

WILFULLY PARTISAN REPORT, SAYS GRAHAM

Former Minister Speaks Seven
Hours Exploding N. T. R.
Investigation

COST PER MILE LOWER
THAN ANY IN CANADA

Government's Duty is to Re-
pudiate Charge Made of
Extravagance

INJURY TO CREDIT OF
CANADA IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, March 26.—The debate on the report of the commission which inquired into the cost of the National Transcontinental railway was continued in the Commons yesterday.

Hon. George P. Graham, who spoke for five hours on Tuesday, continued from 4 until 6 o'clock, making in all a seven-hour speech, the longest of the session.

The ex-minister maintained that the cost per mile is much lower than that of any railway on the continent. He argued that in changing the grades the government was making it impossible for this road to fulfill the object for which it was originally intended, and that the country and Canadian ports would as a consequence suffer.

Mr. Graham first took up the conclusion of the commission's report, which was as follows: "We find that the Transcontinental railway commission, the G. T. P. railway and those having charge of the construction of the railway did not deem it desirable or necessary to practise or encourage economy in the construction of this road."

This was a charge, said Mr. Graham, that every individual who had anything to do with the construction of the road did not practise economy. That meant a charge against every engineer on the line that they conspired to neglect the public and practise extravagance. He could not believe that the public of Canada could believe such a charge. It was a charge, as well, against the Dominion of Canada, which was linked up with the company in the construction of the road.

The charge had hurt Canada in the financial markets of the old country. The duty of the government was to repudiate the charge against the G. T. P., in which there was not one iota of truth. Big business men in sympathy with the government said the attack was unwarranted. The report should not have been published, and it had injured the credit of Canada. He had injured the credit of Canada. He had injured the credit of Canada.

Considering the difficulties of the country through which the road ran, it had been constructed as cheaply as any line on the continent during the last ten years. He then quoted figures to substantiate this assertion.

"I have," said Mr. Graham, in summing up his argument, "endeavored to discuss this question with one main object in view. I have tried to show for higher than party reasons that this report is unfounded and untrue in its chief findings. I have argued with all the force and sincerity I possess that the views of the commissioners were fixed long before they were placed on the commission, that one was an enemy of the policy and the other of the project. I have pointed out that the government will not act on the findings of this commission and that they are violating every day of their lives its chief provisions. I have pointed out to the members from the maritime provinces the serious results that may accrue to the Canadian ports if the high standard of this road is not restored immediately."

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FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY SHOOTS HIS BROTHER

Eatonville, Wash., March 26.—Harold Boyd, the two-year-old son of Major Boyd, was accidentally shot by his brother, Jay Boyd, five years old, early yesterday morning at their home, near Elbe. The wounded boy was rushed to the Eatonville hospital in an automobile and operated on. His chances for recovery were declared to be slight. The wound was inflicted with a .22 rifle.

VILLA CHECKED OUTSIDE TORREON BY FEDERALS

Mexican Rebel Army Unable to Pass Gomez
Palacio Where Heavy Losses and Ar-
tillery Duel During Night Are Reported
—Federals Planning to Advance

Juarez, Mexico, March 26.—At noon an unofficial report was received saying that an intermittent artillery duel was carried on at Gomez Palacio during the night. There were no details.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—The following message sent from Mexico City last night was received at the embassy here to-day: "Rebels once more routed and repulsed at Gomez Palacio with heavy losses while trying to approach Torreón."

The state department had a report from El Paso saying that up to yesterday afternoon results were still undetermined.

Other dispatches reported there was absolutely no foundation for stories that danger threatened five Americans in the Tlahualillo district of Coahuila. Consular representatives reported that all foreigners within territory under constitutional control were being protected.

Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo, just over the Rio Grande, reported to-day that an American boy in Laredo, Texas, was wounded in the cheek by a shot fired from the Mexican side.

El Paso, Texas, March 26.—That the rebels have been repulsed every time that they have taken the offensive at Gomez Palacio was the assertion made here to-day by Miguel Diebold, inspector of Mexican consulates.

Senor Diebold exhibited messages from Mexico City as his authority for the statement.

One message declared that the rebels have not even approached Torreón proper but have had their hands full at Gomez Palacio, three miles distant. He asserted that the federals are about to take the offensive, to which end a flanking movement is being started.

General Luis Terrazas, jr., was in a state of great anxiety to-day over the fate of his son Luis, jr., who was reported under sentence of death at Chihuahua yesterday unless he paid 500,000 pesos to the rebels. No direct word of the fate of the younger man was received this morning.

COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF MAN TO WORK JUDGMENT GIVEN AGAINST TRADE UNION

Plaintiff Sought Damages When Forced Out of
Work by Action of Organization—Mr. Justice
Murphy Finds That Action Was Illegal

Vancouver, March 26.—That a man has the right to work at his trade whether he is a member of a trade union or otherwise, and must not be deprived of the right of disposing of his labor as he sees fit by the interference of any organization, was the gist of an important judgment, affecting the civil rights of a subject, handed down yesterday by Mr. Justice Murphy as the result of an action brought in the Supreme court by a non-union plasterer named Sleuter, against seven members of the plasterers' union executive in Sleuter vs. Scott et al.

The trial opened on March 4, and considerable interest was evinced in the proceedings by trade unionists. The plaintiff asked damages for the loss of time incurred through the alleged action of the union in forcing him out of employment. Conspiracy to deprive him of the means of livelihood was also alleged against the union members.

