for a long time, and were eventually dismissed before the higher tribunal. Now comes another charge of perjury, and it was this that proved to be the last straw.

Wong Ah Lum, the man who was dismissed by Judge Harrison, is accused of perjuring himself at the first trial of Wong On and Wong Gow in May last year. He is alleged to have told what was false when he swore that he was present in Man Quan's room on the fatal morning of January 31st, 1904. The other prisoner, Gin Duck, is charged with perjuring himself at the recent trial, when he swore that he had had a conversation with Haw Fat Chung in the Chinese theatre on January 31st, in which he asked: "Why have you arrested Wong On?" Haw Fat Chung replying: "I know he wasn't present when the assault occurred, but it is Loo Gee Wing's orders to arrest him, and when Wong Hung and Wong Nam Yuen are arrested he will be cleared." This conversation, it is alleged, did not occur. The case was adjourned in the police court this morning, the prisoners being liberated on \$500 bail each. They are defended by counsel, Thornton Fell having been engaged to appear for them. It is possible that the matter will not be proceeded with, that is, should the attorney-general's department conclude that there isn't enough evidence to justify a continuance.

**ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.**

Former City Treasurer of Everett Is Under Arrest.

(Associated Press.)

Everett, Wash., Feb. 22.—Former City Treasurer Geo. Holcomb is under arrest here, charged with embezzlement from the city of Everett, while treasurer, of the sum of \$11,500.

**RETURNS TO CAPITAL.**

(Associated Press.)

Moscow, Feb. 22.—The Grand Duke Paul arrived here this morning and was met at the station by his two children, who had been under the care of the late Grand Duke Sergius and Grand Duchess Elisabeth.

In one unbroken nocturnal flight the European bird known as the northern bluethroat has been known to travel from Central Africa to the German ocean, a distance of 1,600 miles, making the journey in nine hours.

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## SUGGEST NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT ON ASSESSMENT ACT

#### Recommend Reduction of Tax on Personal Property—Re-adjustment of Impost on Incomes.

The report of the commission appointed to inquire into the workings of the Assessment Act was presented to the House yesterday afternoon, and laid on the table. Quite a number of recommendations are made, among them the reduction of the tax on personal property, and the exemption of book debts and moneys in the bank from taxation.

Following is a full text of the report: To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

By order-in-council, dated the 29th day of December, 1904, the undersigned were appointed to be commissioners under the "Public Inquiries Act," for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the operation of the "Assessment Act, 1903," with respect to its practical bearings on the financial requirements of the province, and a commission, which is returned herewith, was accordingly issued to us for that purpose.

Notice of such appointment, of the purpose and scope of the inquiry, and of the time and place of holding the first meeting of the commissioners having been duly published, the commissioners, pursuant to such notice, met in the office of the minister of finance, parliament buildings, Victoria, on the 10th day of January, 1905, when the Hon. F. Carter-Cotton was selected as chairman of the commission.

Sittings of the commission were held on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th and 26th days of January and the 7th day of February, 1905, and ample opportunity to be heard was given to all persons wishing to appear before the commission. Representations regarding the operation of the said Assessment Act were made to the commissioners personally and in writing by persons from various sections of the province, on behalf of the agricultural, manufacturing, lumbering, mercantile, banking and smelting interests.

Very little objection was made against the taxation imposed on real estate (other than wild land), income or corporations.

The attention of the commissioners was

called to what was regarded as the unfairness of assessing coal and timber lands as wild lands. These lands, it was urged, were not acquired, nor are they held, for agricultural purposes, are in most cases unfit for cultivation, and the carrying on of mining or lumbering operations thereon does not improve them in the manner required by the act to permit them to be assessed as real estate other than wild land, and that there should be a separate classification for such lands. Most of the complaints made to the commissioners were directed against the tax on personal property. It was claimed that this tax is excessive, bears heavily on the farmers and business men, and should be reduced. A considerable diversity of opinion was expressed as to the best method to adopt in assessing personal property. By some it was held that, as far as personal property is concerned, the assessment should be for an amount equal to the net worth of the person assessed, whilst by others it was contended that such a basis of assessment would discriminate against those who purchased for cash, and would encourage the doing of business on credit. With regard to the taxation for book debts, it was urged that the assessing of them sometimes led to dual taxation, and in cases worked hardships, and that it should be abolished. On behalf of the smelting industry it was represented that ores on hand in smelters should be exempt from taxation, as the mine owner producing such ore is liable for the mineral tax thereon.

It was also pointed out to the commissioners that those engaged in some lines of business, the nature of which renders it unnecessary to carry large stocks, but in which, by reason of frequent turnovers, the total annual sales in many cases are very large, do not, under the present system, bear a fair share of the burden of taxation.

Strong protests were made against persons, firms and corporations carrying on business outside of British Columbia being permitted to do, free from taxation, a large share of the trade of the province, and it was claimed that the resident agents and commercial travellers who represent such firms should be compelled to contribute in some measure to the provincial revenue.

The clearing houses, on behalf of the banking interests, claimed that banks, in determining the amount of their taxable income, should be allowed to deduct from their gross profits the losses sustained.

A number of other matters, such as the assessing of subdivided lands at a higher rate than similar adjoining land not subdivided, was brought to the notice of the commissioners, but, in the opinion of the commissioners, most of such matters referred to the administration of the act and should be dealt with by the courts of revision and the department of finance and, consequently, were not within the scope of the inquiry.

After considering the various representations made to them, the commissioners respectfully request to submit the following recommendations:

1. That coal and timber lands should be assessed as wild land, but should be separately classified.
2. That the amount of land to be exempted from the operation of the wild land tax, under the provisions of sub-section (12) of section 2 of the Assessment Act, be reduced to 160 acres with regard to lands situated west of the Cascade range of mountains, and 320 acres with regard to lands east of the Cascade range: Provided that where such lands are situated within a radius of five miles of an incorporated town or city having a population of not less than five thousand people, the quantity of land to be exempted as aforesaid should be limited to forty acres.
3. That the rate of taxation on wild lands be reduced to three per cent. on

the assessed value thereof.  
4. That the rate of taxation on all coal lands from which coal is being mined, and in respect of the coal mined therefrom, the taxes and royalties paid to the crown amount to at least twenty-five cents per acre, one per cent. on the assessed value thereof; on all other coal lands, two per cent. on the assessed value thereof.

5. That the rate of taxation on all timber lands that are being logged, and in respect of the timber cut therefrom, the royalties paid amount to at least twenty-five cents per acre, one per cent. on the assessed value thereof; on all other timber lands, two per cent. on the assessed value thereof.

6. That the rate of taxation on personal property be reduced to two-thirds of one per cent. on the assessed value thereof; and, if such taxes are paid on or before the 30th day of June in each year, a discount be granted to make the rate equal to one-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of such property.

7. That book debts and moneys deposited in banks be exempted from assessment and taxation.

8. That the exemption from assessment of personal property, when under the value of \$750, be repealed.

9. That the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 6B of the Assessment Act, as enacted by section 7 of the "Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1901," be incorporated into the present act.

10. That resident agents representing persons, firms or corporations carrying on business outside of British Columbia, and having no branch within this province, be taxed at a rate equal to one-fourth of one per cent. of the amount of their annual sales, and that for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of such sales it be made compulsory for all such agents to keep proper books of account, showing all transactions carried on by them within the province on behalf of such persons, firms and corporations.

11. That commercial travellers taking or soliciting orders in British Columbia for houses established outside the province, and having no fixed agency here, be required to take out a license, the annual fee for which to be one hundred dollars, payable before any business is done within the province. In the event, however, of such license fee of one hundred dollars being in excess of a sum equal to one-half of the total amount of sales made within the province by the holder of such license during the year for which such license shall be issued, such holder shall have the right to demand a refund of the excess, but in no case shall such refund exceed the sum of seventy-five dollars in any one year.

12. That inasmuch as the taxation of incomes seems on the whole to be one of the most equitable methods of taxation, and also a most convenient plan for meeting the varying requirements of the province, in respect to the amount of revenue to be raised, by changes in the rate of tax, the following be fixed as the minimum rates of taxation of incomes: exceeding five hundred dollars per year: On the amount of such excess up to \$500, four-fifths of one per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$500, and not exceeding \$1,500, one and one-fifth per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$1,500 and not exceeding \$2,500, one and three-fifths per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$2,500, and not exceeding \$4,500, two per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$4,500, and not exceeding \$7,500, three per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$7,500, four per cent.

