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ANOTHER CHICAGO STRIKE.

How Employers Obtained Garment Workers to Take Places of Those Who Are Idle.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, March 17.—Girl leaders escorted hundreds of frightened strike breakers to safety from the big clothing factories in the wholesale district, which were besieged by 400 garment workers' pickets. The employers adopted this strategy successfully when it was feared the police would be unable to prevent a serious clash between the union and non-union factions from the

work rooms of the International Tailoring Company. The young women marched through a crowd of jeering strikers without flinching. Behind them were the men employees.

Piano glass windows, valued at \$500, in the office of Lamm & Co., were shattered by strikers who sought revenge for the arrest of rioting pickets an hour earlier. After a non-union watchman employed by the firm had been beaten severely an hour later, bottles and stones were hurled through the windows on the street level and much damage was caused in the interior of the place. The police assert the bottles contained acids intended to destroy clothing material.

## GEN. KOUROPATKIN IS IN DISGRACE

### Has Been Dismissed From Position as Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Forces.

#### Imperial Order, Which Contains No Word of Praise, Disposes of Rumor That Leader Had Asked to Be Relieved—Another Army for Far East.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 17, 1.30 p.m.—With the Japanese hanging on the heels and flanks of the remnant of the broken, defeated Russian army, Gen. Kouropatkin, the old idol of the private soldier, has been dismissed and disgraced, and General Linevitch, commander of the first army, is appointed to succeed him in command of all Russian land and sea forces operating against Japan.

The word disgrace is written in large letters in the laconic Imperial order gazetted this morning, which contains not a single word of praise and also disposes of the rumor that Kouropatkin had asked to be relieved. The Russian military annals contain no more bitter Imperial rebuke.

While it was known that the war council had already decided to supplant Kouropatkin after the Mukden disaster, the decision to confer the task of saving the remainder of the army on Linevitch in the very midst of his flight, although rumored last night, came as a surprise.

It transpires that Emperor Nicholas upon the advice of Gen. Dragomiroff and War Minister Sakharoff determined that the step was necessary when it became apparent yesterday morning that Kouropatkin, while concentrating for a stand at Tie pass, seemed unaware that the Japanese had worked around westward again and had practically allowed himself to be surprised.

Old reports brought by Gen. Grippenberg regarding Kouropatkin's falling mentally, also had influence under the circumstances, therefore it was considered imperative in view of the exceeding

Perilous Position of the Army to turn over its command to Linevitch, who alone has been able to bring off his army in order after the battle of Mukden. His record during the Chinese war had also demonstrated his capacity as a commander. Kouropatkin will return to St. Petersburg forthwith.

The task confided to Gen. Linevitch of drawing what is left of the great army of 350,000 men to Harbin is a desperate one. He is hemmed in on all sides. Kawamura presumably is pressing northward through the mountains to the eastward ready to swoop down. Gen. Nogi and Gen. Oku are on the west of the railroad is threatened, if not already cut, and Chinese bandits are even reported to be in the rear of Harbin.

A consummation of the Mukden disaster is feared. Napoleon's plight in the retreat from Moscow with Kutusoff's Cossacks harassing the starving, freezing Frenchmen, was hardly as bad or dangerous.

Nothing further has arrived from the front, but it is feared that the decimated battalions which had hardly recovered from the demoralization on the Mukden retreat, have again been thrown into confusion by Field Marshal Oyama's

Relentless, Merciless Pursuit. The war office greatly fears that more of the siege and field guns which Kouropatkin managed to save at Mukden have been sacrificed in the hurried flight from Tie pass.

The question of ammunition and food is also vital, as it is known that the Russians were compelled to burn further stores at Tie pass, where the commissary was only beginning to feed the half famished troops when the new retreat was ordered, but even in the face of the complete loss of the army and the admitted fact that Vladivostok is already possibly lost, the Emperor still shows no signs of yielding. Preparations for continuing the war on a larger scale than ever are proceeding. The dietman has gone forth that another army of 450,000 men is to be dispatched to the Far East, and in order to avoid delay it has been decided, instead of sending only reserves for new armies, large number of regular units, leaving the reserves

To Replace the Regulars in garrison duty at home. Throughout the war many military men have contended that it was a fatal mistake to send reserves, large number of regular units, leaving the reserves

Even in the most optimistic quarters, however, it is realized that a general mobilization is likely to be accompanied by widespread disorders unless the composition and functions of the popular representation by the Imperial receipt

are more satisfactory than now appears probable. Practically no progress is being made by the Boulgan commission. The Emperor has been so much occupied with the war situation that he has twice postponed action on Governor-General Boulgan's recommendations, and the latter is represented to be so dissatisfied that he desires to resign and turn over the work to his assistant, M. Vatazki.

The war council, it is also understood, has definitely decided that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky shall continue his voyage and

Give Battle to the Japanese

In the morose hope of wresting control of the sea from Admiral Togo. If Rojestvensky is successful, it is claimed that an entirely new complexion will be placed on the situation.

In the meantime, the completely disheartened ranks of those who are crying for peace are growing, the strange convert being Prince Maschtersky, who, as shown by an article in the Grashdini, this morning, has become suddenly a zealous advocate of reform, declaring that to make an end of the war would not require more heroism than to conclude the case after victory. He thanks God for sending defeat instead of victory, which he says would only cover with laurels the gaping wounds and miseries of the poverty stricken people and the "badly fed and badly clothed, but heroic soldiers, justified robbers of a peaceful country, the glorified though faithless servants of the Emperor are exhorted to patience, after the present trials and are urged to give rebirth to honor and duty."

REPORT THAT JAPANESE HAVE CUT RAILWAY

St. Petersburg, March 17.—6.17 p. m.—There is a persistent report that the railroad communications have been cut behind the Russian army.

No official dispatches have been given out up to this hour, and no private or press dispatches have yet received. News is awaited with intense anxiety.

THE BURNING OF SUPPLIES BY RUSSIANS

Tokio, March 17.—A telegram received to-day from the army headquarters in the field says:

The railway station at Tie Ling is a splendid structure, and its arrangements equal those of the station at Liao Yang. The enemy's provisions and fodder piled around this station were set on fire and two-thirds of the material was destroyed.

"We captured numerous spoils but have had no time to investigate them. A great number of prisoners have been taken in the direction of the right wing, but the details of their capture have not yet been received."

FIELD-MARSHAL OYAMA'S ARRIVAL AT MUKDEN

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, March 15.—Field Marshal Oyama and staff entered Mukden this afternoon. They were met at the south gate by many troops camping near Mukden, who lined the streets displaying their battle flags. The Chinese officials welcomed Field Marshal Oyama and thousands of Chinese congregated in the streets to witness his entrance. The buildings and streets were decorated and thousands of Japanese flags were exhibited.

THE FLIGHT OF RUSSIANS FROM TIE PASS

With the Japanese Left Army, March 16, 10 a. m., via Fushun, March 17.—The pursuing armies fully occupied Tie Pass at midnight after a severe fight, the Russians retiring north in confusion after setting fire to the railroad station and supplies.

The successful conclusion of the advance mission makes the movement the greatest in modern history. The armies covered almost ninety miles in a fortnight, fighting practically every inch of the way.

It is not probable that the Russians will make another stand south of Harbin.

BODIES WERE PILED TOGETHER IN SCORES

Gen. Oku's headquarters, March 11.—Via Yinkow, March 16.—From information received from Russian prisoners and evidence at Mukden, it is estimated that General Kouropatkin's forces at the beginning of the battle of Mukden consisted of over 480,000 men. His loss in killed and wounded before March 10th is estimated at 70,000. Nearly all his wounded were removed north before the railway was cut. Less than 10,000 remain

## HOTEL CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, March 17.—A. E. Barrett, Seattle, gets the Victoria hotel contract; price, \$500,000.

ed in Russian hospitals at Mukden. Three hundred Japanese were found in these Russian hospitals also.

Reports as to the number of prisoners captured are yet incomplete. Over 20,000 were captured in Mukden, including the wounded.

The Russians set fire to stores and the railway station, but they were only partially destroyed. The Japanese saved large quantities of flour and bean cake and other supplies. Many buildings in the Russian settlement were burned, the Chinese having fired them when the Russian retreat began, supposedly for the purpose of robbery. Many outrages were committed in the Chinese city during the retreat, according to statistics told.

It is said Cossacks murdered two Italian merchants because they refused to give them money. The Japanese are investigating all reports of outrages.

The work of clearing the second army's battlefield began in earnest to-day. The bodies of the Russians are being buried, and those of the Japanese are being cremated. The battlefield, especially in the vicinity of Likampou, five miles west of the railway, presents a terrible sight. Fully 2,000 bodies are still lying on the left.

A division of Japanese attacked Likampou and a small village to the south, and drove the Russians out, inflicting much damage. The Russians on being reinforced counter-attacked the village, in turn driving out the Japanese and inflicting enormous losses. The Thirty-third Regiment, south of the village, was practically annihilated on the front by the artillery fire before the infantry attack.