His lordship finds in favor of the plaintiff, allowing him the amount of wages he would have earned from the date of the defendants' refusal to employ him in November last. In handing down judgment, Mr. Justice Murphy says: "The law is clear that violation of legal right committed knowingly is a cause of action. Every person has the right under the law to full freedom in disposing of his own labor or his own capital. It follows that every other person is subject to the co-relative duty arising therefrom and is prohibited from an obstruction to the fullest exercise of their rights which can be made compatible with the exercise of similar rights by others. Therefore, a combination of two or more persons without justification to injure any workman by inducing employers not to employ him is, if it results in damage to him, actionable."

"Now, prima facie, a combination to interfere with the civil rights of another, whether it be a right to full freedom in disposal of his own labor or his own capital or any other right of citizenship, is an unlawful combination, because such interference, if carried into effect, is an actionable wrong, and it is this fact and not any mere malicious motives which constitutes the combination a conspiracy."

WARRANTS FOR TWO IN SAMISH HOLDUP

Matthews and Ball Are
Charged With Murder of
Three Men

MAN UNDER ARREST AT
CALGARY DENIES CRIME

Passengers on Train Identify
Photographs of Harry
Matthews

CAPTURE OF THUG AT
VANCOUVER WAS CLUE

Vancouver, March 26.—On information obtained by the Vancouver police department three days after the triple murder and robbery of the G. N. R. train at Samish water tank, Skagit county, Wash., the Bellingham authorities have sworn out warrants for the arrest of Harry Matthews and George Ball, two alleged desperadoes, well-known to the police of both countries, charging them with killing Thomas F. Wadsworth, H. R. Atkinson, both of this city, and R. L. Lees, of Bremerton, Wash.

Two days prior to the holdup at Samish, it is alleged that Harry Matthews and Richard Wilson made a murderous attack upon Police Constable Alex. Foran, who attempted to apprehend them in Chinatown on the suspicion that they were implicated in the robbery of a Hastings street rooming house. The officer after a desperate fight with both men had mastered one of them, Wilson, when the other, believed to be Matthews, assailed him from behind, striking him over the head with the butt end of a heavy revolver.

Wilson escaped from the grasp of the policeman as he fell unconscious to the ground. Detective-Sergeant John Jewitt and Constable Rae instituted a search for the thugs who had attacked the policeman, and discovered Wilson two hours later hiding in the cellar of a Chinese rooming house. He would not surrender himself and leave his hiding place in a big empty water tank until after the detective had shot several times into the floor and had threatened to riddle the tank if he did not make his appearance. This was successful, and Wilson was taken into custody.

Constable Foran identified the man as being one of the two with whom he was fighting, and Wilson was subsequently given a six months term in jail by Magistrate Shaw.

Asked by the magistrate as to the identity of his companion at the time, Wilson would only say: "I only know him as Harry."

As soon as the report was received from Bellingham of the holdup on the train near there, and the descriptions of the murderers were published, Detective Crewe thought that he recognized in the man who had attacked Foran one of the men described by the passengers of the train as being one of the bandits.

On questioning Wilson closely Detective Crewe finally succeeded in getting him to acknowledge that Harry Matthews was his companion and that Matthews description tallied with that of the taller of the two robbers.

From the rogues' gallery Crewe obtained a picture of Matthews, who had previously served terms in prison at Peier Lodge, Mont., and at New Westminister, and arrived with this he visited the various passengers who had the opportunity of studying the features of the murderers. They, hardly without exception, identified the pictured face as resembling the features of one of the bandits.

Having identified Matthews, it was an easier task to determine who was his companion, George Ball. Both men came from the same city, and it is thought they were implicated in numerous "jobs" in various cities. Matthews two years ago, is alleged to have robbed a military store in San Francisco and obtained \$5,000 worth of plumes. He was also, it is alleged, implicated in the holding up of the Soo Line express at Thief River Falls, Minn., three years ago, when \$7,000 was taken.

San Francisco, March 26.—Two hundred hotel proprietors of San Francisco agreed, in an executive session of their association last night not to raise their charges above the rates now prevailing during the year of the Panama-Pacific international exposition.

In making the announcement to-day, Kirk Harris, manager of the association, said that 90,000 rooms will be available at prices between \$1 and \$3. The association put itself on record as opposed to solicitors on the trains, at stations and at the ferry building.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

Halifax, N. S., March 26.—Edward Cook was found guilty of murder of Charles Amiel, an Assyrian pedlar at Sheet harbor last December. The jury returned a very strong recommendation to mercy. He was remanded for sentence.

Rights of Democracy Keynote of Next Election in Britain Labor to Stand With Liberals

Passing of Blackest Day in History of Gov-
ernment Leaves Premier Asquith Strong-
er Than Ever—Prediction Is That Irish
Bill Will Pass Soon

London, March 26.—The view of the Liberal morning papers is that although yesterday was the blackest day the government has experienced in its existence, and, in the words of the Daily Chronicle, it seemed as if its life was not worth forty-eight hours' purchase, now the air has cleared and the government is rehabilitating in a stronger position than ever. The Chronicle remarks that in the face of the common danger from the Tories and the army combined, Labor is making common cause with Liberalism, and whenever the general election occurs, instead of engaging in fratricidal strife, Laborites and Liberals will stand shoulder to shoulder in the defence of civil authority and the rights of free democracy.