13. That banks, in determining their taxable income, be permitted to deduct from their gross profits the losses sustained; such losses, however, to be deducted within six months from the time when they are ascertained, and not to cover transactions antedating the time of deduction more than eighteen months.

14. That section 175 of the act be amended by striking out the last six words of the same, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "end of the previous year."

15. That inasmuch as it seems to be impossible to formulate a plan for taxing personal property in a way that will be equitable on all classes, the system of taxation should be directed with the ultimate object of substituting an income tax for any impost on personal property.

16. That the province be divided into assessment districts and all assessments be made by assessors, whose duties should be confined solely to that work. To secure, as far as may be, an equality in the assessments throughout the province, the assessors at stated periods should meet together and compare the basis on which their respective assessments are made, and it is regarded of great importance that assessments be based on personal inspection of the properties assessed at frequent intervals.

All of which, together with a transcript of the stenographer's notes of the proceedings of the commission, is respectfully submitted.

Dated at Victoria, this 16th day of February, 1905.

F. CARTER-COTTON,  
ROBT. G. TATLOW,  
J. BUNZENT,  
D. R. KER,  
Commissioners.

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ABSOLUTE SAFETY should be rigorously insisted upon when buying medicine, for upon that depends one's life. ALLEN'S LUNG BALM contains NO OPIUM in any form and is safe, sure, and prompt in cases of COUGHS, COLDS, deep-seated COUGHS. Try it now, and be convinced.

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**DRESSMAKING done** by the day or at home. Apply 26 Rae street.

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**WANTED-Photo-engraving work** from all parts of the province; satisfaction guaranteed; send for samples. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

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**MASQUERADES, THEATRICALS, ETC.**-Fancy costumes to rent from 50c. For ladies, gentlemen and children. 21 Rae street.

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**TO LET-Two well furnished rooms,** at 170 Yates street.

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A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria. B.C. Telephone call 126.



Don't be dragged away from the fact that our line of wall paper and paints is the largest and most up-to-date in town. Here are some samples of our prices:

Wall Papers from..... 25c. per Roll  
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is common to all humanity until the organs go wrong—then joy is turned to sorrow and food does the body little or no good. If you would return to the ability to enjoy food use

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Sold Everywhere. In boxes 25 cents.

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**FOR SALE-A Semi-Grand piano.** It is in good tune. Especially adapted to drawing room or concert hall. Inquire of Hinkson Siddall, 14 Chancery Lane.

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**FOR SALE-One 8 h. p. engine, with hand wheel;** also one 4 h. p. engine. Furniture, largest stock in town. At Hittancourt's music store, on Yates and Blanchard streets. Phone B518.

**FOR SALE-First-class planer and matcher,** in good working order, 612 Shawigan Lake Lumber Co.

**FOR SALE-Cheap, 1 Excelsior fruit cleaner,** nearly new. Apply A. G. Robertson, Craigflower road.

**FOR SALE-Lady's Crescent bicycle,** in perfect order, \$20. Apply 58 Cadboro Bay Road.

**FOR SALE-On Menzies street,** 5 roomed cottage, paying 10 per cent.; terms if desired. Apply 80 Yates street.

**FOR SALE-Two lots running from Rae street** to Churchway; easy terms. B. Perry Mills.

**HOLLY TREES FOR SALE.** Jay & Co., 13 Broad street. Phone 1024.

**FOR SALE-One horse, light delivery wagon** and harness, \$100; new top buggy, Aberdeen turnout, etc.; one building lot at Oak Bay, would exchange for good horse. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store St.

**FOR SALE-Cedar posts.** Address Oldfield, Box 408, city.

**BILLIARD TABLES, NEW AND SECOND-HAND.** For sale, new and second-hand billiard and pool tables. Inspect our billiard tables in catalogue. The largest selection in Canada. Brunswick, Balke & Colender Co. J. Johnston, Kirk Block, Douglas street, agent, Victoria.

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**NO EXCUSE FOR CHIMNEY FIRES** NOW—Your chimneys cleaned from 50c; no mess, fuss nor bunging; and kept cleaned by the use of Smoky Chimney Cured. Any kind of brick or plastering. Defective flues removed. England over 100 years. Hollis, 4 Broughton street.

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

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COURT VICTORIA, No. 8600, A. O. F. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month. Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street. G. E. Wilkerson, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

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**CEMENT WORKING.**  
SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks, etc. John Bell. Leave orders at Nicholles & Reouf.

**WATCH REPAIRING.**  
A. PETCH, 99 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

**COFFEE AND SPIES.**  
VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Ones and mills, 148 Government street. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

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

**TO ADVERTISERS—We make ones** which enhance the effectiveness of your advertisements one hundred per cent. Nothing so effective as illustrations. From 22 upwards, according to size. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co.

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Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trousance Avenue.

\$800—Cottage, Fernwood road, and 2 lots.  
\$1,500—Cottage, Fort street, and 1/2 lot.  
\$1,100—Cottage, stable and corner lot, Devonshire road.

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**BARGAIN—Two story 7 roomed dwelling,** four acres, all modern conveniences; price only \$2,100.

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In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Part 3, Acre of Section 3, Beckley Farm, Victoria District (Now City).

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land issued to Robert Henry Brown on the 25th day of February, 1880, and numbered 6767A.

S. Y. WOOTTON,  
Registrar-General,  
Land Registry Office, January 29th, 1905.

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

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

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

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

**FOR SALE-25 acres, 12 cleared, good** buildings; \$2,500.  
FOR SALE-20 acres, good buildings, and orchard, etc.; \$1,200.

**FOR SALE-25 acres, 12 cleared, with good** orchard; \$3,000.  
FOR SALE-20 acres, all cleared, good buildings and orchard; \$2,700.

**FOR SALE-200 acres, 50 cleared, good** buildings; \$7,500.  
FOR SALE-150 acres, good buildings; \$1,500.

**FOR SALE-50 acres, small orchard; \$1,250.**  
FOR SALE-5 1/2 acres, good land, all cleared and fenced (close in); \$850.  
FOR SALE-13 acres, 5 cleared, with stock, good buildings, etc.; \$3,000.

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THOMAS CATERALL-16 Broad street. Building in all its branches; wharf work and general jobbing. Tel. 520.

**CONTRACTORS.**  
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**ESTIMATES GIVEN on moving buildings.** Work carefully done at reasonable prices. Johnson & Co., 111 North Pembroke St.

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**CHIMNEY SWEEPING.**  
DON'T BE HUMBLED by intricate falks if you want your chimneys cleaned—Go to the only capable and reliable chimney cleaner in Victoria, Wm. Neal, 32 Quadra street. Phone A881.

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OSTRICH FEATHERS, boas, trimming, etc., cleaned and curried by the best French method; feather boas made to order. Address Mrs. B. Wilson, 109 Pigeon street, successor to Mrs. H. W. Jones, 74 North Chalmers street.

**DYEING AND CLEANING.**  
LADIES' SKIRTS CLEANED and pressed. From 50c. Lash, 104 View street, corner Quadra street. Phone A933.

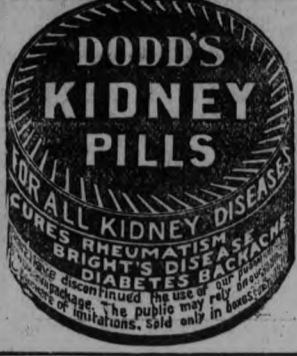
**CLOTHES CLEANING—Gent's clothes** cleaned, pressed, repaired or altered at 136 Hotel street, opposite the Dominion Hotel. All work guaranteed. James Dupen.

**B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS, 141 Yates** street. Largest dyeing and cleaning establishment in the province. Country orders solicited. Tel. 200.

**POTTERY WARE.**  
SEWER PIPE, FIELD TILE, GROND FIBRE CLAY, FLOWER POTS, ETC. B. C. POTTERY CO. LIMITED, CORNER BROAD AND PANDORA STREETS, VICTORIA.