The Japanese were greatly outnumbered when the attack began, and their dead were piled in heaps beyond the low mud walls of the village. The Russian dead were scattered over the field, almost carpeting it. There were also evidences of desperate hand-to-hand fighting near the village. The bodies of the Japanese and Russians were piled together in scores. The bodies show many wounds, indicating that the men were fighting to the last, though wounded.

Likampou was the scene of the fierce street and house to house struggles. Every street, lane and compound wall showed its heap of dead.

Many buildings were burned, cremating the wounded who crawled into them for shelter. For the advancing troops to seek cover was impossible, on account of the frozen ground, and both the Japanese and Russian charges were moved across the open fields.

The fighting at this point was probably the most deadly and desperate of the entire war thus far. The Chinese were not allowed on the field, for it was feared that they would rob the dead. Hundreds of Japanese soldiers are engaged in clearing the field, burying or burning the dead.

Most of the Japanese wounded have been removed to the hospitals in Mukden.

OFFICERS OF CAPTURED STEAMERS RETURN

San Francisco, March 17.—Officers from five British steamers that were captured by the Japanese while trying to run the gauntlet at Vladivostok have arrived here from Yokohama. The amount of the several cargoes of these steamers falling into the hands of the Japanese reached nearly 25,000 tons. The captains remained behind in Japan with the vessels, awaiting the final decision in the matter of the captures.

FIVE RESERVISTS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Warsaw, March 16.—Reservists who were waiting in the barracks at Wolokow, government of Grodne, formed a conspiracy to foment organized disturbances among the troops in order to avoid being sent to Manchuria.

The offenders were court-martialed, five of them being condemned to death and executed March 13th, and four were sentenced for life and eight for twenty years' penal servitude.

The mobilization of the Fifteenth and Nineteenth corps, stationed in Poland, is expected shortly. The attempt to call out the reserves in the government of Siedle, which is the centre of the present agitation, is certain to meet with violent opposition.

RUSSIA WILL ISSUE INTERNAL CREDIT LOAN

St. Petersburg, March 17, 5.30 p.m.—An internal credit loan of \$100,000,000 on a five per cent. basis is now being negotiated by the minister of finance. The loan will be floated probably in a short time. The price of issuance has not been determined upon, but probably will be 93 to 95.

The Associated Press was informed at the ministry that the issuance of this loan is entirely independent of the French negotiations which has not yet been concluded. Domestic rents will be issued for a long time and will, as in the case of the internal credit loan, not be subject to the obligations of foreign loans. The payment of the interest and principal will be in gold and probably will be taxable.

TRAINS BLOCKED

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—Serious financial loss to shippers and the prospect of a partial famine in Los Angeles in some lines of food stuffs are the principal developments of the declaration of railroad traffic to and from this city by reason of the storm of Sunday and Monday.

## "HIGH-HANDED AND ARBITRARY ACT"

### JUDGE'S COMMENTS ON ACTION OF ASSESSOR

#### Provincial Government Will Have to Pay Cannery Company Fifteen Thousand Dollars Damages.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, March 17.—In the case of the Canadian Canning Company vs. W. L. Fagan, provincial tax assessor, Mr. Justice Duff today gave judgment for the plaintiff with damages of \$15,000 against the provincial government.

Mr. Fagan assessed the company's cannery property, but failed to give notice to the company. Then while correspondence proceeded between the company and the government Mr. Fagan took distress proceedings, selling five hundred cases of salmon to cover the taxes. Because this was shown by the plaintiffs, Mr. Justice Duff took the view that the sale was "a high-handed and arbitrary" act, utterly inexecutable.

Mr. Justice Duff added: "The amount I have mentioned will make it plain that this sort of thing will not be tolerated in this country, where the rights of citizens are the same as the crown."

## TO TEST SINCERITY OF GOVERNMENT

### RUSSIAN LIBERALS WILL ORGANIZE DEBATING CLUBS

#### While Strike Situation is Improving, the Agrarian Movement is Still Causing Uneasiness.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The Zemstvos, Doumas, etc., throughout Russia are taking advantage of the Imperial ukase, issued simultaneously with the rescript, conferring upon "individuals and institutions" the right freely to petition the Emperor through the committee of ministers on all questions affecting the welfare of the empire, to demand representation upon the commission which is elaborating the rescript. The importance of the ukase, which was largely overlooked at the time, has now become a powerful weapon in the hands of the Liberals, who contend that it necessarily carries with it a complete guarantee of freedom of speech and of assembly without which the right to petition on general questions would necessarily be a farce, and also freedom of the press for the discussion of such questions.

They now propose in order to force a test of the government's sincerity openly to organize clubs for the purpose of debating political questions.

The Moscow and St. Petersburg Zemstvos have already voted strong resolutions demanding representation on the rescript commission.

The strike situation seems everywhere to be improving. The Social Democrats here have advised the strikers, who are without money and confronted with starvation, to return to work.

On the other hand, the prospects of agrarian disturbances on a large scale are becoming more threatening and are causing the deepest concern. Many landed proprietors are afraid to go back to their estates. The movement has not assumed a political phase, but is in the old form of a demand for a redistribution of the land. Agitators are spreading the report that the Emperor has decided such a division, telling the peasants that the proprietors do not want to submit, and thus setting them against the landlords.

"In the Emperor's name," the agitation has now spread to Simbirsk province where the peasants are making ready to begin a division of the land as soon as the snow melts.

It is reported that the Terrorists have formally notified the government that they will cease their activity for a month and await the result of the rescript.

A story is current that a plot in the Araratste page corps have been unearthed, incriminating papers have been discovered on the person of a student named Verzhbitsky, son of the general of the same name, and on another student. The authorities, however, deny the plot.

"WILD MAN OF BORNEO"

(Associated Press.)

Waltham, Mass., March 17.—Henry W. Davis, eighty years of age, one of the original twins who for many years toured the country as "The wild man of Borneo," died at his home last night of general debility.

## SECOND READING OF AUTONOMY BILL

### WILL LIKELY TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 17.—Your correspondent learns on good authority that the educational clause of the Autonomy bill has been so amended as to permit every Liberal member for the Northwest giving it his endorsement and support. It is just possible that an announcement to this effect will be made by the Premier in the House to-day. At all events, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will state that the second reading of the bill will be proceeded with at an early date, most likely on Tuesday next. There will be no reference to the Imperial privy council. Indeed, the clause which merely perpetuates the existing class of schools in the West has been so framed as to meet the views of almost the entire Liberals of the House. H. Bourassa may vote against it, and so may L. G. McCarthy. The views of the West have been embodied in the amendment. What the western Liberals wanted to begin with was to continue what they now had, and Premier Laurier said that if he were dictator he would do the same thing.

At the meeting of the banking and commerce committee to-day, Hon. W. S. Fielding made an important announcement. He said that the government will take power at this session of parliament to sell annuities, as is done in Great Britain and by the Ontario government.

Manitoba's Boundaries. A Winnipeg delegation, accompanied by all Liberal and conservative members of Manitoba, waited on the government to-day, and asked that the western boundaries of the province be extended straight north to the 60th parallel, and north and east to Hudson's Bay and to the Ontario boundary, including all that part of Keewatin. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he would consider the matter.

Century Life. At the banking and commerce committee meeting to-day the Century Life Insurance Company bill, a British Columbia concern, was discussed. It was given one year's extension of time. The finance minister and other members of the committee opposed the bill. Hon. W. S. Fielding said that the company was organized in 1901. The law gives two years to organize. This company had two years extension already. When the charter was granted the money should follow. R. G. Macpherson said that \$250,000 has been subscribed, of which ten per cent. was paid in. The bill was reported.

St. Patrick's Day Parade. There were 3,000 people and four bands in St. Patrick's Day parade to-day. Father Whelan delivered a sermon at St. Patrick's church, and E. B. Devlin, M. P., gave an address in St. Patrick's hall.

TWO NEGROES SHOT. Opened Fire on Officers Who Surrounded Their House and Were Killed By Police.

(Associated Press.) Greenville, Miss., March 17.—Officers who went from here yesterday to arrest the negroes who shot Deputies Dyer and Leonard on Wednesday night, returned last night with two dead negroes and two prisoners. The officers were met by a posse and went to the house where the arrests the officers' posse were fired upon from the windows of the house and from a cotton pet near by. The officers returned the fire, and surrounding the house captured two of the negroes and found two dead. Much excitement prevails, and it is feared the affair will lead to serious race trouble.

MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH. Doctors and Chemist Reply to the Jordan-Hopkins Statement.

(Associated Press.) Honolulu, March 17.—Edmund Sherry, chemist of the United States agricultural station, and Doctors Wood and Humphries have signed a statement replying to President Jordan and Timothy Hopkins, who have just announced their conclusions that the death of Mrs. Stanford was due to natural causes. They characterize the statement of these gentlemen as astonishing, and reiterate their finding that strychnine was the cause of death. They say that the publication of the Jordan-Hopkins opinion makes it incumbent upon them to reply.