Situation Entirely Transformed.
Politicians agree that yesterday's events have entirely transformed the situation and rendered possible the prediction that the government's Irish bill will be passed within a few weeks. The Liberal press warmly welcomes Mr. Asquith's smashing of the army plot by his repudiation of the "intolerable bargain" between Secretary Seely and General Gough.

The declaration of Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader in parliament, that it is the duty of the government to pass home rule, no matter what the consequences, was received with tumultuous cheering by the government members in the house, and undoubtedly reflects the opinion of labor throughout the country. It created a great impression on both sides of the house, indicating as it does an intention of the Labor party to join forces with the Liberals in the final fight against the forces of the aristocracy.

It will doubtless prove the prelude to an agreement by which there should be no duplication of candidatures, and the threatened split between the forces of radicalism would thus be avoided.

The premier's speech won back the support not only of the Liberals, but of the Irish and Labor members by the stand he took in repudiating the guarantees given to the mutinous army officers in Ireland that they might decide whether they would serve against the Ulster Unionists.

CLAIM MADE IN SUPREME COURT THAT SUCCESSION DUTY CANNOT BE COLLECTED

If Application Heard To-day Is Successful Govern-
ment Will Lose Source of Revenue—Argument
Is That Collection Is Indirect Taxation in B. C.

An application which, if successful, will deprive the provincial government of one of its sources of revenue, was made by J. A. Aikman before Mr. Justice Clement this morning in supreme court chambers when counsel sought an order compelling the registrar to issue probate of the estate of the late E. R. Doe, of Victoria, without payment of succession duties. No special circumstances were set up, but the argument was advanced that the Succession Duty act of British Columbia was ultra vires on the part of the provincial legislature inasmuch as it imposed an indirect tax contrary to the provisions of the British North American act, which provides that a province may impose direct taxation only.

Mr. Aikman argued that as the act provided that the succession duty should be paid by the executor or the administrator before he came into possession of the estate of a deceased, thereby making the executor pay a duty that another party had to pay him out of the estate, an indirect tax arose. He cited the case of Cotton v. the King, in which the privy council held that a similar practice in Quebec was unconstitutional.

H. A. Maclean, K. C., in reply, contended that Cotton v. the King was a decision which did not apply as the property in question in that case was outside the province, but Mr. Aikman replied that it was the direct principle on which the decision was given. Mr. Maclean also raised the case of the King v. Lovett, in which the privy council upheld the Succession Duty act of New Brunswick, saying that the succession duty was a probate duty. To this Mr. Aikman replied that the British Columbia act, like the Quebec act, provided that the succession duty was to be paid over and above the probate duty.

Decision in the case was reserved by Mr. Justice Clement. While the issue in the present case, the estate being only about \$25,000 and the tax \$1,500, is small, the far-reaching effect of a decision in favor of the application may be seen from the fact that last year's succession duties amount to \$193,524. The case will probably be carried to the privy council.

NINETY THOUSAND HOTEL ROOMS AT USUAL RATES

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at San Francisco During
1915 Fair.

San Francisco, March 26.—Two hundred hotel proprietors of San Francisco agreed, in an executive session of their association last night not to raise their charges above the rates now prevailing during the year of the Panama-Pacific international exposition.

A MEETING
of the
**Victoria
Liberal
Association**
and
**Liberal
Reform Club**
will be held in the
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TO-NIGHT,**
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larged headquarters.

FRENCH RESIGNS HIS ARMY COMMISSION

Regards Repudiation of Docu-
ment by Government as
Personal Slight

PRESS OF PROVINCES
ENDORSES MR. ASQUITH

Mail Asserts Lloyd George
Threatened to Resign If Col.
Seely Remained

London, March 26.—Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff of the British army, resigned his commission to-day.

The field marshal, who was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brigadier-General Hubert Gough giving guarantees to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster Unionists, regarded the repudiation of the document by the government as a slight on himself. For this reason he resigned.

Premier Asquith, according to a statement by David Lloyd George, chief of the exchequer, will make an announcement to-night on the subject of the resignation of Field Marshal French, and the reported resignation of Adjutant-General Ewart.

A question was asked at the opening of the House of Commons regarding the resignations. Lloyd George replied, in the absence of the premier, who had gone to Buckingham Palace to see the king. The reply of Mr. Lloyd George was taken generally by members as a confirmation of the report that both generals had tendered their resignations. One evening newspaper says definitely that Ewart also has resigned.

A news agency issued an announcement that Adjutant-General Sir John Spencer Ewart also had tendered his resignation and added that the government had refused to accept either of them.

The war office declared that no official statement would be available before Premier Asquith makes the announcement in the House of Commons to-night.

It was reported persistently to-day that a number of senior officers of the cavalry brigade at the Curragh camp in Ireland had resigned, and it was said that the majority of the regimental officers of the mounted units there were determined to maintain their refusal to serve against the Unionists in Ulster.

Strong pressure evidently was brought to bear on Sir John French to retain his post at the head of the army. He was summoned to an interview with Premier Asquith after the prime minister had seen King George. Subsequently the field-marshal proceeded to Buckingham palace to confer with the king.

London, March 26.—Although it was generally conceded to-day that Premier Asquith had regained the upper hand in parliament, the government is by no means out of trouble. It has still to deal with the army officers in Ireland under the new conditions established by the premier's speech in the House of Commons yesterday. Brigadier-General Gough says that this will mean wholesale resignations and the disruption of the army.

It is now asserted that as soon as the government formally withdraws the guarantees given by Colonel Seely, secretary for war, and Field-Marshal Sir John French, the officers will again resign their commissions, and as one of them said, "this time in earnest."