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W. J. HANNA, Graduate U. S. College of Embalming, New York, 102 Douglas street. Office telephone, 408. Residence telephone, 611.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

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lation was unnecessary. He said that in his opinion the general penalties would apply, but others thought differently.

The motion that the committee rise was defeated. Mr. Hawthorthwaite's amendment to the clause providing that two months' imprisonment should result in default of the payment of a fine imposed upon miners working longer than eight hours was lost.

The section then came up setting forth the penalty for a mine owner violating the act. Mr. Macdonald held that this was absolutely unnecessary. The general clauses of the act, he understood, would cover this. That being the case this section was useless. He had understood last session when the bill was introduced providing for an eight-hour day from bank to bank that the system was then in vogue in the Vancouver Island mines. This had been his understanding of the situation as outlined by the member from Nanaimo (Mr. Hawthorthwaite). The member for Ladysmith (Parker Williams) had also given him to understand that this was the situation. That had been his understanding of the conditions.

Parker Williams held that there should be no misconception on this subject. Conditions were not the same to-day in the mines as they were last year. The eight-hour movement was not a Socialist movement. It was a labor movement. The Socialists looked for less than an eight-hour day.

Mr. Oliver held that the Socialist aimed at destroying the property of the capitalist and converting it to socialist property. Mr. Williams contended that the Socialists did not intend to introduce socialist legislation into the House. They had to content themselves with a campaign of education. When the people of the province became converted to Socialism, then the government would be altered to that. Until then the Socialists had to adapt themselves to the present conditions.

Premier McBride said that there was an apparent misconception. The bill of last session was not assented to until two months after it was introduced. The bill was thoroughly discussed. The legislation was not ill-digested, and he complained of such a feeling going abroad. If there were any members who thought this law was not in the right direction let them move in the matter. The bill passed last session did not come into effect until next June. He read in the Times the statement of Mr. Dunsmuir that if this law came into effect he would have to close his mines. Statements of this kind were doubtless affecting the members opposite.

Mr. McInnes did not object to the scolding of the Premier, who had got into that habit lately. He would, however, repeat that a large part of the legislation in the province within the past few years was characterized by experimentation. It would be a relief to the people to carry on their advocations in peace and quietness, and not be in fear and trembling as to what was to be introduced into the legislature. He took occasion to refer to the Premier's repeated reference to the adoption of the mining laws of this province by the United States government for the Philippine Islands. It was a strange fact he said that the United States government had not adopted these laws in any state of the Union, but when it wanted a set of laws adapted to the benighted Philippines it adopted the British Columbia laws. (Laughter.)

While the Premier justified his support of the bill of last session, yet he did not say one word in support of the measure now before the House. The Premier did not dare to do so with the Attorney-General sitting beside him, who had said that it was unnecessary—not solemnly, because the Attorney-General objected to that word. The Attorney-General, he thought, however, could not be said to be given to exhibitions of levity. (Laughter.)

The section was defeated. Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved in amendment to the following section: "Any miner, mine laborer or underground laborer who works underground in any mine for a longer period than eight hours from bank to bank in every twenty-four hours shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than twenty-five dollars."

In the discussion which followed Mr. Hawthorthwaite wanted to know if the leader of the opposition would state that the general clauses of the act imposed a penalty upon mine owners under the legislation of last year.

Mr. Macdonald said that he would say that the general clauses of the act did

apply to the mine owners. He did not think it right for the legislature to impose a penalty upon the mine worker. Mr. Hawthorthwaite took occasion to ridicule the position taken by the opposition benches, and insinuated that overtures had been made to him to join in helping to defeat the government.

Mr. Oliver wanted him to give names of any member who had made any overtures. Mr. Hawthorthwaite said the member for Delta had himself said to him (Mr. Hawthorthwaite): "You look the balance of power in the House," and had then added: "It's in good hands." (Laughter.)

Mr. Oliver denied that he had ever made any overtures to Mr. Hawthorthwaite. Mr. Hawthorthwaite said Mr. Oliver was so anxious to get government office that he would even swallow Socialism to get there.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite admitted that he might have said last session that the legislation would not appreciably affect the hours of work. It must be borne in mind that American methods were being introduced into British Columbia mines. He had supported an amendment of Mr. McInnes providing that mine managers must be British subjects. This was overcome by making these new men superintendents. These men had altered the conditions in the Nanaimo mines, and now instead of eight hours, the men really worked nine hours.

Further discussion followed between Mr. Oliver and Mr. Hawthorthwaite, in the course of which the latter challenged Mr. Oliver to meet him in the opera house and discuss Socialism.

Mr. Oliver agreed, provided the opera house was secured. Mr. Hawthorthwaite said the Socialists of Victoria would see that this was done. The proceeds to go to the Nanaimo hospital.

In concluding, Mr. Hawthorthwaite alluded to the stand taken by the leader of the opposition as representing labor, and intimated that the Liberal party was not true to the cause of the workingman.

Mr. Macdonald said that the member for Nanaimo had in the last few words of his speech revealed what he intended to do by this bill—that was to attempt to entrap the opposition into a position of opposing the cause of labor. He was in favor of an eight-hour day for the workingman, and speaking for the Liberal party he could assure the House that the interests of labor would always be protected. He alluded to the insinuations that the Liberal party had made overtures to the Socialists. This he denied emphatically. No such overtures had ever been made.

Mr. Oliver also took occasion to deny insinuations made respecting himself personally to the effect that he had tried to enter the government of Premier McBride. Mr. Oliver said that either Mr. Hawthorthwaite was misinformed or he was not particular about his facts.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite demanded a retraction, which Mr. Oliver refused. Repeated demands for withdrawal were met by refusals by Mr. Oliver each time. Mr. Oliver said the statement of the position as made by himself was known to all as mildness itself. The Minister of Finance knew there was no truth in Mr. Hawthorthwaite's statement.

John Houston relieved the situation somewhat by interjecting: "Where are we at?" but immediately afterwards the two contestants renewed their demands for retraction and refusal.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said he made the statement as to Mr. Oliver expecting to join a coalition government in good faith. The Premier then arose and impressed upon the chairman that he should rule in the matter, and if necessary appeal to the Speaker.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said Mr. Oliver had charged him with lying. Mr. Oliver said he repeated what he had said, that either Mr. Hawthorthwaite was misinformed or was not particular as to his facts. He had not said that Mr. Hawthorthwaite had lied.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said he accepted the withdrawal. Mr. Oliver: "I do not withdraw." Mr. Hawthorthwaite then moved that the committee rise and report progress. This was carried.

The House then adjourned. Notices of Motion. By Mr. Oliver on Thursday next—That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence, documents, agreements, conveyances, crown grants, or other papers in connection with the municipality of Burnaby for lands in the municipality of Coquitlam.

By J. D. McInnes on Thursday next—That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence, reports of agents and all other documents, from January 1st, 1900, to the present time, relating to the acquisition of a new reservation for the Songhees Indians and their removal from the present reserve.

Questions. Mr. Evans on Thursday next will ask the Attorney-General: 1. Has the province the right to open public roads through the Indian reserves of the province? 2. If not, what steps are necessary to secure such right?

Mr. Evans on Thursday next will ask the Attorney-General: 1. The name and boundaries of all fire districts created by Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council under authority of chapter 84, Bush Fire Act of 1896? 2. How many bush fires have been investigated by the Attorney-General's department during the years 1903 and 1904? 3. How many convictions have been secured against parties guilty of infraction of Bush Fires Act during the years 1903 and 1904? 4. What officers of the department inspect locomotive engines to see that the law is complied with? 5. How often are locomotives inspected? 6. Have the government complied with section 15 of said act by furnishing the required copies of act?

The sentiment in favor of restricting all oppressive corporations in Kansas is growing. On Tuesday a resolution was introduced in the Senate providing for an investigation of the following alleged combinations: Beef, grain, implement, milling and lumber.

"A DAUGHTER OF ERIN" Will Be the New Bill at Crystal Tomorrow Night—Other Performances.

"A Daughter of Erin," the next play to be presented by Clara Mathes and company at the Crystal theatre, comes with high recommendations. It has been a success wherever played. It is said of "A Daughter of Erin" that it is free from any of the objectionable features so often seen in so-called Irish plays, that the laughter is caused by cleverly arranged situations and natural Irish wit, and that it is interesting and amusing always. The specialties are also to be changed. "A Daughter of Erin" will be first seen here at the Thursday matinee. In the meantime "A Russian Spy," a decidedly popular play, will be the attraction. A good house enjoyed the performance last evening, which was given by the company in their usual excellent style.