They give the following reasons among others that death must have resulted from strychnine poisoning: Mrs. Stanford died during a characteristic strychnine convulsion, which was seen by Dr. Humphrey and Murray; the post-mortem in every respect gives the evidence of an authentic case of strychnine poisoning, and these, combined with the fact that strychnine was found in the bi-carbonate of soda which was used by the deceased, furnish a chain of evidence that would withstand the fiercest assaults.

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IS THE RUSSIAN RETREAT CUT OFF? JAPANESE REPORTED NORTH OF THE PASS

Enveloping Movement Still in Progress. Gen. Lioevitch Will Be New Commander-in-Chief.

London, March 17.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times gives unconfirmed reports that the Russians sustained severe reverses at the Pass, involving the abandonment of their remaining artillery.

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fortified positions in readiness, and the retreat probably will not stop short of Kirin or Kuanchnay, on the railway line.

It is officially announced that General Kouropatkin will be replaced by General Lioevitch as commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army.

Winnipeg, March 16.—A pioneer missionary of the Red River passed away this afternoon at St. Norbert, in the person of Monsignor Ritchot.

GAZETTE NOTICES. List of Government Appointments as Officially Announced—Other News.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Victoria Meteorological Office, 8th to 14th March, 1905.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 17-5 a. m.—The barometer is low over the Western portion of the continent, and cloudy and showery weather prevails from the Straits of Fuca to California, with moderate winds on the Coast. Snow has fallen in Alberta, and mild weather is reported in Manitoba.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate southerly and westerly winds, mostly cloudy, with showers, chiefly at night.

Lower—Mainland—Light to moderate winds, cloudy and cool, with showers.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, fair, fog.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, clearing. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 40; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 20 miles N. W.; rain, .04; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 28; minimum, 21; wind, 8 miles N.; snow, 1.02; weather, fair.

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Hon. F. J. Fulton introduced a new section prohibiting shooting in any portion of Victoria Arm between Point Ellice bridge and Gorge bridge, which was carried.

Hon. Mr. Fulton moved the following new section: "Section 3 of said act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor: '3. It shall be unlawful for any person at any time—'

"(a.) To kill any game bird or animal protected by this act between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise: "(b.) To buy or sell the heads of moun-

"(c.) To use for fishing or killing wild duck of any kind, or goose, any of the contrivances described or known as batteries, swivel guns or sunken punts in non-tidal waters:

"(d.) To expose for sale any deer, mountain sheep, goat, elk, moose or caribou without its head on, or any game bird without its plumage."

He explained that this simply added elk, moose and caribou in section (b) and in section (d) only deer had been formerly within the provision.

The section was adopted. Dr. Young moved to allow of the shooting of game by those engaged in placer mining. Several difficulties were suggested, and the section was allowed to stand over.

R. Hall moved the following as a new clause: "No person domiciled in this province (save those exempted from the provisions of this act) shall at any time hunt, kill or take any of the animals protected by this act, without being authorized by license; such license to be issued by any government agent upon payment of two dollars, and to continue in force during the current game season."

In support of this, Mr. Hall said that sportsmen generally wanted this. Those who engaged in shooting should readily agree to aid in this way in conserving the game. In the United States it was found necessary to enact legislation like this. He would exclude farmers if it was thought best from these provisions.

"What about lawyers?" asked W. J. Bower. "I would not allow them to go out shooting, at all," replied Mr. Hall. (Laughter). If this gun license was not allowed he would favor limiting the age of those who went out shooting. Game was being indiscriminately destroyed, and he believed a two years' close season for grouse on Vancouver Island was necessary.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said he favored the gun license himself, but was disappointed at this time to introduce this. He was glad to find that the province was coming to a decision to protect game.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite thought that there was not a general feeling in favor of the gun license among sportsmen. This was largely supported by those who wanted a preserve for their deer. Why was it not proposed to put a tax on knickerbockers then? (Laughter). Those who dealt in firearms were also to be considered in this.

W. J. Bower said that Mr. Hall had last year championed the women; this year he championed the ducks. The opposition was being rapidly educated to taxation.

Parker Williams said that the sportsmen of the working class did not require this gun license. It was he believed supported by the "pop gun" class, which could not sleep if an exclusive privilege was not allowed.

John Oliver said that the farmer in no small measure fed the game which committed a great deal of depredation to his crops. Now the farmer was to be asked to bear his part in the taxation to provide for the protection of the game.

J. N. Evans thought there were sufficient police in the province to enforce the game act. If these men did not do their duty the government should make them.

T. W. Paterson alluded to the fact that the Provincial Secretary had said that he favored a gun license but the time was not opportune for its introduction. After hearing the speeches of Messrs. Hawthornthwaite and Williams it was quite evident why it was inopportune. (Laughter).

The Premier raised the point that the motion of Mr. Hall was out of order, as it affected taxation.

Chairman Henderson ruled the motion out of order. Mr. Hall said he had that point in mind when he introduced it, but he thought that the government with such a desire to find ways for increasing taxation would accept it. (Laughter).

Hon. Mr. Fulton moved the following new section: "Section 3 of chapter 31 of the statutes of 1904, being the Game Protection Act Amendment Act, 1904," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "3. It shall be unlawful at any time on Vancouver Island (or the islands adjacent thereto) to buy or sell, to offer for sale or market, to barter for, or exchange any deer, alive or dead, or any portion or part of a deer, or the skin or hide of any deer; and it shall be unlawful to export from British Columbia any deer, alive or dead, or any portion or part of a deer, or the skin or hide of any deer."

This section passed. The minister moved another amendment affecting the license to non-residents of the province. This retained the same license fee of \$50 as at present for those who indulged in shooting "big game." Provision, however, was made for non-residents to come into the province and shoot game birds for one week at a license fee of \$5.

This was adopted. J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved in favor of disallowing the keeping of game in cold storage at any time. This was allowed to stand over at the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Fulton.

The committee rose and reported progress. Noxious Weeds Act. The order for the second reading of the Noxious Weeds Bill was discharged. Assessment Act Amendment.

Hon. H. G. Tatlow on the second reading of this bill did not intend to increase taxation on the people, but went in the other direction. He went into the work of the commission and said that it had given general satisfaction. The commission was in no way a court of revision but was intended to arrive at conclusions which might be expected to make the act more equitable. He outlined the main features of the bill, instancing the new classification of wild, coal and timber lands.

Provision was made by which small stores, such as Chinese and Japanese, would be taxed. The minister said that it had been considered fair to exempt one at the smelter which had paid the 2 per cent. mineral tax.

"What about logs in the boom?" asked F. W. Paterson. "We'll come to that again," replied the minister. The taxation on banks was being raised. The object was to make a more careful collection of the revenues and make up for a loss which would result from the act. For this purpose it was deemed more equitable to assess the logging districts. This would be done next year. The assessors would cover their districts and meet as a board once a year. The personal property tax was not a desirable one. It was agreed that it should be done away with as soon as a substitute could be found. The great object in view in this legislation was eventually to confine taxation to income and real estate. J. A. Macdonald moved the adjournment of the debate, which was carried.

Second Reading. The Coal Tax Act was read a second time. Private Bills. On the report to the bill to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, J. A. Macdonald moved the following: "Whenever a line of railway desires to connect with this company's line of railway it shall have the right to so connect, and whenever a line of railway so connects, and it is proved to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council that from the nature of the country or other circumstances it would be impracticable, except at heavy expense, to build a parallel line, or that the public interests would be better promoted by giving to such company running powers for their trains over the line or lines of this company, it shall be lawful to grant such powers under such limitations and conditions as to compensation and otherwise as to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council may seem just."

Mr. Macdonald added that if Mr. Clifford objected to this he would alter it so as to provide that connection should be given with the line by any other company. The general railway act would thus apply. At present the difficulty was that there was nothing in the general act to force the connection between lines. Premier McBride suggested that Mr. Macdonald should bring this in as an amendment to the general railway act. Mr. Macdonald agreed to this. The Premier consenting to lend his support to this. The report was adopted.

The report on the bill respecting the Pacific Northern & Okanagan Railway was adopted. The bill respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo & Pacific Railway Company was again considered in committee. The committee rose and reported the bill complete. The House adjourned until to-morrow.

Questions. John Oliver on Monday next will ask the Minister of Finance: 1. What is the rate of interest paid on overdraft on dyking account? 2. What is the amount of interest due to December 31st (by districts) on dyking account? Mr. Oliver on Monday next will ask the Attorney-General: 1. What was the total cost to the government of the prosecution of Dr. Telford at the Vancouver assizes? 2. What was the total amount paid for legal advice and legal services in connection with the prosecution of Dr. Telford, and to whom was this money paid?

Notices of Motion. Mr. Hawthornthwaite to move, in committee of the whole on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1903," the following amendments: In section 5, line 5, to strike out the words "one per cent. upon the assessed value of real estate," and substitute the following: "Three-fifths of one per cent. upon real estate of the assessed value of \$2,000, and one per cent. upon the assessed value of all real estate over the assessed value of \$2,000."