There is also to be settled the question of what the army council will do. The Liberal press in the provinces, while endorsing what Premier Asquith has done, insists that he must go farther and withdraw the guarantees given to the officers.

Despite the announcement that the premier has refused to accept the resignation of Colonel Seely as secretary of war, the feeling is growing that the only outcome can be the acceptance of the resignation, and already the politicians are speculating as to the cabinet changes which will be involved.

The debate in the commons is regarded by onlookers as an elaborate effort to cover up the king's intervention, and this is the line taken by the Liberal and Labor press. The fact that the premier refused to accept the resignation of Col. Seely indicates that the latter is held blameless by his colleagues. It is remembered that Col. Seely left the cabinet council Monday on a command from Buckingham palace, and that on his return the cabinet dispersed. The letter to General Gough contains the sentence: "The govern-

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PREMIER COOK WANTS PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Would Have Canada and Southern Dominions Prepare Their Own Defence Plan

Melbourne, Australia, March 26.—A round table conference between Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia on intercolonial Pacific defence problems was urged in an address by Premier Cook to the Australian Natives' association at a banquet held to-day.

The prime minister said he had been told that the Pacific was being made safe and secure, not by a British fleet, but through the provisions of the Anglo-Japanese treaty. He hoped that Australia would always be on friendly terms with Japan, and that the treaty would continue as it was at present.

Relying upon the Japanese treaty alone for the defence of the coasts of the colonies of the Pacific, however, created a serious position in regard to the people's policy of a "white Australia." This policy, he thought, ought to be defended at all costs, and Canada and Australian Pacific forces should combine so that there would never be any need to depend absolutely upon a treaty with foreigners. He would like to see Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand unite in a round table conference. It was now most desirable to have such a conference.

Dental Work With a Guarantee.—Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government street. Open evenings.

WILFULLY PARTISAN REPORT, SAYS GRAHAM

Former Minister Speaks Seven Hours Exploding N. T. R. Investigation

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"I have warned the government against allowing this attack on the established industries of Canada to go unchallenged and unanswered, and I have asked the prime minister to rise above party politics and to denounce this as unfounded, as every man in Canada knows that it is. I have told them the investors of the old world that the industries of Canada are on a sound foundation and that Canadians are the peers of the world for honesty, industry and integrity. It is not in the interests of Canada or of the empire that the confidence of the old world investments views should be shaken, and therefore I make one more appeal to the premier to rise above party."

"I have devoted much energy and strength to this task but in the years to come if the eastern part of Canada does not receive the benefits it is expected to receive from the proposed then the member for South Renfrew does his duty and washed his hands of the whole affair; he has warned the country, he has warned the members of this government and he has warned the representatives of the constituencies which will be immediately affected."

Mr. Carvell, who spoke later, said that the present government when it came into power was determined by hook or by crook to create a scandal. They got four commissioners to investigate the N. T. R., a hidebound Tory and a would-be politician. The other commissioner was an American citizen who was first employed on the C. P. R. in the west. He was assistant chief engineer at Montreal and was twice passed over for promotion. Then he was sent to North Bay as superintendent. This district is the hotbed of railway men. The Conservatives dug him out of the woods to blacken the character of the opposition.

Mr. Carvell said that the commission dragged witnesses, men in the employ of the government, to give evidence to support their theories as to over-classification and extravagance. He said that anyone could search the report from beginning to end and find no evidence of fraud. The only charge was extravagance. They could have built a cheaper road if they substituted wooden trestles for steel and constructed the railway up hill and down dale.

THIRTEEN MILLIONS IN ANNUAL INTEREST

Much Money Needed for Betterments by Canadian Northern Railroad

Ottawa, March 26.—Something of the gravity of the situation of the Canadian Northern was apparent, they say, behind the closed doors of the Conservative caucus. While no definite proposition as to what the owners of the road want was placed before the members, an insight into what the road needs was given. It needs money, and after that it needs business, earnings, the wherewithal to pay the interest on the guaranteed bonds.

Must Improve Along the Line. And before it can do business to earn interest on the bonds, the probability is the road will have to be bettered all along the line. While the location is said to be a good one across the continent, the construction is of the cheapest variety. The grades are not yet reduced to the point of the profitable haul, the tracks having been laid with a view to future standardization. In the caucus it is understood that Premier Borden, Hon. W. T. White and Hon. Dr. Reid took the position that the government would have to find out exactly what it would take to complete the road and put it in a position to earn the interest on its bonds. Thirty-five million dollars was mentioned as the sum necessary, which, allowing for discount, would require an issue of \$43,000,000 in bonds.

Who Owns Right-of-Way? On the other hand it is said that Hon. Louis Pelletier, the postmaster-general, urged that it was better to do it first than last. Some members claim that the road's securities are away in excess of the value of the road, that the money raised by bonds and subsidies is by no means represented in the rails, right-of-way, and equipment. Grave doubts were expressed as to whether the right-of-way was really owned by the Canadian Northern company. There is a suspicion afloat that the right-of-way, like the terminals at Montreal and perhaps elsewhere, are the property of Mackenzie & Mann as distinct from the company.

Is \$75,000,000 Needed? "I don't believe that thirty-five million dollars would be the end of it," said a prominent member of the house last night. "It is my conviction that it will require \$75,000,000 to put the road in condition. And it is no use lending the road money at a rate of interest. I think if they are going to save the situation at all they will have to give the money out and out. The line cannot pay interest on its bonds now from its earnings. If you go guaranteeing bonds, how are they going to pay the interest on them any better when their capitalization is higher than ever? Does Not Pay Now.