The Watsons at the Redmond. Another packed house greeted the performance of the "Power of the Cross" at the Redmond theatre last evening, and the fact that the audience was larger than upon the opening night is conclusive evidence that the Watson company have "caught on," so to speak, and that their engagement in Victoria is to be a decided success. To-night's performance of "The Power of the Cross" or "The Christian," will be the last, for tomorrow evening Edward Rose's society comedy, entitled "The Westerner," will be put on to finish up the first week of the new stock season. "The Westerner" is not a melodrama, but strictly a society comedy, all the scenes of which are laid in New York city. The story is that of a whole-hearted chap who has been robbed of his "dust," and the plot works out a most engaging stock deal, and includes a scene on the stock exchange, which for real naturalness has few equals in any drama of modern times.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush." "The Bonnie Brier Bush" again delighted a Victoria audience last evening, the production being staged in a manner equalling that of the previous evening. The veteran, J. H. Stoddart, and Reuben Fax, his capable comedian, as usual shared the prime honors as Lachlan Campbell and Posty. The other members of the company were fair.

Chas. B. Hanford. No more sprightly character has appeared in the English-speaking drama than Don Caesar de Bazan, the hero whom Charles B. Hanford will impersonate at the Victoria theatre on Friday, February 24th. Don Caesar is a beautiful reckless chivalry, such as only a French imagination could conceive and only an English intelligence bring to a plausible realization. He has Gallic vivacity and courtesy, and Anglo-Saxon earnestness and sincerity. The title role is one which should be ideally suited to an actor of Mr. Hanford's striking and agreeable personality, while the part of Maritana will be regarded with particular interest, because of the extensive opportunities it affords that favorite actress, Miss Marie Drouhac.

The company has been engaged with a view to securing players competent to give each of the personages who figure in Don Caesar's singular adventures with the King of Spain a careful and complete representation. The scenery and costumes will be in keeping with Mr. Hanford's record as a lavish and painstaking producer.

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

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents a ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location. A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered a mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be paid on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the location may be extended to 100 acres. The location holder, having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory of an area not exceeding 100 acres. The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of 25% per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; New York, 25, renewable yearly. In the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark, the latter being bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steady power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each five miles of lease. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from the date of the lease, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days of the claim is within ten miles of Mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction. The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only. Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$20. A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned and open to occupation and entry by a free miner. The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory, are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,000 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$5 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council. W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, Dept. Interior.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. In the Matter of the Estate of JANE SOPHIA BALES, late of Victoria, British Columbia, Deceased. Take notice that probate of the last will of the said Jane Sophia Bales, dated 6th September, 1905, was on February 8th, 1905, issued out of this Court to Arthur John Weaver Britman and William Frederick Adams, of Victoria, B. C., the executors therein named. All persons having claims against the said deceased are notified to send full itemized particulars thereof, verified by statutory declaration, on or before the first day of April, 1905, to the undersigned for the executors, who will after that date proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims of which they shall have then received notice. All persons indebted to the deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the said executors. Dated at Victoria, B. C., 10th February, 1905. O'BRIEN & CREASE, 17 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executors. NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Strait of Georgia, on the north by the 60th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway. LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

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**ASSESSMENTS.**

With admirable brevity and lucidity the Assessment Commission appointed by the provincial government to formulate an opinion upon the topic of paramount interest in British Columbia has submitted its judgment to the legislature. The deliverance of the commission practically tears the old Assessment Act to tatters and holds it up as an object of scorn before the public eye. The measure which was regarded by the government as a model of its kind, which had been carefully prepared after consulting all known authorities on the subject of taxation, and which was endorsed by the administration as an act which would extract with the least possible friction and with the greatest possible fairness and equity the funds necessary to the maintenance of the government, the public works and the credit of the province—the act at present in force, it is recommended, shall be so radically changed in its character that none—not even its authors—would recognize it in its new form.

As will be observed from the text of the report, which we publish in another column, the commissioners practically agree that all the objections urged against the present Assessment Act when it was before the House were formulated upon substantial grounds. Such is not said in so many words, but it is the effect of the indictment. The method of assessing coal and timber lands is found to be unfair and inequitable, the wild land tax should be reduced, the rate of taxation on personal property should be brought down to one-half of one per cent., book debts and moneys deposited in banks should be exempt from taxation of any kind, and that to secure a fair measure of equality in the system of estimating the values of property to be taxed assessors should meet at stated periods to compare notes and study data, "as it is regarded of great importance that assessments be based on personal inspection of the properties assessed at frequent intervals."

It may be argued that the recommendation of the Commission that exemption on personal property when under the value of \$500 be repealed will "bear hardly on the class of persons least able to bear the burden." It may also be contended that the provision will result in some persons paying taxes who now escape under the act—persons who are well able to bear their share of taxation. The application of the provision recommended might result in Orientals doing business in the province in various lines becoming taxpayers, as they ought to be. On the other hand, it is difficult to see the manner in which the recommendation, if adopted, would bear hardly upon any class. It is proposed to reduce the assessment to one-half of one per cent. The small farmer is entitled in addition under the act to a discount of 40 per cent. in case his taxes are paid within the time allowed by statute, so that it is evident no hardship would be imposed upon him, while the desideratum at which the government aims, a perceptible broadening of the taxable area, would be obtained.

But section 12 of the report is the keystone of the structure the commissioners have built—and which the government will tear down on the orders of its masters in the legislature. That is, providing the McBride government undertakes the responsibility of introducing any legislation during the present session. It has shown no such disposition yet. To private members has been left the responsibility of initiating all measures. The ministers take but an academic interest in matters affecting the most vital concerns of the province. The member for Nanaimo is the leader of the House. When the members on the government side do not approve of his recommendations and do not care to run the risk of offending the master, they walk into the

corridors and leave the opposition to defend the cause of the whole of the people.

Section 12 of the report reads: "That inasmuch as the taxation of incomes seems on the whole to be one of the most equitable methods of taxation, and also a most convenient plan or meeting the varying requirements of the province, in respect to the amount of revenue to be raised, by changes in the rate of tax, the following be fixed as the minimum rates of taxation of incomes exceeding five hundred dollars per year: On the amount of such excess up to \$500, four-fifths of one per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$500, and not exceeding \$1,500, one and one-fifth per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$1,500, and not exceeding \$2,500, one and three-fifths per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$2,500, and not exceeding \$4,500, two per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$4,500, and not exceeding \$7,500, three per cent.; on the amount of such excess over \$7,500 four per cent."

If this recommendation were adopted it would mean that, interpreted literally, every wage-earner in the province of full age, male or female, would be subjected to an income tax. The commissioners comment upon the difficulties of arriving at the truth in regard to the values of the properties of various kinds that are liable to assessment under the methods at present in vogue. Unscrupulous men will not tell the truth, and escape lightly. Honest men tell the truth and bear an unfair share of the burdens of government. Would the conditions be any different if the basis of taxation were transferred entirely to income? We doubt it very much. There is as much of truth held back with respect to assessable income by the persons most able to pay as there is regarding any other form of assessment. And it would be just as difficult a matter to arrive at the real income of such as it is to compute the assessable value of personal or any other kind of property. On the other hand, the incomes falling below fifteen hundred are for the most part fixed and easily ascertained. The income tax cannot be made an equitable tax. In its present form it is most inequitable and unjust to the man of moderate income. Extended as proposed by the commissioners it would be but an aggravation of an acknowledged evil.

However, the point of interest in connection with the document is not the commendations it contains, but the attitude of the government with respect to them. It is claimed taxation must be increased in order to meet the requirements of the province. As the limit has been reached in one direction, there remains but one of two courses. Business and industry is groaning under the load of taxation. The government must turn either to great corporations or to the masses in order to secure that which it considers necessary. It has not yet touched the pockets of either directly.