In section 5, line 36, to strike out the words "of not less than twenty acres in extent." EXTENDING OPERATIONS. H. J. Knott, of This City, Will Launch B. C. Permanent Work in New Brunswick. H. J. Knott, local manager of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company, leaves early next month for St. John, N. B., having been intrusted by the management with the work of launching the business of the company in New Brunswick. The B. C. Permanent have invaded the Territories, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, and now propose to still further extend their operations. The selection of Mr. Knott for this responsible duty is a tribute to and recognition by the managing board of his excellent service to the organization, which has prospered exceedingly in Victoria under his direction. "He will leave in a few weeks for St. John, where he will spend the summer. It is expected that by the fall the work of organization will be sufficiently advanced to permit of Mr. Knott returning to his post here. He will be accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Knott. The local office during his absence will be in charge of the cashier, Mr. Mason.

TAKE-OVER GUNS. Seven Brought Around From Esquimaut for the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Yesterday afternoon the Nordendick quick-firing guns, which, as announced in the Times a few days ago, would be taken over from the naval yard at Esquimaut, were brought around to the old customs wharf in James Bay, where they have been stored until the department at Ottawa issues orders for their disposition. In what connection they will be used Capt. Gaudin, the local agent of marine and fisheries, is not in a position to state. Capt. Newcomb, of the harbor protection steamer Kestral, has applied for a couple of the guns to replace those now aboard that vessel, but while this request may be granted it is believed none will be installed on the Quads. There are seven of the guns. They are brass mounted and five barreled. Capt. Gaudin considers that they were obtained at a very reasonable price. Four of the guns had been in use on the torpedo boats recently sold by the navy at Esquimaut, and three others were in the cases just as they had been shipped from England.

DEATH OF MRS. W. WAINWRIGHT. Montreal, March 16.—A cable was received here to-day announcing the death of Mrs. Wainwright, wife of W. Wainwright, general assistant and controller of the Grand Trunk Railway, at Weston-Super-Mare, England. Deceased was a Miss Arnold, formerly of Toronto. The Local Anesthetist says Japan is sounding German banners with reference to the placing of a Japanese loan on the German market.

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EDUCATION AND POPULATION.

In Great Britain as well as in Canada federally and provincially the school question is at the present time a subject of warm controversy. The education act recently passed by the Balfour government has done more to weaken the Conservative administration than the fiscal question or the controversy respecting the late war in South Africa.

The story of recent years with respect to the unfruitfulness of the nations which pride themselves upon their progressive-ness is repeated in the British Registrar-General's returns of the past year. The returns show that for the year 1903 the total of births and deaths throughout England and Wales was the lowest on record.

Mr. Weller's "obiter dictum" that "more widowers are married than single women" is not borne out by statistics, which show that the rates of remarriage of widowers and widows have been steadily declining for some years past. During 1903, 522 persons are described in the marriage registers as having been previously divorced.

fewer children than they did. But it must be remembered that these phenomena are not confined to this country. They apply to most others, and to some in a far greater degree. England and Wales occupy a position about midway in the list of countries in which the average increase per thousand of the population is shown:

Queensland, 18.0; Tasmania, 17.4; New South Wales, 17.0; New Zealand, 16.4; German Empire, 14.4; Russia, 14.3; Scotland, 11.9; England and Wales, 11.8; Austria, 11.4; Japan, 9.6; Ireland, 5.1; France, 1.2.

The decrease in the death rate is a much more satisfactory matter. Since 1854 there has been a steady decrease. Then, it was 23.5; in 1903 it was 15.4. A decrease in the rates of infant mortality is also very gratifying. The mean proportion during the ten years 1893-1902 was 152 per 1,000. In 1903 it was 132 per 1,000 deaths registered.

As to the causes of death, consumption, it is sadly shown, remains the great scourge of the race. Pneumonia comes next, then bronchitis and cancer fourth. Here are the deaths per million of a few of the most deadly diseases:

Consumption, 1,206; pneumonia, 1,124; bronchitis, 1,112; cancer, 872; heart disease, 823; diarrhoea, 542; Bright's disease, 283; measles, 274; influenza, 180; diphtheria, 182; scarlet fever, 125; enteric, 100.

"Old age" is returned as the cause of death in 902 cases per million. Deadly as consumption continues to be, there is happily a steady fall in the mortality from this disease. It is only three-fifths of what it was twenty-five years ago.

Some diseases are dying out altogether. There was not a single death from rabies in 1903, and very few from typhus.

WOUND NOT BE SAFE. In the abstract it might be reasonable to assume that a provincial government, by reason of proximity and better facilities for arriving at an understanding of local conditions, should be in a better position to make regulations for the administration and the conservation of fisheries than a federal government, with headquarters thousands of miles from the scene of action.

to be turned to commercial account. The Times is, and has always been, a strong upholder of provincial rights. But there are the facts, which demonstrate that while the political conditions remain as they are in British Columbia the administration of the fisheries will be safer in the hands of the federal authorities.

Correspondents of the London newspapers writing from Johannesburg direct attention to the rather striking similarity between the newly organized People's Union in the Transvaal and the Afrikaner Bond of the old days. The former political organization came into existence in Pretoria last January. It is said that at one time there was an animated controversy among its authors regarding its title, one or more wishing boldly to proclaim its connection with the Afrikaner Bond of Cape Colony, while others favored a name less compromising.

The Toronto Globe says there was a plentiful lack of uniformity in the styles of dress of American politicians at the presidential inauguration. "Some appeared in frock coats, while others wore their business suits. All kinds of head-gear were worn by this miscellaneous gathering of Cabinet Ministers, statesmen and dignitaries of the departments."

THE FARMER'S SIDE. To the Editor:—I agree with "Buckshot" in all of what he says in yesterday's Times with the exception of his ignoring the farmer. Does not "Buckshot" know that the miners as well as all others would have to shut up shop if no one farmed?

THE NEW REFORMATORY. Is Large, Convenient and Well Equipped—Sergeant Redgrave Visits It. Sergeant Redgrave, of the city police force, who took the three boys convicted here of theft to the new provincial reformatory at Vancouver, speaks very highly of the institution, which he says is a vast improvement on the one that has served the purpose there on several years, adjoining the jail on Topaz avenue.

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There is another style—perhaps you like it better—Hats that tilt so that they touch the eyebrow, with a decided flare upward in the back, and the flowers and feathers must rest upon the Hat as high as possible. Let us show you the new Polo Turban and other beautiful creations in our Spring Show.

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—Divine service will be held this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock at the synagogue, corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets.

—A meeting of the police commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, when one of the constables came up for investigation. The meeting was private, but it is understood the board decided to dismiss the officer. A special was appointed to take his place until an appointment is made.

—A. E. Haas, the young man who was arrested in Vancouver on the charge of forgery in this city, was brought down yesterday by Constable O'Leary. He confronted the magistrate in the police court this morning, and upon his request for time to consult a lawyer, the case was remanded until Monday.

—There will be two matinees to-morrow afternoon at the Grand theatre on Johnson street, at which only five cents will be charged for children, and the week will close with three performances to-morrow night, beginning at 7:30. The programme this week is giving great satisfaction, the most pleasing item being the beautiful little rural play, "Mandy Hawkins," as presented by Danny Mann and Lola Haines. This is so entirely different from acts usually seen in vaudeville, and the stage settings so pleasingly picturesque and appropriate to the smallest detail, as to make it the most satisfying feature of any hit at the Grand in a long while, and many patrons have taken occasion to see it several times.

**THE ELITE GRAND SPRING Millinery Opening**  
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—Far West Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will confer at the meeting this evening the ranks of Page and Esquire. Some other important matters will also be disposed of.

—The March number of the Pacific Monthly contains a very well-written short story, "The Blood Test," by Thos. L. Grahame, of this city. The scene is the interior of this province, and the story is put together in a manner which holds the unflagging attention of the reader throughout.

—Following the transaction of the regular business at to-night's meeting of Camp No. 27, W. of W., in the A. O. U. W. hall, the members will indulge in social entertainment, the principal contributing factors being the Ladies' Circle of the order. A programme, refreshments and dancing, will be the features.

—Yesterday G. S. Schelky, secretary of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, and A. H. Macé, J. Niven and A. W. Jarvis, of the same city, arrived from the Coal City and registered at the Dominion. They were here to interview the government in regard to some corporation improvements. The deputation returned by this morning's train.

—Word was received here from Astoria this morning of a fatal accident which befell Capt. S. F. Scott, who is well-known here and in Vancouver. The message announcing his death merely stated that he had been killed by a train at Astoria. Capt. Scott was a native of St. John, New Brunswick, and was 51 years of age. He was married.

—Special services celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, will be held next Sunday. Rev. Archibald Ewing will preach in the morning and Rev. H. A. Lawson in the evening. On Monday evening, in connection with the same occasion, a social, under the auspices of the ladies, will be held in the church. An excellent musical programme, interspersed by a number of short addresses by several of the city ministers, will be rendered. Refreshments will be served by the ladies.