To be sure, when the Pacific end is finished there will be some more traffic, but the C. N. R. is located in the cream of the western territory now in the Saskatchewan valley, and even that part of the system doesn't pay. They can't haul a profitable load on the present road, and with their present equipment millions more will have to be sunk to make a good railway out of it. They have been paying interest on their bonds so far by issuing more bonds, and by their subsidies—that is, out of capital. I'm told, in fact, that Premier McBride in giving the last guarantee of \$10,000 a mile for the Pacific section, did it to tide them over for three or four years so that he wouldn't be called upon to make good the interest on the bonds he had already guaranteed."

Three Propositions. There are three propositions—and it is said that they were all more or less frankly referred to in the caucus—to provide whatever financial assistance is necessary to finish and equip the road and put it in full operation, to take it over as a government railway, or force it into bankruptcy and the hands of the C. P. R. It is understood that the western territory of the C. N. R. would be extremely desirable for the C. P. R. if it did not need the C. N. R. "bridge" across Northern Ontario. The location of the C. N. R. in Ontario, however, is largely in the clay belt, which will be, ultimately, a traffic producing territory.

"The Canadian Northern is carrying over \$50,000,000 worth in bonds at the present time," remarked a member. "That means, at 5 per cent., \$13,000,000 in interest every year. How are they paying it?"

CHANGES IN JAPANESE NAVY FOLLOW SCANDAL

Tokio, March 25.—An extensive shakeup occurred among the officers of the Japanese navy to-day in connection with the recent naval scandal. Among the principal changes suggested was that of Vice-Admiral Matsumoto, who was relieved of the command of the Kurena naval station. His successor there is Vice-Admiral Shigetaro Yoshimatsu.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Tacoma, March 25.—Stepping in front of an automobile at the crossing of D street and St. Helen's avenue last night while on her way to an entertainment of the Eastern Star at Masonic temple, Miss Edith C. Magoun was knocked to the pavement and died in an hour at a hospital.

STRIKE PRISONERS RELEASED.

Ottawa, March 26.—The governor-general signed the papers yesterday for the release of 22 mine strikers of Vancouver Island who were sentenced several months ago. The release of the men will occur as soon as the papers reach New Westminster. The fines of the strikers of \$100 each will be remitted.

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TRADE STATEMENT WITH WEST INDIES IS GIVEN

Slight Decrease Shown for First Six Months Under New Agreement.

Ottawa, March 26.—The first statement of trade with the West Indies under the new agreement was made on behalf of the minister of trade and commerce in the commons yesterday. The statement gave the trade returns for the first six months, under the new agreement, as compared with the corresponding six months of the previous year, and showed a slight decrease. Canadian imports from British Honduras in 1912 were \$126,931, and in 1913, \$115,071. Exports to British Honduras in 1912 were \$7,030, and in 1913, \$5,520.

The imports from Bermuda in 1912 were valued at \$4,371, as compared with \$3,244, and the exports in 1912 were \$213,550, as compared with \$215,885 in 1913.

Imports from British Guiana fell in 1913 to \$1,419,054 from \$2,045,696; while the exports to British Guiana fell from \$336,780 in 1912 to \$317,300 in 1913.

From the remainder of the West Indies included in the agreement Canadian imports decreased from \$2,172,922 to \$2,812,953; while exports to the islands increased from \$1,968,976 in 1912 to \$2,263,921 in 1913.

DANCER TO GET \$33,000 ALIMONY WITH DIVORCE

New York, March 26.—Nance Gwyn, a dancer whose real name is Nance Fails Williams, will get \$33,000 alimony from Charles Romer Williams, a member of the art firm of Thomas Agnew & Sons, of London, if the referee's report filed with the supreme court yesterday in Mrs. Williams' suit for divorce is confirmed and a decree awarded to the actress.

The stipulation attached to the report of the referee state Williams agreed to pay his wife \$5,000 pending trial of the suit and a fee of \$5,000 to her attorney. In case she gets the decree Williams will pay her \$15,000 within a week, \$10,000 more within two years and the remainder in three years. The defendant has an income of more than \$35,000.

TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FINE PAID BY COMPANY

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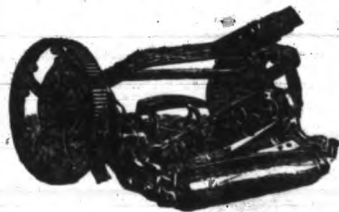
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NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL REPORT IS ALLOWED TO SLEEP BY THE GOVERNMENT

Campaign Document Proved Full of Exaggerations and Untruths; Investigation of Alleged Facts No Longer Asked for by Conservative Newspapers

Ottawa, March 26.—After the Hon. Geo. Graham's masterly dissertation of the Stanton-Gutellus report on the National Transcontinental railway on Tuesday, it easily will be understood why the government declined to take any action upon the precious campaign document, not even to the extent of appointing a committee of the house with its own followers predominating on it to investigate the alleged "waste of \$40,000,000." In fact the discussion of the report on Tuesday was the result of the repeated requests of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that a day be set for it. Had it not been for the pressure exercised by the opposition not a word would have been uttered on the government side in support of a report for which the country has paid more than \$60,000. Another remarkable circumstance is that no longer do government organs demand an investigation. They have received an intimation from inspired sources to keep quiet on this point.