**MOMENTOUS QUESTIONS.**

The measure for the creation of two new self-governing provinces within the Dominion is now before Parliament. It is the fourth of the movements of paramount national importance the present government has had to deal with. The first subject to receive the attention of the men of mature thought and deliberate judgment who compose the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the tariff. Our fiscal system was dealt with so effectually from the point of view of the average Canadian that it may now be said to be practically out of politics. The necessary revenue for the government of the country upon liberal lines, avoiding alike extreme prodigality and pinching parsimony, is raised without imposing undue burdens upon the people. Under the system in vogue the industries of the Dominion are not subject to the crushing competition of the long-established institutions of older lands. Manufacturers, it is true, plead at stated intervals that they must have increased protection—from Great Britain's pauper-labor produced goods especially—but their trouble, during the past seven or eight years at all events, has always been prospective, never actual. "Adequate protection" the opposition to the government says it would give. But the two leading organs of the Conservative party in this province only a few days ago confessed in a moment of candor or forgetfulness that "adequate protection" in actual operation in British Columbia would mean increased contributions to federal revenue from our people, while our chief objection to confederation is that we already contribute more than our share of taxation to the Dominion treasury. The question of "adequate protection" can never be raised again in this province, therefore, and, as the Conservative party would be the last source from which to expect a suggestion of a reduction of the tariff, it follows that the Fielding fiscal system is the best suited to the necessities of the country as a whole that could be devised.

The second subject of momentous importance to the country to engage the attention of the Laurier government was the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The terms of the contract have been discussed very fully during the past couple of years. The country has approved of the measure as proposed by the government. It has condemned emphatically the final proposition of the opposition—finally decided upon after much shifting of ground—that the undertaking be prosecuted as a govern-

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ment work. To the West the inauguration, prosecution and final completion of this great work will mean greatly increased activity in every line of business. On the other side of the mountains the increase of population promises to be so large that the creation of two new provinces has been decided upon. In the farther West there has been some spiteful carping, born of intense political disappointment, at the terms of the contract as applied to the section to be constructed in British Columbia. It is claimed that we have been unfairly treated, and that advantages accorded other provinces have been denied us. There is absolutely nothing in the contention. The McBride government, for which these critics speak, was at one time disposed to make the advent of the Grand Trunk Pacific an excuse for the sacrifice of part of the remainder of our provincial assets. It contrived to have intimidated the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme its willingness to consider a grant of land or of something else. It being apparent that anything of that kind would not meet with favor in the Legislature, because the Dominion government has made ample provision for every contingency and for the completion of the line to the coast within the shortest possible time, without the cost of a cent in cash or an acre of land to the province, a very weak and labored attempt is now being made to create an agitation upon the ground that in determining the manner in which construction shall be carried on an injustice has been done this province. The prosecution of the work itself will most effectually dispose of that matter. In a very short time the agitation will be as dead as is the subject of "adequate protection."

The third momentous national question to receive the attention of the Laurier government was that of Canada bearing her fair share of the cost of military and naval defences. The Dominion administration has taken the only course that could be permanently satisfactory to all concerned. As a young, vigorous and wealthy nation, we could not retain our self-respect and continue to take shelter under the arms of the Mother Country. As a self-governing community, believing in responsible government of the extreme type of present-day development, we could not consent to taxation without representation and a voice in expenditures. If we had consented to any such suggestion, the end must inevitably have been trouble, strife, and finally disruption. We have taken the only possible way of solving the problem of defence as far as Canada, under the present political dispensation in Great Britain, is concerned. The talk of Sir Wilfrid Laurier preparing a path leading to independence is the purest humbug. The suggestion that the Dominion government has ignored the terms of confederation in failing to use its influence to have the navy retained at Esquimaux is worse than humbug. The naval station is still here. There is no intimation that the Imperial government intends to abandon it. There has been a change of programme on the part of the Admiralty which has affected in some respects every station within the Empire. It is claimed that the efficiency of the service and the necessity of economy compelled the alteration of the system. Can the possible material effect upon the plans of the Admiralty? The suggestion, as we have said, is worse than absurd. We venture to say that the verdict of the people of Canada will be almost unanimous that the government has done the right thing and the only possible thing in deciding to assume full responsibility for the defence of the country.


The fourth subject of far-reaching importance to Canadians is now before the Dominion Parliament. It has reference to the terms upon which the two new prairie provinces shall be added to the Dominion. The question will occupy a good share of the time of the present session and will be fully discussed from day to day.

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**Result Received With Opposition Cheers —Speaker Had to Intervene to Preserve Order.**

London, Feb. 21.—John Redmond's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne was defeated in the House of Commons to-night by 288 to 236, after a two days' debate on the Irish situation. The amendment declared in effect that "The present system of government of Ireland is opposed to the will of the Irish people."

The result of the debate showed that all agreed that the present system of government of Ireland is unsatisfactory, but there was a distinct disagreement concerning methods by which discontent might be abated and Ireland cease to be a disturbed element in the politics of the United Kingdom.

At the opening of the discussion to-day John Dillon and Timothy Healy supported the amendment.

W. S. Kenyon-Slaney (Independent Conservative) directed his speech more against Home Rule, referring to the claims of Irish-Americans that they had killed the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said that he "supported the policy of a thorough fundamental alteration of system of Irish government." Sir Henry supported Mr. Redmond's amendment in the division, but was unable to secure

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the support sufficient to achieve the real object of the amendment, namely, the defeat of the Unionist party.

Mr. Balfour, who at considerable length defended MacDonnell and Secretary Wyndham, said he profoundly regretted the misunderstanding and knew better than to entertain the suggestion that touched in the smallest degree the honor of any of the principal members.

Mr. Balfour's speech was frequently interrupted by hooting from the Irish members, and the Speaker was obliged to intervene to request order, while Mr. Balfour, who calmly waited until the disturbance was over, on each occasion said that he was not being treated with the courtesy which had been meted to Irish members, and referring to Lord Hugh Cecil's statement that Home Rule was dead, said that at least he could take the view that Home Rule was being buried deeply. He viewed without fear the end of the battle if the great party in favor of union remained undivided: "But it was vital that all smaller controversies should be sunk in this great national and imperial issue."

The announcement of the division showing an unexpectedly large reduction of the government's majority, was greeted with prolonged opposition cheers.

An interesting incident of the debate was the apparent reconciliation of John Dillon and Timothy Healy. When Mr. Dillon rose to speak, Mr. Healy arose from his favorite corner seat in his favor and subsequently handed him a glass of water while he was speaking.

Nothing has been allowed to gain publicity concerning the cabinet council, but it is assumed that for the time being the threatened resignations have been smoothed over.

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**THE CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.**

To the Editor:—In last night's issue "The Mainland" asks "if it is true that the chairman of the school board sends his child to a private school?" I hasten to reply that it is quite true. I do send my oldest girl to a private girls' school, kept by one of the best teachers of our public schools ever had, and if I could afford to do so I should send both my boys to a private school, although they are making satisfactory progress under Mr. Winsby, rather than risk their health and comfort in the dilapidated structure used as a public school in Victoria West. Is not this practical evidence of my belief in the necessity for a new building in the western section of the city?

I am quite satisfied that under the many guidance of their present instructor my boys will grow up having the same contempt for the writer of unsigned letters as their father has.

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**NOTICE**

Take notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next regular sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors at the premises known as the Western Hotel, Store street, Victoria, B. C., to John Henry Gossell. Dated this 20th day of January, 1905.

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All resident commission agents are invited to attend a meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the board of trade rooms.

The social announced to be held tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Capt. Grant, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., has been postponed. It will take place some time next week.

A meeting will be held in the Fernwood hall, Spring Ridge, to-night to organize an association along the lines of the Victoria West Municipal Association, for the discussion of civic matters. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of citizens living in Spring Ridge.

On Friday evening next Far West Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will tender a farewell banquet to their retiring C. C., N. H. Hendricks, in conjunction with the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the order, after the close of the regular business meeting, which will include the installation of the newly elected C. C., vice C., and Prel. There will be no initiations of candidates, but all pages and esquires are welcome to the banquet.

John C. Newbury has received the official notification of his appointment to the position of collector of customs. The salary attached is \$3,000 a year, which was the stipend the late Collector Milne received. The latter, however, as comptroller of Chinese revenue received \$600 a year in addition. He was also receiver of wrecks, but this latter office was honorary, and no salary went with it. So far these positions have not been conferred on Mr. Newbury, and no promotions have followed in the Long room.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mrs. Helen McLean were laid to rest. The funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, 139 Cadboro Bay road, where services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell, assisted by Rev. Dr. Reid. Appropriate hymns were rendered by those present. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pall-bearers: A. Wilson, W. Walker, J. McIntosh, J. H. MacLaughlin, W. H. Dempster and J. L. Crimp.