—"My Aunt From Brazil" was the jolly play last night at the Redmond, and as presented by the Watson company was greatly enjoyed, if laughter and applause count for anything in the judging of a play. Mr. Watson as Lord Babberly was, as the saying goes, "the whole show." His drollery never failed to delight the audience, which responded with hearty peals of laughter and loud applause. The really funny situations are the best that have ever been instilled into a farce. The Watson players do the entire cast full justice, and the remaining performances of this merry farce will probably be greeted with overflowing houses.

—The death occurred in Tacoma on Tuesday of W. Houston, one of the pioneers of this province. He came to British Columbia in the early forties, when he was a mere boy, and for a time acted as valet to Sir James Douglas. Mr. Houston claimed to be the first man to dig coal in the Black Diamond City. He subsequently went to Salt Spring Island, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. After retiring from this pursuit he went to Tacoma, where he resided until his death. He leaves to mourn his loss one son and a daughter. He was a native of London, England, and came here with the Hudson's Bay Company. He was about seventy-five years of age.

—At Butte, Montana, on March 8th, the death occurred of Mrs. J. T. O'Brien, daughter of Mrs. Steve White, of this city. Mrs. O'Brien was formerly Miss Lena Beggs, of Toronto, and was 31 years of age. She married a well-known insurance agent of Butte. She was very highly esteemed in the Montana city, as the following tribute from the Anaconda Standard shows: "During her residence in Butte, Mrs. O'Brien won the lasting love of a great many friends, and particularly sad is her death. Always of a most charming and pleasant disposition, ever looking upon the bright side of life, and having the faculty of making those about her cheerful and happy, Mrs. O'Brien was a lovable character and splendid type of the good noble woman." Mrs. White hastened from here to Butte upon learning of her daughter's serious illness, and was there at the time of her death.

—Last evening the annual meeting of the Emmanuel Baptist church was held, there being a large attendance. Reports were received from the various departments of the church work, showing all to be in a flourishing condition. Since Rev. Roy Dakin has become pastor, the church's progress has been most marked. The secretary-treasurer's report showed the finances to be in splendid shape, about \$644.35 having been raised towards the liquidation of the debt, and about \$150 as an increase to the pastor's salary. Officers were elected as follows: Deacons, J. Clark and J. R. Clements; Sunday school superintendent, Wm. Marchant; trustees, Mrs. Spofford, William Marchant and A. G. MacGregor; treasurer, A. G. MacGregor; secretary, Percy Noot. Refreshments were afterwards served by the ladies, and some pleasant social intercourse brought the meeting to a conclusion.

**AORANGI ARRIVED FROM ANTIPODES**

**SHIP BROUGHT BIG LIST OF PASSENGERS**

City of Seattle Will Call on Sunday in Place of the Ramona—Notes.

The decks of R. M. S. Aorangi were crowded with passengers when the ship arrived here from Australia yesterday afternoon. Nearly a hundred people went on to the Mainland on the steamer, while those who landed here were: R. J. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, A. Loken, Mrs. A. Jeruan, L. Harrison, C. Ziofin, Mrs. C. Petrie, R. Johnson, Mrs. R. Johnson, Master E. Johnson, W. Cox Davidson, Wm. Orr, R. Atkins, Mrs. R. Atkins, R. Atkins, E. Llewellyn, E. Cuneen, P. McCulloch, W. A. Baker, S. P. Harris, A. E. Tovey, C. Halcome, Mrs. C. Halcome, T. Plinton, Miss E. Plinton and Master Spigton.

Among the arrivals were B. T. Rogers, of the R. C. Sugar Refinery, who has been arranged for the construction of a new sugar mill in the Fiji; Lieut.-Col. Stacy, representing "Force" in Australia, and a relative of Thomas Hooper, of this city, and C. A. Pollard and Mrs. Chester, of the management of the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company.

The Aorangi brought 60 boxes of butter and one package of merchandise for Victoria. For points beyond her freight was made up as follows: 1,500 carcasses mutton, 1,050 cases fruit, 200 bunches bananas, 1,100 cases oilons, 700 boxes butter, 800 bags salt, 730 iron tin, 460 bales hemp and flax, 95 bales wool, 24 bales leather, 112 bales fur skins, 503 pieces Australian hardwood, 71 pkgs. general cargo.

The steamer left Sydney, February 29th; Brisbane, February 23rd; Suva, February 28th (second day); Fanning Island, March 5th; Honolulu, March 9th.

The Aorangi met with fine weather throughout the voyage, with fresh variable winds and sea from Honolulu. She found all well at Fanning Island, and passed R. M. S. Mowera on 24th February, 8:20 a.m.

**NEW STEVEDORING FIRM.**

The Pacific Marine Review, published in Seattle, says: "We notice that a new stevedoring company, the Washington Stevedoring Company has been organized to engage in general stevedoring business on Puget Sound, with head offices at this port. Douglas J. Humphrey is president, and J. S. Gibson, of Chemaluis, a member of the Vancouver & Victoria Stevedoring Company, vice-president and general manager. John Barneson, of San Francisco; Mr. McDermott, of Victoria, and Captain Armstrong, of Vancouver, B. C., and Frank Waterhouse, of this city, are also interested, and while the new company is quite distinct it will be intimately related to the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company, which completely controls the stevedoring at British Columbia ports, and which has a good reputation with both local and foreign ship owners.

"We hear that this new company has secured as a basis for its operations the coaling of the Great Northern steamship Minnesota and Dakota, which will in future run with coal from Comox, to be brought down in the old hulk Columbia, a dismantled sailing vessel which was purchased two years ago by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Peabody, the former being also interested in the Alaska stevedoring company, through Macaulay, of Victoria."

The Columbia has been lying in Esquimalt ever since she was towed in from sea in a dismantled condition.

**OTHELLO IN TROUBLE.**

The Chilean ship Othello, which is bringing nitrate to Victoria from South America, is in trouble at Honolulu. According to the Hawaiian Star a sick sailor, named Antra Mizaso, made his escape from the vessel. The Star says: "The immigration authorities insist upon his deportation by the Othello. If the man can not be found the vessel will either be held indefinitely or else be fined heavily. Three other men escaped from the vessel and are at large."

**CALLS ON SUNDAY.**

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company agents in this city have been notified that the City of Seattle will call at Victoria on Sunday on her way to Alaska. She is taking the place of the Ramona on the present voyage, the latter having for some reason unknown to the local agents been laid off the run. Several passengers and a quantity of freight await the sailing of the steamer at this port.

**MARINE NOTES.**

A Glasgow dispatch says: "The Allan line's steamer Victorian was given a trial on the Clyde Thursday and made a speed of 19 1/2 knots. She will sail on March 23rd from Liverpool for Montreal. At a luncheon after the trial Mr. Dunlop, chairman of the Allan company, said all doubts as to the efficiency of the turbine steamers had been removed. Steamer Fingal has been loading at Seattle and Tacoma for Victoria. At the former port she received 1,836 bushels or 807 sacks of wheat, valued at \$1,004. Though finished loading, naval stores in Esquimalt, the ship Penthesilea will not sail until Tuesday next. The ship Cedarbank will be towed to Vancouver to-morrow.

**F. W. MORSE WILL LEAVE TO-NIGHT**

**PROPOSAL FOR LAND GRANT NOT ACCEPTED**

Vice-President of Grand Trunk Pacific Says Line Will Be Built From East.

F. W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, will leave this evening for the East. J. S. Carruthers, of Montreal, who is his guest on this occasion, and G. A. McNeill, private secretary to Mr. Morse, will of course accompany him back. Travelling by private car from Vancouver they will make a few stops on the way, reaching Montreal April 1st.

E. G. Russell has also been included in the Grand Trunk Pacific party, but he has come to be looked upon almost as a resident of British Columbia having spent many months in the province. Mr. Morse has been in Victoria over a month, arriving on February 10th. His visit here has apparently been a pleasant one. He and Mr. Carruthers have been delighted with the climate, and have expressed a strong liking for the Pacific coast and Victoria in particular. It is the first occasion upon which Mr. Morse has been privileged to spend any considerable time here. Short visits had been made to the city previously, but he came to Victoria to a large extent a stranger. In common with most of those who visit the province he had been greatly impressed with its possibilities, and leaves with most favorable impressions after making many friends.

Mr. Carruthers and party has been enjoyed by a large circle of friends, which they have made in Victoria, and their return at any time will be welcomed. Mr. Morse was interviewed to-day with respect to Grand Trunk Pacific affairs. He frankly admitted that within the last few days a proposal looking to a land grant from the province had been made to the government.

This had not been accepted, and his company was now forced to act independently of the province of British Columbia.

He was asked if he could give any assurance that work would commence from the Pacific terminus when that was selected. Mr. Morse's reply was most emphatic. He said the commencement of work from the western end depended entirely upon the people of British Columbia. With aid in the way of a land grant refused the company would not begin work on the Pacific. The line would be built, on the contrary, from the East through to the coast, which was the way in which the road could be built the cheapest, and thus the interests of the shareholders.

The Grand Trunk Pacific, he added, desired to benefit every province through which it passed to the fullest extent possible. It would have liked to have done the same with British Columbia, but apparently the people do not desire this.

In reply to a question when the railway would reach the Pacific coast, Mr. Morse said that his company hoped to arrive on "scheduled time," which is 1911.