The personnel of the commission, the methods by which it conducted its inquiry, the manner in which its report was presented to parliament and the report itself, all disclose the partisan political purpose which the commission was intended to serve. Notwithstanding the report of the commission reflects in no particular upon any member of the Laurier administration, nor in any specific manner upon any member of the National Transcontinental commission, nor for that matter upon any individual or group of individuals having to do with the carrying out of this gigantic undertaking. Is it not the highest commendation conferred upon a man after two years' search, with all the powers of a royal commission, the commission have been unable to bring home to a single individual a charge of profiting by graft on an undertaking which has been carried on over a period of nearly a dozen years and involved an outlay of millions of public funds?

The report is in the most general terms, critically analyzed it comes down in the main pretty much to a declaration that had a road of inferior standard and quality been constructed a smaller expenditure of money would have been required. In the loose and general manner of the whole report, it names as the sum that might have been saved, a point which few will be inclined to dispute, granted it could be shown that a road of inferior quality were as good a national investment as one of the highest standards known. Look first at the personnel of the commission and its rewards! For duties such as this commission was expected to perform, it might reasonably have been expected that a chairman, some member of the judiciary, wholly removed from party politics, and accustomed to the impartial weighing of evidence, or some engineer highly skilled in the special technical knowledge required, would have been selected. Mr. George Lynch-Staunton, the chairman appointed, was neither the one nor the other; Mr. Lynch-Staunton is quite as well known in his profession for his staunch and aggressive Conservative tendencies as for his legal attainments. Even while drawing a salary from the government as commissioner in this important inquiry, he found it impossible to refrain from participating in the South Bruce campaign in the interests of the Conservative candidate. In addition to fees obtained in the regular practice of his profession, he received for services in the preparation of the report the sum of \$24,933. Mr. Gutellus, the other member of the commission, was at the time of his appointment, an American citizen, employed in the capacity of a divisional superintendent by the Canadian Pacific Railway company, a rival of the National Transcontinental. Mr. Gutellus was, to use the expression of the minister of railways which reveals the known close connection between the C. P. R. and the government, "loaned" to the government by the Canadian Pacific for the purpose of this inquiry. After serving a little over a year as investigating commissioner, Mr. Gutellus, who had become naturalized in the interval, was appointed in preference to all other British subjects, the general manager of the Canadian government railway system, at a salary of \$20,000 per annum. For his services in connection with the preparation of the report Mr. Gutellus received \$27,465, and in addition to that amount some \$15,000 as general manager of the Intercolonial railway within the period between the appointment of the commissioners and their signing of the report.

Besides the amounts paid the commissioners as salary and which total \$42,465 an additional \$11,884 was granted by the government as allowance for their travelling and incidental expenses. Whether it was because Mr. Gutellus was not a British subject at the time of his appointment or for some other reason, the commissioners were not specially sworn, as is customary in the case of all royal commissions, "to faithfully and impartially perform their duties." Nor did the commissioners when conducting their inquiry hold their sittings in public, or call to appear before them many of the parties on whom it was intended the report should reflect. Whatever evidence they took was taken in private. They were both counsel for the prosecution, and judges as to the conclusions to be drawn from the evidence they sought.

The manner of presentation of the report to parliament serves also to disclose the political purpose it was intended to serve. After being two years

in course of preparation the report was presented in typewritten form and forthwith taken away to be printed before any member of parliament had a chance to see and examine either the report itself or the evidence. In advance even of this, a partisan press report had been carefully prepared and was handed out by the government for publication with a view to exploiting to the full the alleged "scandal" before a word could be quoted from the report itself or evidence advanced in rebuttal.

For popular effect the commission has summed up its findings in a general phrase setting forth that some \$40,000,000 might have been saved if the work of construction had been differently carried on. Of this arbitrarily fixed amount some \$15,000,000 is accounted for in the report by the fact that steel bridges were built instead of wooden trestles, that uniformly low grades were adhered to instead of "lowing momentum" grades, and that easy curves were insisted upon instead of sharp curves. In other words, the commissioners find that if a road of a lower standard of construction had been built, it would have cost \$15,000,000 less from these considerations alone. If that money was wasted, the waste was deliberate and in pursuance of the settled policy endorsed by parliament and by the Canadian people. Every suggestion rationally in America is now spending millions upon the elimination of momentum grades, sharp curves and wooden trestles. The Laurier government and the National Transcontinental commissioners believed that the money spent in this work at the outset would be saved ten times over in the reduction of operating cost.

Cumulative evidence discrediting the specific charges alleged by the commissioners has piled up ever since the report was tabled. Already the government has actually been compelled to deny the truth of at least one of the most serious allegations made. The synopsis report of the findings as handed out by the government made the commissioners say that some \$740,000 of a "rake off" had been handed over by the former national transcontinental commissioners to M. P. and J. T. Davis, as the latter's share of the profit of two large contracts sub-let to O'Brien, Fowler and McDougall. A few days afterwards in the commons, the acting minister of railways declared that no such sum had been handed over by the commission to the Messrs. Davis. If that amount were paid at all, which is not shown, it was paid by the sub-contractors under their agreement with the main contractors and was in accordance with the usual practice whereby the main contractors were allowed a 10 per cent. margin on contract price in cases of sub-letting.