The concert next Tuesday evening in the Victoria theatre, in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, will be the last of a series of functions in the nature of a farewell to the last remaining cruiser of the late Pacific squadron. It will certainly not be the least successful, judging by the interest already aroused and by the excellence of the programme which has been arranged. This will be understood when it is mentioned that among the ladies who are working for the concert are Mrs. (Senator) Macdonald, Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. (Capt) Parry, Mrs. (Dr) Helmcken, Mrs. Mares and Miss Walsh. The programme, which will appear later, will include many novel attractions. A series of tableaux, representing some of the best known of C. Dana Gibson's sketches of social life, will be presented.

The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending February 21st were \$488,973.

Hair-curling with comb and water. The artist will teach to men the method. At 6 1/2 Trounce avenue, 25 cents.

Mrs. M. Monteith died this morning at the Royal Jubilee hospital. Deceased was 31 years of age and a native of Sweden. Her remains were removed to the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

PERSONAL

A. T. Wilkinson, the owner of the handsome driving span which was the object of universal admiration at the last agricultural exhibition in this city, and which was sold a short time ago to F. Wade, M. C., is in the city again. Mr. Wilkinson comes this time from Honolulu, having arrived last night via San Francisco. He saw the Hawaiian Islands in all their grandeur, visited every point of interest, and, while impressed very much with tropical life, is quite content to return to his British Columbia home. Being heavily interested in stock in this province, owing as he does one of the best farms on the Mainland, Mr. Wilkinson naturally took some interest in the herds raised in the climate from whence he comes, and he tells of visiting one ranch of 32,000 acres, supporting among other live stock 4,000 head of cattle. These animals, he says, have to depend entirely for their water supply on the moisture which falls in dew and on that which they get out of the cactus plant. There is no more indefatigable traveller in British Columbia than Mr. Wilkinson. When he starts out from home it is to get a complete change, and he usually finds it.

W. H. Bone, one of the local directors of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company; H. J. Knott, superintendent of the Victoria district; and J. B. McCallum, local agent, left for Vancouver last evening for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the company which is taking place this afternoon at the Terminal City. This evening at the same city there will be a general meeting of agents, when delegates are to be present from all parts of the province. The Victoria representatives will return tomorrow.

W. J. Leary, of Port Guichon, whose name is mentioned in connection with the management of the cannery being constructed by a local company at Esquimalt, is in the city. He is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

C. Boardman, of the Success Cannery Company, of Vancouver, is in the city on business. He is registered at the Dominion. Miss Queenie McCoy arrived from the Sound, where she has been visiting friends, yesterday afternoon.

Chas. Julian, a prominent Vancouver business man; H. W. Malette, also of Vancouver; Harry Smith and W. R. Robertson, of Duncan; and D. Nelson, of Toronto, are among the guests at the Victoria hotel. James McGill and wife, of Souris, Man.; M. B. Stewart, of Nicola Lake; and S. F. Macdonald, of Ashcroft, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

F. H. Eaton, superintendent of city schools, is confined to his residence with an attack of the grippe.

Detective George Perdus is able to be out again after a several weeks' siege of sciatica.

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The extent of the business done on this route is not generally known. Captain Christensen, who has had command of the tug for several years, states that the number of cars with through freight and freight from Vancouver, which the barge brings across to Ladysmith, averages seven a day during the year. At times the barge is taxed to its capacity. It can only carry twelve cars, and it was found during the busy season of the lumber trade that this was not equal to the demands of the Island industry. For a time last summer three and four cars were left behind at Ladysmith on every voyage.

"And there is already more business in sight for the coming season," says Capt. Christensen, "so that the barge will not nearly handle all the car ferry traffic on the Gulf this year. It should be remembered, however, that she does not now carry the coke which is shipped to the Mainland from Comox on other craft. The Cear occupies six hours in crossing from Vancouver to Ladysmith, steaming about seven knots an hour. The distance from the Mainland to the Island terminus is about 45 miles, or five or six miles longer than between Port Guichon and Sidney, a connection maintained last year by the steamer Victorian. The biggest month's business done by this ferry is said to have been 80 cars, brought this way.

OUTBOUND EMPRESS.

After waiting a day for the delayed English mail, the M. S. Empress of China got away for the Orient last night. Among her passengers is Frederick Palmer, a representative of Collier's Weekly, who is returning to Manchuria in the interests of a New York publication. Other passengers are W. J. Clark, I. Nakazato, E. Wallace, W. Gavin, F. F. Wright and wife, W. W. Williams and wife, P. N. Davis and wife, Miss A. H. Clark, J. H. McCallum, Chas. Kip Yen, Mrs. Adams, Captain J. Leasler, L. Suzuki, M. Kurzuba, Captain E. A. Forsaith, J. L. McPherson, Wm. Helms.

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THE NEW LEAGUE

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THE MINE DISASTER

Hope of Rescuing Any of Entombed Men Has Been Abandoned - Sixty Bodies Recovered.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—The many blackened, bruised and twisted bodies that have been recovered from the Virginia mine late to-night and laid out for identification by heart-broken mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts, tell in part the story of one of the worst mine horrors in the history of Alabama.

Thus far only sixty bodies have been recovered. The recovery of these bodies precludes any idea that any of the entombed men are still alive.

The scenes at the mines to-day were more harrowing than ever have been witnessed in the mining section of Alabama.

Signs of life remained in one of the bodies recovered to-day, and every effort was made to bring the man back to consciousness.

After nightfall, the main entrance to the mine was converted into a veritable chamber of horrors. Many stout hearted men were forced to give up the work of rescue and numerous persons have fainted upon seeing the ghastly array of bodies.

Others fainted, and still others had to be placed in the hands of the attending surgeons, being completely prostrated.

Mine Boss Reid is confident that more than one hundred of the men in the mine were white and he believes all perished.

Sporting News.

BASKETBALL

TO-NIGHT'S STRUGGLE

Local enthusiasts are looking forward to the match to be played this evening between the Tacoma and J. B. A. A. teams.

The former five is representative of the Young Men's Christian Association of that city. They claim the Pacific Coast championship, and are here to demonstrate their right to that title.

Play will commence at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets. In order to accommodate the crowd expected quite a number of additional chairs have been placed at positions of vantage.

When he called at the factory of Turner, Beeton & Co., he saw Miss Brown, the label custodian. The labels were lying on a counter, and Miss Brown asked witness to wait until the return of the foreman. Miss Brown then left the room.

While away Miss Chapman examined the parcel containing the labels. Miss Brown returned, and in her presence Miss Chapman handed the labels to witness. Witness then left the factory.

Cross-examined by prosecuting counsel Mr. Morphy, witness stated that he had been appointed official representative of the U. G. W. of A. by telegram and letter. He had been present at a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, and Mr. Thompson, manager of Turner, Beeton & Co., when a schedule of wages was discussed.

He couldn't say whether all present were satisfied with the agreement then considered. Some of the Trades and Labor Council delegates were opposed to its adoption.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

GARRISON V. EGERIA

An Island League match was played between the Garrison and H. M. S. Egeria teams yesterday afternoon at the Canada grounds. It was very close throughout.

The first half was played through without result, there being no advantage to either side. The sailors played fast, putting all their energy into the game and allowing the soldiers few opportunities to shoot.

The second half play was the same until the last minute, when Brooks put the ball into the net for the Garrison, thus winning the game by one point. C. Goodenough acted as referee.

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Undoubtedly the principal attraction for next Saturday will be the much anticipated match to be played between the Garrison and Victoria United teams at Oak Bay. This will be the first game between these eleven in the Island League.

The civilian team has been greatly strengthened since taking part in the local series. The forward line is completely re-organized.

With Schwengers at centre, that division is the fastest that has ever represented the present civilian team. Governor and Lorimer at full backs and W. Lorimer at centre half constitute a defence that will prove exceedingly difficult to penetrate.

The Garrison team, needless to say, will give a first-class exhibition. Capt. Paley is confident of the result, and is subjecting his players to a rigid course of training.