Incidentally with this he referred to the fact that nothing could be said with certainty as to the money markets in the future. At the present time no difficulty existed in financing the scheme, as was evidenced by the fact that the \$15,000,000 required by the company for building from Winnipeg to the Rocky mountains was subscribed ten times over in three hours after the books were opened in London. International complications might arise at any moment, more especially as a result of the troubles existing in the East, and if higher in a few years be difficult to acquire the needed money. The company naturally did not favor acquiring the funds before they were needed as that involved too much for interest. It was not possible to say exactly when the British Columbia section would be financed, therefore, if the present favorable occasion was passed over.

Referring to the possibilities of the Grand Trunk Pacific entering the Vancouver Island trade, Mr. Morse said that he was very much impressed with the possibilities of the Island, and the desirability of reaching Victoria. Apart from that the company had taken no definite steps. If the Esquimalt & Nanaimo had not been sold the Grand Trunk Pacific might have made some arrangements by way of that route for entering Victoria.

A meeting of the Fifth Regiment Rifle Association will be held this evening, commencing at 8:30 o'clock, at the drill hall. Preparations for the summer months will be discussed. A large attendance is requested.

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Sporting News.

WRESTLING. M'LEOD'S CAREER. Yesterday Dan McLeod, ex-champion wrestler of the world, called at the Times office and indulged in a few reminiscences.

WRESTLING. M'LEOD'S CAREER. (Continued) "After all, those who backed me had no reason to complain. Well, the first bout lasted a full hour, and then I managed to place the big fellow's shoulders to the mat."

WRESTLING. M'LEOD'S CAREER. (Continued) To-night a match will take place between Dan McLeod, ex-champion of the world, and the Bay of Islands, at the Bay of Islands, at the Bay of Islands.

enter the league, providing each team posts a forfeit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith in filling scheduled dates, seems to practically settle the dispute between the two Mainland clubs.

"If that is the only drawback to New Westminster re-entering the association, there is nothing to prevent the coming summer being the most successful one for lacrosse that has ever been experienced in the West."

BASKETBALL. TO PLAY NANAIMO. A friendly contest has been arranged to take place to-morrow night between the Fernwood and Nanaimo teams at the latter city.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP. It is not likely that the senior basketball series will be continued this season. As will be remembered, the communication sent by the J. B. A. A. management to the local association withdrawing the senior, intermediate and junior teams from the respective competitions, was referred back for reconsideration.

HOCKEY. MATCH TO-MORROW. A match will be played between the High school and Nanaimo teams to-morrow at the Coal City. The Victorians will leave by the 9 o'clock train. They will line up as follows: Goal, Taylor; full backs, Melness and N. Scott (capt.); half backs, Prevost, Finch and C. White; forwards, Cobbett, Rogers, R. White, Bamford and Tall.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. GARRISON V. LADYSMITH. A well attended meeting of the Island League was held last evening, when the advisability of continuing the local series was considered.

THE KING. AT THE EDISON. A twenty-round match is announced to take place between Gibson and Clarke this evening at the Edison theatre. Both have been training assiduously and a first-class exhibition is promised.

PILOTAGE AGAIN. To the Editor.—I notice in this morning's paper a long article mainly dealing with pilotage dues in other ports. The examples given do not help out the pilots. Take San Francisco, for instance, where they have an absolute cinch and can charge practically what they please, and no port south of Puget Sound to compete with them.

COMMUNICATIONS. THIBETANS AND THEIR RELIGION. To the Editor.—Referring to Mr. S. Perry Mill's very interesting letter under the above heading, and taking up the thought of the similarity between the teachings of Christianity and Buddhism, the following remarks of Dr. Saper, taken from "Hidden Life," are to the point:

COMMUNICATIONS. THIBETANS AND THEIR RELIGION. (Continued) "Indian and Mohammedan mystics contain many surprising glimpses of the highest truth. The deep desire and thirst of the human heart after the eternal origin and fountain expresses itself in their words with singular force and beauty. What can be more profound than the description of God-given, God-wrought prayer in the lines of a Mohammedan saint:

COMMUNICATIONS. THIBETANS AND THEIR RELIGION. (Continued) "This prayer is not his own, God Himself is speaking. See God-prays in him and he stands in deep contemplation. God has given him both the contemplation and the answer."

COMMUNICATIONS. THIBETANS AND THEIR RELIGION. (Continued) "There is truth and error in the remark of Schopenhauer on Christianity and Indian penitents: 'We are greatly struck by their singularity. With an utter dissimilarity of dogmas, customs and external circumstances their aspirations and inner life are identical. Quietism or renunciation of all will; ascetic or voluntary mortifying of the self; and mysticism or the recognition of the identity with the all or the root of the universe; these stand in closest connection.'"

COMMUNICATIONS. THIBETANS AND THEIR RELIGION. (Continued) "The mystics outside Christianity have truly felt the necessity of death, of hating our own will and life, and in this respect put to shame many professing Christians who mind earthly things and are the enemies to the Cross of Christ. But they did not know. 'Ye have died with Christ and your life is hid with Christ in God.' They did not know the power of Christ's

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ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 24. Table showing train schedules between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, including Northbound and Southbound services.

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RAILWAYS AND A HARBOR BOARD

INCORPORATION ACT WILL BE PREPARED

By Board of Trade for Port Commissioners - Extension of Island Road Discussed - National Park.

There was not even a verbal skirmish at the board of trade meeting last night, and those who were looking forward to a rhetorical disturbance were sadly disappointed. There might have been one if it were, had the council members been disposed to resent Mr. Morley's criticism of its action regarding the harbor commission question, but they didn't seem to mind in the least. There were three matters before the meeting, namely, the harbor board, the establishment of a national park, and the extension of the Island road.

March 6th, 1905.

To the President and Council the Victoria Board of Trade: Gentlemen—Your committee on harbors and navigation beg to direct your attention to the following matters:

Harbor Commissioners—We recommend that the Dominion government be urged to pass at this session an act to incorporate the board of harbor commissioners for Victoria as agreed to by the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Victoria Harbor Improvements—Dredging in the inner harbor is progressing, but the new dredger promised is required urgently, and until in operation the work of dredging the harbor cannot proceed satisfactorily.

Navigation—The attention of the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries should be called to the importance of immediately providing for the aids to navigation which were approved by his deputy on their recent visit to Victoria, as per list attached:

- Sohi's Point—Light. Brothelodge—Fog alarm. Estevan Point—Light. West Coast—Whistling buoys. Trial Island—Lighthouse and fog alarm. Pine Island—Lighthouse and fog alarm. Egg Island—Fog alarm. Riviere Inlet—Bell buoy and gas light. Grey or Green Islands—Lighthouse and fog alarm. Watson Rock—Whistling light. Fraser River—Lightship, sandheads. Cape Hesle—Fog alarm. Lookout Island, Quatsino Sound—Light-house.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. W. TROUP. The report, the president explained, was adopted with the exception of the clause relating to a harbor board, because it was deemed advisable to secure further information relating to the harbor commissioners of Montreal.

A. J. Morley deplored the fact that the matter had been allowed to lie in abeyance so long after having been dealt with by the board last year. He reminded the meeting that when the committee appointed to deal with the question had reported—previous to the minister's visit—the report had been adopted, and yet the recommendation it made had not been carried out.

The chairman did not agree with Mr. Morley that nothing had been done. When the committee reported last year a resolution of the board on the subject was transmitted to Ottawa.

Some further discussion followed on this point, and finally C. H. Lugin was appointed to with regard to the advisability of allowing the department of marine and fisheries to prepare an act such as the one recommended.

gentleman said he did not think the staff of the department at the federal capital had the ability to draft an act applicable to the requirements of local conditions. This was a hard thing to say perhaps, but his opinion was solicited, and he had given it.

W. Oliver pointed out that at the present time, by virtue of the resolution adopted by it, the board was committed to a policy advocating the incorporation of a harbor board. But when the report of the harbor and navigation committee (which appears above) was submitted last week, the members of the board—except the fact that the harbor commissioners of Montreal, whose system had been held up as a model, had plunged that port into a most undesirable condition. They were behind about \$150,000, being unable to meet the interest on bonds, outside of the principal.

The council, therefore, thought it wise to "make haste slowly" before adopting a similar system here, until they learned from Montreal how that port had got into its present condition. Mr. Morley could read the letter of inquiry that was sent to Montreal if he wished.

Mr. Morley—"I don't require to read it. I thoroughly understand the matter." Mr. Oliver—"I've no doubt you are entirely familiar with all subjects that come before the board or you would not speak on them. I think it advisable to wait for the information asked for before proceeding further."

Mr. Morley replied that there was a considerable distinction between the harbor of Montreal and the one that was advocated by the board of trade. The purely proposed for this port was to be purely honorary. He criticized the dilatory way in which this important matter had been treated by the council of the board of trade, and was now being dealt with. What Mr. Oliver had said about the conditions prevalent at Montreal was known to the committee which had first reported, but this knowledge did not alter their views. The whole thing had been thoroughly threshed out. He contended that the council last week had contravened the action of the board—a thing they had no right to do.