In this connection it may also be noted that of the alleged "waste" another arbitrarily fixed aggregate sum of \$8,000,000 is said to have been due to profits obtained by contractors from the procedure followed in letting out contracts for large stretches of line in one block, and then allowing the main contractors to sub-let to other contractors for small sections. Apart from the fact that the regular practice in railway construction is to hand the whole work over to a few main contractors, the Borden government itself has admitted that this very practice, common in the South Bruce campaign in the interests of the Conservative candidate, is now in operation in connection with the Hudson's Bay railway, in connection with the Welland canal, in connection with works at Courtney Bay, St. John, and on other large government undertakings.

In the Courtney Bay contract, involving the expenditure of many millions, the main contractor, Norton Griffiths, was awarded by the government a price of \$2.50 per cubic yard for solid excavation. That contract he sub-let to the Courtney Construction company for \$1.17 per cubic yard. This happened under the present government, and almost under the very noses of Messrs. Gutellus and Lynch-Staunton. Here is a case where a main contractor made a profit of over 100 per cent. by sub-letting. Yet in the case of the National Transcontinental construction of the road, the main contractors to make an illegal profit of 10 per cent. by sub-letting.

But to get the true perspective of the Lynch-Staunton-Gutellus report, it is necessary to go away back of the immediate findings and to see the report in the light of the larger ulterior motive which it is believed by many it is intended to serve. The report has two main aspects. The one centres around the allegation of \$40,000,000 "waste" in the construction of the road. The other around an implied charge that the road can never be operated profitably and should not have been undertaken. This aspect is by far the more important and must eventually loom largest in public consideration.

The people of Canada irrespective of their political prejudices have too much common sense and are too vitally interested in the biggest national undertaking of decades to allow the interests either of rival railways, corporations or of political opportunists to vitiate or nullify the real object of the National Transcontinental railway. That object was to build, under government control as to rates, which would effect competitive lines, a road of the highest class, in order amongst other things to efficiently and cheaply transport the products of the west by an all-Canadian route to the sea. The object was also to roll back the map of Canada four hundred miles and develop the great agricultural, mineral and forest resources of the Canadian hinterland. The undertaking, with these two ends

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FIRE LOSS AT SIOUX CITY TO-DAY \$250,000

Sioux City, Ia., March 26.—Fire caused a loss of \$250,000 to \$300,000 in the business district early to-day. A number of persons rooming in the block were rescued by firemen.

Estherville, Iowa, was swept by fire at 5.30 a.m. due to a lantern explosion. The loss is about \$135,000. The fire was reported under control.

EMIGRATION OFFICERS CANCEL MANY LECTURES

London, March 25.—Owing to the present unrest, emigration propaganda work in Ireland is at present at a standstill. Some twenty lectures on Canada which would have been delivered within the next few weeks, have all been abandoned.

CURACAO POLITICAL SITUATION UNSETTLED

Willemstad, Curacao, March 26.—The political situation in Curacao is reported to be extremely unsettled. Many prominent persons have been arrested, including Samuel Magill, instructor-general of the Venezuelan army, who was afterwards released.

General Manuel A. Matos, former minister of foreign affairs, and two of his nephews are said to have become fugitives.

RESCUED FROM WATER. Courtenay Men When Fishing Are Overturned From Boat Into Sea.

Courtenay, March 24.—On Friday afternoon Ed. Wilson, contractor of this town, accompanied by Jack Thompson, were fishing off Comox in a small boat, and it became necessary to change seats. In doing so the craft was overturned and both men were thrown into the water.

Mr. Wilson, who is unable to swim, pluckily told Thompson to save himself. This his comrade refused to do, and in spite of a heavy overcoat, after a heroic struggle, succeeded in assisting Mr. Wilson to the boat, which was floating bottom up.

Mr. Thompson slowly propelled the boat with Wilson clinging to it towards the shore some hundreds of yards away. They eventually landed exhausted.

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Section 49 says: "No person who has applied, or has given notice that he intends to apply, for permission to purchase lands under the provisions of this part of this act, shall be entitled to apply, or to give notice of his intention to apply, for permission to purchase any other lands under the provisions of this part of this act until after he shall have either abandoned his application to purchase or for permission to purchase, or acquired a crown grant of the lands for which he had previously applied, or given notice of his intention to apply, for permission to purchase, and shall have obtained a certificate from the commissioner that he has improved the said land to the extent of three dollars per acre."

These provisions limit the purchase of land by one person to six hundred and forty acres and the right of any person to acquire more until he has received a certificate of improvement for the original section. Notwithstanding these provisions, millions of acres have been alienated to speculators in enormous blocks running from ten thousand to many times ten thousand acres each. Every inch of good land along the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Pacific Great Eastern railroads has been cornered. An instance was brought to our attention a few days ago of one man having staked 85,000 acres in the Peace River country in the names of a number of people who never intended to go upon the land, and who probably did not know where it was. Incidentally the man performed a miraculous feat. He staked an area of 40,000 acres on one day and another of 45,000 acres the next day, although the two areas were seventy-five miles apart!

A considerable portion of the \$13,000,000 due the treasury on land sales is on account of land disposed of in violation of the act. No attempt is being made to collect this money, and there is nothing in the public accounts to show that even the interest is being paid. The generosity which induced the government to help its friends to obtain the land still prevails in undiminished quantity and unimpaired quality. The holders are to be permitted to hold that land until they are able to dispose of it on profitable terms, although it was illegally alienated to them. How on earth is this country to become settled and productive if such conditions exist? What is the use of guaranteeing bonds of railway companies in millions if speculators are allowed to corner the land traversed by the roads in open contravention of the law devised to prevent this very thing? Who are the people in the darkness behind this land business, anyway?