Play will commence at 3 o'clock, and a special car service will be in operation for the convenience of the crowds attending.

HOW THEY STAND

Appended is the present standing of the Island League:

Table with 5 columns: Played, Won, Lost, Dn., Pts. Rows include Garrison, Victoria United, Egeria, Bonaventure, Victoria West.

The above schedule is the present standing of the teams, but if the game now under protest (Egeria vs. Garrison) is decided in favor of the Egeria it will necessarily give the sailors two more points and reduce the Garrison correspondingly.

BASEBALL

THE NEW LEAGUE

John McCloskey was in Everett on Saturday to talk baseball in connection with the proposed four-team Puget Sound League.

A meeting is to be held to-day in Seattle, at which representatives from Everett, Bellingham and Vancouver will be present to discuss the organization.

It is proposed that Schock shall manage the Everett team, McCloskey the Vancouver bunch, and Dugdale, Bellingham. The teams from east of the mountains may later be taken into the organization.

After a few questions with reference to witness's visit to the Turner, Beeton & Co. factory, Mr. Morphy's cross-examination was concluded.

Magistrate Hall, however, continued the examination of the witness for some time. He asked why defendant had not waited until the foreman returned before leaving with the labels.

Witness replied that he had no reason to deal with the firm. He took the labels in the presence of the custodian, Miss Brown, who had not protested.

In opening his address Mr. Gregory said it was a most extraordinary case. It was an attempt on the part of Turner, Beeton & Co. to make a criminal out of a man occupying a high position in the community.

There never was a case, he had no hesitation in saying, where it was so clear that the defendant had no felonious intent.

Mr. McKay was the authorized representative of the United Garment Workers of America. That was proven and acknowledged by Turner, Beeton & Co., because that firm had dealt with him in his official capacity.

The labels were issued by the union. According to clause 5 of the agreement between the firm concerned and the union these were the property of the latter organization.

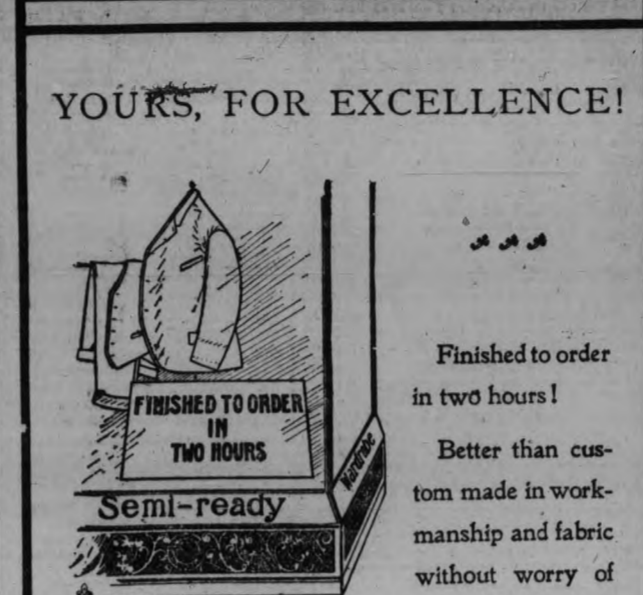
Therefore, Mr. McKay, as their representative, was entitled to withdraw them.

Continuing, Mr. Gregory claimed that Mr. Thompson had acknowledged in his evidence that he had no right to use the labels until signing the agreement.

"There is no evidence to that effect," remarked the magistrate.

In order to allow the stenographer time to look up the notes the case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

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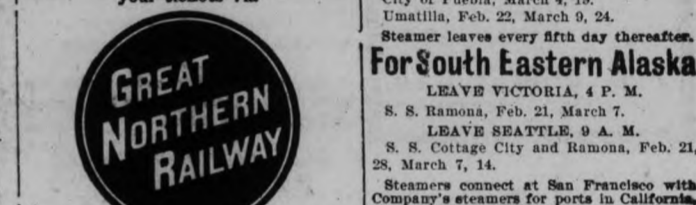
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Forecast. For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 45; minimum, 44; wind, calm; rain, .15; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .54; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 38; minimum, 16; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, fair.

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Act, Hon. Mr. Wilson said that the bill was intended to provide the means for meeting the necessary expense in levying distress. This was largely done by the sheriffs, and no means existed for remuneration for the necessary expense.

The bill passed its second reading, and was committed with W. G. Cameron in the chair. The bill was reported.

Insolvent Law. Hon. Mr. Wilson moved the second reading of the act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons.

The bill passed its second reading, and was committed with J. R. Brown in the chair.

Several suggestions were made by way of amendment by Mr. Macdonald. In consequence a number of sections were left over to be considered again.

Coal Mines Act. J. H. Hawthornthwaite's amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act was committed with J. N. Evans in the chair.

Under discussion, F. Carter-Cotton asked if this bill would not affect materially the working hours in the coal mines and make the hours of work very much less than eight hours.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite explained that the bill of this year was not different from the amendment of last year. This simply provided for the making of the act of last year effective.

Mr. Carter-Cotton thought that there might have been a misunderstanding with reference to the bill of last year as to the hours of work.

Mr. Oliver also thought there was a misunderstanding. The introduction of last year's amendment (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) had stated to the House that the object of the bill was to give to coal miners throughout the province the same length of day as was observed in the mines on Vancouver Island.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that Mr. Oliver had not quoted his remarks of last year quite correctly. While the mines at Nanaimo had formerly been operated about eight hours under the old, staid English management, yet changes had been introduced by the smart American company looking to profits only.

In Northumberland the miners worked only 7 1/2 hours from bank to bank, and in Devon only 7 hours. When the Workmen's Compensation Act was first brought into the House it was threatened that all the great works would close down. That result had not ensued.

There was a mistake with regard to the amount of work which a man could do. In Devon with only 7 hours from bank to bank the men each produced 500 tons a year. In Northumberland, where they worked 7 1/2 hours, 504 tons were mined. In Fife-shire, Scotland, there was an eight-hour day, and only 405 tons were produced. In other mines where a longer day was enforced 286 tons were mined. The lengthening of the day was attended by reduced vitality, and men working underground could not keep up a production. There were fewer accidents also under shorter hours.

The initiation of an eight-hour day in the metalliferous mines had resulted in doing away with the combats between capital and labor. There was no danger of capital withdrawing from this province as long as profit was to be made. There were constant dangers surrounding workers in coal mines. This law would do no harm to even the producers.

The factory acts in Britain had not interfered with the production of the British factories. Capital had no conscience in these matters. This was not a Socialist measure. It in no way represented the Socialists' demands. It was a request from trades unionists.

W. W. B. McInnes asked if the general penalty clauses of the Coal Mines Regulation Act did not apply to these infractions.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said this was a matter of doubt.

Mr. McInnes asked the Attorney-General if these general penalty clauses would not apply to the legislation of last session.

The Attorney-General saw no objection to this act. If as the introducer said it was not effective there could be nothing wrong in removing doubt and passing this amendment. If the legislature made a mistake last session in fixing an eight-hour day from bank to bank that was another question.

Mr. McInnes wanted to know if the Attorney-General understood that the general penalties did not apply to the amendments of last year.

The Attorney-General said he believed they did himself in so far as it applied to penalties with respect to owners. It might not with respect to the men themselves being penalized.

Mr. McInnes wanted to know if Mr. Hawthornthwaite from what workmen this proposal for a penalty came. (Laughter). He would like to know this. It was wise to know where legislation emanated. He had heard no demand by the miners for this legislation.

The Attorney-General said there was no legislation required to punish the owner, but only for the miners. The Attorney-General said there was no need of this legislation. This made the curiosity all the greater.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

OPPOSITION DEFEND CAUSE OF WORKMEN

They Block Attempt of Socialists and Premier to Inflict Heavy Penalties Upon Miners.

Victoria, February 21st. The first lively day in the proceedings of the legislature since the debate on the address took place to-day.

This was in connection with the amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite. Some very sharp passages at arms took place. The government was forced to divide upon the votes, the Premier, Attorney-General and Provincial Secretary voting with Mr. Hawthornthwaite, while the others opposed his various amendments. In committee the Socialist leader also introduced amendments by way of providing for from two to three months' imprisonment in default of the payment of the fines inflicted.