The chairman denied that the council had contravened the action of the board. On the contrary they were now seeking the opinion of the main body. Mr. Morley failed to see what other inference could be derived from the reopening of a matter that had been disposed of. The board had adopted the report submitted by the council last year. He moved that the entire report of the harbor and navigation committee be adopted.

Phil. Smith seconded the motion. Joshua Kingham favored the incorporation of a harbor board, especially in view of the pilotage trouble. The chairman said the question before the board was should they wait for a reply to the inquiries sent to Montreal? P. C. MacGregor described it as childish to ask the department of marine and fisheries to prepare an act. It should be done by the board, and he moved to this effect.

Mr. Morley withdrew his motion. Mr. Lugin in seconding Mr. MacGregor's motion remarked that he did not think the council of the board had done anything out of the way in delaying the matter until further information had been obtained from Montreal. This motion was carried, and the secretary then read a communication from the Central Farmers' Institute, asking the board to endorse a resolution urging the reservation of an area for a national park.

Some discussion in which Messrs. Lugin, Grant and MacGregor participated ensued, the upshot of which was the endorsement of the resolution of the Farmers' Institute by the board. On motion of Mr. Morley a committee consisting of Messrs. Grant, MacGregor and Lugin was appointed to interview the provincial government relative to the location of a national park. The subject of railway extension on the Island was next brought up. In this connection it might be explained that the committee appointed to consider the matter had first to amend the report submitted by them last week, and to add the following:

March 15th, 1905. To the President and Council the Victoria Board of Trade: B. C. Board of Trade: Gentlemen—We, your committee on railway and public works, beg to propose the following amendments and additions to our report re-railroad extension to the north end of the Island:

To amend as follows: "That the words 'or any other company' be inserted after the words 'C. P. R. Co.' in the third line of the first clause, and after the words 'Railway Co.' in the third line of the second clause." To add as follows: "Your committee having studied the Consolidated Railway Act and the powers of the Railway Commission of the Dominion of Canada, 1903, relative to the providing for running powers over a railroad or the use of its facilities by other roads, find that the powers of the general act and the commission are subject to the special act governing the charter of such railroad.

"We therefore feel it our duty to suggest that in all cases of existing railroads or charters on and for Vancouver Island running powers should be provided for other roads, and in the granting of new charters the usual clause or clauses should be inserted in the special act governing the same, providing for running powers, etc., to other roads, subject to the regulating powers of the commission. That similar conditions should be sought in connection with the ownership of that portion of the Honghees reserve to be used for terminal railroad and wharfage purposes, whether it becomes the property of under control of the city of Victoria or any company or person owning it."

We further beg to report that we met with the officials of the C. P. R. Co. re the question of providing trucking facilities for freight cars to wholesale houses, lumber mills, etc. We are pleased to report that the C. P. R. Co. are taking up the matter with the Hon. the Minister with the prospect of bringing it to a speedy and successful issue.

Mr. Morley explained the various clauses in the report. The committee, he said, had gone thoroughly into the question of granting equal privileges to all roads on this Island. He noticed that while the railway commission was considered all-powerful, a clause dealing with this question of running rights was wanted in the different acts as a measure of protection. It was vitally important that open transportation facilities on this Island should be maintained. The committee also felt that the same safeguard should be adopted for the reserve. He moved that the report be amended.

Mr. Marcon seconded the motion, at the same time stating that the people at large should be satisfied with the encroachments of corporate bodies. The motion was carried. It was then moved to adopt the report as amended, and this was carried.

Mr. MacGregor moved that the council of the board and the railway committee wait upon the C. P. R. Grand Trunk Pacific officials and the government, and present them with copies of the resolution. An unusual thing then occurred—so exceptional that it is quite likely the secretary made a special minute on it. It was nothing less than—silence, temporary it is true, but silence, and that when the most contentious of subjects was before the board, and all the combustible elements present. The situation was staggering. Even the president, a self-possessed man to be sure, was overcome. Finally he asked Mr. Beckwith to say a few words.

Mr. Beckwith had not heard the report, so it was handed to him for perusal. This involved another delay. Several members moved uneasily in their seats. The president nodded encouragingly and asked: "Does any other gentleman wish to speak?" Then Mr. Morley, who is always available for an emergency of this kind, nobly saved the situation by calling upon the president as a member of one of the past railway committees to recount what they had done. He then drew the attention of the C. P. R. and Canadian Northern to the offer of a subsidy by the Dominion government for an Island road?

This resurrection of the labors of a defunct committee opened up a boundless vista of discursive possibilities. Mr. Pitts said that perhaps Mr. Lugin could describe more accurately the conditions. Mr. Lugin then recounted the interviews between the committee and Messrs. Hays and Morse, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the particulars of which have filled a great deal of space in this paper. Mr. Lugin made a strong plea for the board of trade to do its utmost to prevail upon the provincial government to offer inducements for the construction of an Island road. Mr. MacGregor's motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.

C. W. Marlett, of St. Thomas, killed himself in the Daily House, Toronto, on Wednesday night, where he had registered with a woman named Edna Williams as man and wife. He left a note which read: "To whom it may concern: There is no one to blame for this but me. The lady does not know anything about this. Please don't blame her for anything. I ask forgiveness from my friends. C. W. Marlett. P. S.—I am tired of life."

INTERESTING LETTER

WRITTEN BY AN OTTAWA WOMAN Mrs. Sarah Kellogg of Denver, Color, Bearer of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sends Thanks to Mrs. Pinkham.

The following letter was written by Mrs. Kellogg, of 1638 Lincoln Ave., Denver, Colo., to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.: Dear Mrs. Pinkham: For five years I was troubled with a tumor, which kept growing, causing me great mental depression. I was unable to attend to my house work, and life became a burden to me. I was confined for days to my bed, lost my appetite, my courage and all hope.

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TENDERS. Tenders will be received by the Victoria Creamery Association for the purchase of all the butterfat produced at the factory, not required by the association, for one year, dating from 1st April. Tenders to be addressed, Secretary, Box 227, Victoria, not later than 20th March. A. G. SNELLING, Sec.-Treasurer.

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Corporation of the City of Victoria. TENDERS. Sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 p.m. on Monday, the 27th inst., for the supplying of certain water meters, as per specification, copies of which can be obtained at the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Victoria, B. C. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. M. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent. City Hall, Victoria, B. C., March 8th, 1905.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST 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 required by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output. Minerals—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free-miner 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 \$20 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 to 3,000 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end of the line of the ledge or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction thereof, 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 a Royalty of 2 1/2 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; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River and its tributaries either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be taken. 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 in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in 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 a water mark on each alternate leasehold. The lessee shall have a 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 five miles, the fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and one-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 taken by 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 such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as above mining. Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 500 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, if the claim is within ten miles of Mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction thereof. The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate. The discoverer of a placer claim is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in 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 \$200. A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to have been 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, gas, and other hydrocarbons. The Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 100 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector fail to establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 800 acres, as well as the area reserved, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,200 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$3 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.

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**AN AMENDMENT OF THE CURRICULUM**

**IN HIGH SCHOOL IS WANTED BY TRUSTEES**

**Who Will Wait Upon Minister of Education To-morrow Morning and Request Changes.**

A delegation of Victoria school trustees will interview Hon. F. J. Fulton, minister of education, and Superintendent A. Robinson to-morrow morning. Their object is to secure the alteration of the curriculum of the High school, introducing in place of the present system three optional courses, namely, commercial, arts and science. The school board contends that the proposal if adopted will make the knowledge imparted to students much more practical. It is argued that the action recommended cannot impair the school's efficiency while it will give pupils the choice of three branches of study. The trustees are practically unanimous in their desire to bring about the change, and are prepared to strongly urge its adoption.

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all that will be done to prove to the government that the matter receives the endorsement of all concerned. A resolution, carried unanimously at the recent convention of school trustees representing the different school boards of British Columbia, is to be submitted. It is appended:

That whereas the present curriculum of the High school is designed more particularly for professional life, as distinguished from a commercial or mechanical training, and whereas the evolution of education has made it imperative that the public school system should have for its ultimate object the preparation of the pupils for callings or occupations, in which the great majority will be ultimately engaged:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the time has fully arrived when the High school curriculum should provide three optional courses of study, styled as "commercial," "science," and "arts." Resolved further, that the Minister of Education be respectfully requested to make the necessary changes in the School Act and regulations as will permit of the trustees of the public schools making this provision for instruction in the subjects to which this resolution refers, and resolved also, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education of the province.

The reasons why these changes are desirable have been given by the Times on several occasions. Trustee Huggett and others, in their pre-election addresses, devoted considerable attention to this subject, and there is no question that the voters believe that a change in the curriculum, such as suggested, would be an improvement. Trustee Huggett points out that a student entering the High school may take up either one of the three branches of study. If wishing an education for ordinary commercial life that course may be entered upon. Thus the pupil, when leaving the school, will have qualifications enabling him to commence life with many advantages. On the other hand should the student be ambitious to enter any of the professions, the opportunity of obtaining a start is available.

All these arguments and many others will be laid before the minister of education, and it is hoped that the government may be induced to authorize the requested alterations. Of course the school board is powerless to do anything more than recommend, and should the government decide that the proposal would not promote the efficiency of the High school system the trustees can obtain no satisfaction. The consensus of opinion, however, is that the proposal will be considered, and the change introduced to take effect at the commencement of the new school term.

Dr. Garesche has instituted action against Andrew Fairfull for the return to the Victoria-Kennel Club for competition of a cup won by the defendant's Irish setter last year. The plaintiff claims that the condition governing the disposition of the trophy, which was presented by Mrs. James Dunsmuir, was that it should be won twice consecutively before its possession became final. Mr. Fairfull has declined to surrender the cup for competition on the ground that it is his personal property. J. M. Bradburn has been retained to act for the plaintiff, and Yates & Jay for the defendant.

**AN INTERVIEW AND STUDY IN PEANUTS**

**SEATTLE NEWSPAPER ON W. W. B. McINNES**

**Sound City Scribe Found Genial Member for Alberni to Be Soal of Hospitality.**

W. W. B. McInnes visited Seattle about ten days ago and while promenading one of the principal streets was assailed—not belligerently, of course—by a reporter of the Seattle News, who has thus cleverly described the interview: Contentedly munching peanuts and strolling along First avenue like the most democratic of American citizens, W. W. B. McInnes, of Nanaimo, B. C., was discovered by a News reporter last night.

Mr. McInnes is well known in Canada. Just now he is widely spoken of as the next governor of the Yukon Territory, and it looks as if he was going to get the plum, which carries with it great responsibility as well as something comfortable in the way of emolument. In the British Columbia legislature Mr. McInnes is "the Honorable Member for Alberni." His constituents once sent him to the broader field of the House of Commons at Ottawa, and it was there that he made the good impression that will likely be instrumental in landing him in the gubernatorial chair at Dawson. He is still a very young man, considering the access he has achieved as a statesman. He is essentially the politician, being noted for the broadness of mind with which he grasps the questions that come before him as one of the legislators of his country.

Added to that he is an orator. In making his reputation in that line he had two obstacles to overcome which have defeated less resolute men—his youth and stature. He is a little fellow, with a face as smooth as a baby's, but he is a giant in debate. When his head appeared over his desk in the big arena of federal politics at Ottawa, and his powerful voice filled the chamber which had heard the orations of Edward Blake, Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and other masters of the art of talking, the filled statesmen who were his listeners were inclined to regard him as a joke that the far west had perpetrated upon them. But it was not for long. Some of those who crossed swords with him did it to their sorrow. His eloquence, his wit, his sarcasm, and, above all, his unflinching good humor soon made him one of the most talked of men at the national capital.

His popularity was great and as he rose to prominence as a debater and a statesman he was still "Billy" to his friends, and to-day he is "Billy" from one ocean to the other in Canada. When a man can keep a name like that and be mentioned for one of the most dignified positions in the gift of his government

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his claims for preferment must rest on a solid foundation. After the foregoing facts marshaling for review before the memory of the News reporter a good "story" seemed to be assured. After joining "Billy" in a peanut the battery of questions was unmasked. It was a useless task and a great waste of ammunition. All that the reporter could get from the diminutive Canadian statesman were a few more peanuts.

Mr. McInnes is an entertaining conversationalist. He talked freely, answered all questions and discussed fully matters of moment to his country. But when away from the influence of his personality and with only a coldly unsympathetic typewriter for inspiration, it becomes alarmingly apparent to the reporter that Mr. McInnes really said nothing at all.

As above stated, Mr. McInnes is a statesman. After vainly endeavoring to get something definite regarding the governorship the reporter became more direct. Directing the attention of the Canadian to the telephone wires above their heads he asked: "If the governorship was tied right up there above your head and somebody cut it loose, would you dodge?" "Would you?" asked "Billy" and the reporter joined him in another peanut. From the Canadian papers, however, it is very apparent that Mr. McInnes is a candidate for the office. The large number of Seattle people who are interested in the Yukon territory are watching for news of the appointment about as eagerly as the Canadians, for the governor has great authority. Mr. McInnes, who is essentially western, and a man of broad ideas, would be very acceptable to the Americans who know him.

The new member of parliament from the Yukon, Dr. Thompson, passed through Seattle yesterday for Ottawa. The appointment of a governor is being held up pending his arrival at the capital. He and Mr. McInnes are warm personal friends, and it is expected that will throw his strength to the British Columbia man.

Mr. McInnes returns to Victoria to-day and will likely take some fresh roasted American peanuts with him.

**PERSONAL.**  
Yesterday A. H. Wilcox and Mrs. Wilcox, of Minnesota, returned from a pleasure trip to the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Wilcox, in that merchant of Honolulu is enjoying a period of exceptional prosperity. The rise in the price of sugar throughout America has, of course, been a boon to the proprietors of large plantations. Now they are looking forward to a large crop, and, although the season has been exceptionally dry, their anticipations are likely to be realized. Before leaving the Islands Mr. Wilcox took a trip all along the coast, and travelled on one occasion for sixty miles in view of varying sugar stocks. Mr. Wilcox and wife will spend several days in Victoria before going south. While here they are guests at the Dominion hotel.

B. T. Rogers, manager of the B. C. Sugar Refinery, arrived on the steamer Aorangi from Suva yesterday. He went there to investigate the possibilities with regard to the establishment of a sugar mill at Fiji for a period of exceptional prosperity. While at Suva he made arrangements for the supply of raw material for the refinery at Vancouver.

Among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria were J. H. McGregor, C. M. Marpole and C. Beaumont. They are registered at the Briard hotel.

**BRIEF TELEGRAMS.**  
The marriage of Guglielmo Marconi to the Honorable Beatrice O'Brien, half sister of Lord Inchiquin, took place on Thursday at St. George's church, Hanover Square, London.

**BRIEF LOCALS**

The B. C. Electric Railway Company have about one hundred men engaged upon the Gorge road extension. A double track has been laid from the Point Ellice bridge to Esquimalt street, and the work is being advanced with all possible dispatch.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held this evening. A report will be received from the special committee appointed to investigate and report on the expense of constructing a children's ward in connection with the hospital. Other matters of some importance will be considered and a full attendance of members is expected.

The announcement appearing in the morning paper to-day in effect that the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company had abandoned all negotiations looking to a settlement of its differences with the city, is news to the members of the city council. Manager Van Sant, of the Sidney line, has been out of the city for several days, and the news cannot, therefore, be confirmed from the railway office. In the meanwhile the market building is still used, and the daily train service over the extension from Hillside avenue is being provided as if nothing of the kind had happened.

An effort is being made by the Fish and Game Club, of Vancouver, to have the Game Act now before the House amended in order to prohibit the killing of beaver for a period of not less than six years. According to the present provisions the close season extends from the 1st of April to the last of September. A majority of the Mainland sportsmen claim that this is not sufficient, and that unless some stringent action is taken, the beaver must be exterminated. In order to interest the public in their endeavors the Terminal City Association has issued a pamphlet entitled "Shall We Save the Beaver?" It includes letters from those who have made a careful study of the question, and concludes with a strong plea for legislation for the preservation of the beaver. This has been widely circulated and, it is understood, some of the Mainland representatives in the House intend introducing an amendment as recommended.

**ITALIAN FRONTIERS.**  
Fortifications Will Be Built in Direction of Austrian Alps—Defence Not Defiance.

(Associated Press.)  
Rome, March 16.—In view of the international situation which has prevailed since Italy entered the triple alliance in 1882, she has entirely neglected her fortifications on the eastern frontier, centering all her efforts on fortifying the western frontier, as Italy's relations with France were so strained that under Premier Crispi a conflict seemed imminent.

Since 1880, however, the most friendly relations have been re-established with France, and the opinion now prevails here that all the Italian frontiers should be equally protected, not for aggressive purpose, but so that Italy may be ready for all possible occurrences. The eastern Alps are strictly Italy's weakest point, as Austrian territory projects into Italy as to enable an hostile army to be in the heart of Lombardy in a few days' march.

Therefore a bill will be presented to parliament, making the necessary appropriations for the fortifications of the Italian frontier in the direction of the Austrian Alps, but any uneasiness of the subject in Austria is not justified, Italy's project being merely defensive.

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(Associated Press.)  
New York, March 17.—That Ireland has awakened to new life and hope of prosperity since the British government adopted the policy of buying in big estates and selling the land to the tenant, is the opinion of Admiral Lord Charles Berosford, who arrived last night on the liner Kron Prinz Wilhelm, says the Herald.

Lord Charles Berosford has come over to take a holiday, as he expressed it last night coming up from quarantine. He is going to-morrow in a private car to Mexico, where he expects to try a hand at "bronco busting" and afterwards will go to Florida to fish for tarpon. "There is no doubt that the new scheme for Ireland has proved a great boon for the country," said Lord Charles. "I was prospecting over there and saw evidences of prosperity on every hand. The people have now a great deal of money in the banks and it all comes from the products



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