The members of the opposition very clearly outlined the motives actuating the member for Nanaimo in introducing this bill and those of the Premier and the Socialist element of his government in supporting it. The attempt was made to inflict very severe penalties even of imprisonment upon the workmen who violated the provisions of the act by working longer than eight hours. The opposition leader and members supporting him contended that the workman should not be subjected to any such punishment, and that the penalties proposed to be put upon owners was already provided for under the act. Supported by some of the Conservative members the opposition voted these objectionable sections down.

On the Commercial Travellers' Act A. H. B. Macgowan spoke out openly against the measure to the dismay of the members of the government.

Prayers were read by Rev. G. K. Adams. Petitions. The following petitions were laid on the table:

By J. F. Garden—From the Property Owners' Association of Victoria and Vancouver, asking amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

By Thos. Gifford—From Max Macgowan, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver, Upper Stave River & Lillooet Lake railway.

The petition from the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, asking for amendments to the Placer Mining Act, was received.

Papers Presented. The following papers were presented: By the Attorney-General—The third report of the Agent-General's office, 31st December, 1904.

By the Attorney-General—Report of the fisheries commission for British Columbia for the year 1904.

By the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—Return giving copies of all petitions, letters or telegrams bearing on the dismissal of George Findlay as road superintendent in Greenwood riding.

By the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—Return showing the number of timber leases granted from July 1st, 1903, to date, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, the number of days elapsing in each case between the date of calling for and the date of expiry of time for receiving tenders in each case, the amount of bonus paid in each case.

By the Minister of Finance—Statement of special warrants signed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 10th February, 1904, and the 16th February, 1905.

By the Minister of Finance—Return of abstract of receipts and expenditures of the province for the half-year ending 31st December, 1904.

Before the House adjourned the report of the assessment commission was presented.

Resolution. J. A. Macdonald moved the following resolution: "That the correspondence relative to an alleged failure of the hon. the Premier to enforce section 4 of chapter 40 of the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1903-4,' in the coal mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company be brought down."

Premier McBride said that he had no objection to complying with this resolution. When the correspondence was brought down it would be found that the government had not been negligent in any way. He believed that reference was intended to be made to a person holding a position as overman at Fernie, who had not a certificate. As soon as this was brought to his attention he had the mat-

ter set right, and the man was dismissed. Questions and Answers. Mr. Gifford asked the Minister of Fisheries the following questions: 1. Has the attention of the government been attracted to statement in public press that Commissioner Babcock appeared at Olympia, at invitation of Puget Sound Cannermen's Association, and urged passage of Earl's bill? 2. Had Mr. Babcock permission to do so appear? 3. Is the government aware that the Victoria Board of Trade, Westminster Council and Board of Trade, and the Fishermen's Union, have strongly protested against the action which he advocated? Hon. Chas. Wilson replied as follows: "1 and 2. Mr. Babcock had permission to appear, not at the invitation of the Puget Sound Cannermen's Association, but on the request of the chairman of the senate committee on fisheries and of the chairman of the assembly committee on fisheries, but not for the purpose of urging the passage of any particular bill."

"3. The government has no official intimation on the subject." J. N. Evans asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Have the Victoria Power Co. a record of 5,000 inches of water on the Koksilah river? 2. Have the Victoria Power Co. agreed to allow 1,000 inches of water to run over the dam for the benefit of the settlers lower down the river? 3. If so, has the record of the Victoria Power Co. been amended so as to secure the 1,000 inches of water before mentioned permanently for the benefit of the settlers? 4. If not, why not? Premier McBride replied as follows: "1. Yes. "2. Yes, verbally. "3. No. "4. The terms under which the agreement will be carried out are under consideration."

John Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Have the government done anything to give effect to the recommendation of the municipal committee of last year as to the division of the Municipal Act into three classes (see Journals, 1904, page 98)? 2. If not, why not? Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. No. "2. It has not been deemed advisable to do so yet."

Licensing Travellers. On the adjourned second reading of the act for licensing commercial travellers, W. G. Cameron said that he doubted the wisdom of some of the sections of this act. It would affect many who were not really travellers. This act would also make resident representatives of houses liable to pay this license. These persons who took sample rooms and occupied households in the province should not be made to pay the same amount as those who simply came in from outside the province and took orders. There were amendments which might be made in committee. While he did not oppose the endeavor to get more revenue, yet the bill went too far he thought. It might be wise to allow time for those interested to give their views on the subject.

Hon. Chas. Wilson did not anticipate any of the dangers outlined by Mr. Cameron. It would be an easy matter to amend the section whereby local firms would not be rendered liable to pay this license.

A. H. B. Macgowan opposed the bill. It seemed like another rap at the commercial men of the province. He was committed with R. Hall in the chair. The bill was reported.

Distrain Procedure. In moving the second reading of the amendment to the Distrain Procedure

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Crowds thronged the drill hall last evening, both galleries and the seating accommodation on each side of the ground floor being filled to its utmost capacity. The occasion was the Fifth Regiment entertainment in honor of the anniversary of Paardeberg Day, an event that will always remain one of the most treasured memories of members of the local militia. The striking feature of the elaborate decorations was the magnificent draping of the tablet on which is emblazoned the names of the five Victoria heroes who fell while fighting for the Empire in the recent South African war. Two immense flags, the Union Jack and Canadian Ensign, formed an appropriate frame, and attracted general attention, recalling the deeds of those in whose honor the annual celebration has been inaugurated.

To say that the affair was a success would be giving inadequate expression to the feelings of every individual who witnessed everything included in the programme. The grand finale, which consisted of a night attack on a well-armed fort defended by an intrepid garrison commanded by Capt. Langley, and assailed by a determined force in charge of Capt. Winsby, alone was well worth the price of admission. It was carried out with such careful attention to detail that it became instructive as well as interesting, initiating many into some of the mysteries of modern warfare. For instance the ambulance corps was seen performing the grim duties to which that body is assigned with remarkable celerity. Time after time they advanced within the zone of fire, and carried the wounded from the field. Then the care exercised by the advancing party to obtain shelter behind the improvised breastworks demonstrated the precaution necessary in order to conduct a successful attack on a fort prepared for such an emergency, no matter how courageous the men or to what extent the assailers outnumber the defending party. This exhibition was watched with close attention, and the turning on of the electric light showing the attackers standing at the muzzles of the guns of the fort elicited an enthusiastic ovation.

The "fall in" sounded at 7:45 o'clock sharp. The bugle call had scarcely died away before the regiment and High school cadet corps were massed in a compact square. Col. Holmes, district officer commanding, then made his appearance, and was received by a general salute. These formalities, having been complied

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Decision Reached By Advisory Board of the Moscow University.

(Associated Press.)  
Moscow, Feb. 22.—The advisory board of the Moscow university has appointed a commission to devise means for inducing the strikers to return, and pending the report of the commission, closed the university indefinitely.

**THE WHISTLER EXHIBITION.**  
(Associated Press.)  
London, Feb. 22.—August E. Robin, president of the International Society of Painters, Sculptors and Engravers, opened the Whistler exhibition today in a single sentence of French, declaring it open in memory of Whistler.

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**BALFOUR'S REPLY.**  
London, Feb. 22.—In the House of Commons to-day James Keir Hardie (Socialist) attempted to extract from Premier Balfour an expression of opinion of the recent events in Russia, especially the shooting of workmen at Warsaw, and asked if the government had any intention of making representations on the subject.

The Premier, however, merely said: "We have received no confirmation of the story of the shooting of 120 workmen at Warsaw. I must decline to discuss affairs outside the province of the government and the House. It is absolutely impossible for the government to interfere in the national affairs of Russia or express any judgment of those affairs."

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**CZAREVITCH ILL.**  
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(Associated Press.)  
New York, Feb. 22.—A special cablegram to the Sun, from Berlin, quotes the Lokal Anzeiger as saying the Czarevitch is ill and that a specialist in children's diseases has been summoned to attend him at Tsarkoe-Selo.

United States officers in Chicago on Tuesday commenced one of the most exhaustive inquiries ever started under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, by issuing subpoenas for 185 witnesses calling for a federal grand jury to sit March 20th and arranging to produce complete evidence regarding the operations of the packers of Chicago and other packing centres.

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