IN A COMMON CAUSE.

The firm stand taken by Mr. Asquith yesterday regarding the army incident and the significant declaration by Ramsay MacDonald, the labor leader in the House of Commons, have immensely strengthened the position of the government. Mr. MacDonald said that in the next election the Liberal and Labor forces would stand shoulder to shoulder in the cause of government by the people. This means that there will be no more duplication of candidates, which has operated so disastrously to the administration in a number of bye-elections and that minor differences on policy will be subordinated to common action against the attempt of the Unionist party to restore the ascendancy of the House of Lords. It is the restoration of the veto power of the peers and the destruction of the Parliament act which is the real object of the furious blood-and-thunder campaign of the Unionists, not the interests of the Ulster minority, if this were accomplished and the power of the House of Lords re-established there would be an end to the programme of democratic legislation for which the Asquith government stands, legislation which, in improving the condition of the plain people, is bound to weaken the grip of the beneficiaries of class privilege.

Yesterday we pointed out that the Unionist party, whose fortunes have fallen into hands that are leading it to destruction, had presented the government with the most effective campaign material a party ever had. Aside altogether from the merits or demerits of the Home Rule question, the people of the United Kingdom have unequivocally supported the theory of the supremacy of the elective chamber. They historically are jealous of their civil rights and nothing could be more unpopular than the attempt of the Unionist leaders to form an alliance with the army officers for the promotion of their political fortunes. One result of this rash move will be the ultimate overthrowing of the whole army system and the annihilation of the conscription propaganda so zealously promoted by Lord Roberts and his military colleagues. The people of the United Kingdom will never reject Mr. Asquith and his colleagues for Bonar Law and the reckless group who are directing his tactics.

A REPREHENSIBLE PRACTICE.

The British Columbia legislature during the session recently held passed an "enabling act" which was equivalent to electing three members who had unseated themselves by contravention of the constitution. The members in question had disqualified themselves from sitting in the house by accepting employment with remuneration technically from the crown but actually from the government they support. The Ontario legislature has just passed a similar act enabling a number of disqualified members to take their seats, their offence being that they had worked for and drawn remuneration from the federal government at Ottawa. Thus do we find two Tory administrations in the provinces of Canada usurping the functions or the prerogative of the people whose right it is to elect their own representatives. The conduct of the two legislatures, each with overwhelming government majorities, has been so outrageous that even the Montreal Star, a newspaper that is not at all squeamish in its Tory principles, has been moved to a severe condemnation of their actions.

DECLINING TRADE.

Hon. G. E. Foster, Premier Borden's Minister of Trade and Commerce, shortly after assuming office, started on a tour of the world for the avowed purpose of extending the trade of the country. The first place the minister attacked as a trade promoter was the West Indies. The first statistical fruits of his labors have just been gathered. Trade with the West Indies has declined, notwithstanding that the government has instituted a special Canadian steamship service to help Mr. Foster in his work of promotion. Having fixed up things in the West Indies, Mr. Foster hid himself off on an excursion which carried him practically round the world, winding up his business in Korea after an interesting and instructive inspection of various other Asiatic nations and dependencies. Parliament has not yet been informed officially or specifically respecting the status of our trade with Australia or the Orient, but we know that imports from the Commonwealth have increased in some lines, such as butter and meats, the former being required in large quantities by British Columbia, a province nature would appear to have specially created for dairying purposes, while the combine imports and distributes the meat. However, notwithstanding the noble efforts of Mr. Foster to extend trade in general, parliamentary returns prove that it is declining at a rapid pace all along the line, with the single exception of our exports to the United States, the nation with which we were fervently exhorted to have "no truck or trade," and that of course is not due to any effort on the part of the government, but entirely to the fiscal policy inaugu-

rated by President Wilson and the tariff reform party. The conditions that confront the country are that trade is declining, revenue is falling, and everything is wanting except the expenditures. Having appointed so many commissions to inquire into things, the best thing the Borden government can do now is create a final commission to investigate the causes of its demonstrated impotence and incompetence.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

If the British-Canadian organization formed to bring high-class British plays and players to this country maintains the standard of its initial effort it will more than justify its existence. It is a pleasure to be able to welcome so eminent an artist as Mr. Martin Harvey, who, though a young man, has made for himself an enviable name in both the old and new worlds. We recall quite clearly the memorable impression his finished delineation of the role of Sidney Carton created in the metropolitan centres of the east some years ago, about the same time, singularly enough, that Henry Miller, a distinguished fellow-countryman, was winning golden opinions by his portrayal of the same character. Clearly neither time nor custom has been able to stale the quality of Mr. Harvey's performance.

We trust the organization will continue its good work. There are, besides Mr. Harvey, a brilliant galaxy of British stars who have not sent their beams across this western firmament. Just to mention a few, there are Sir George Alexander, Sir Herbert Tree, Sir Charles Wyndham, Sir John Hare, Arthur Boucher and Cyril Maude, while Canada is always pleased to renew acquaintances with Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson and E. S. Willard. We take it for granted, of course, that the British-Canadian organization will include in its list those talented women whose association with the names we have mentioned contributed very substantially to the prominence they occupy in the dramatic world.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS.

When the order-in-council prohibiting the admission to Canada of all artisans except Chinese and Japanese was adopted at Ottawa some months ago, it was stated that by the end of March, when the order expired, the government would introduce an immigration policy which would be the last word in legislation of its kind. It would deal with the whole question in such a way as to settle it for all time to the satisfaction of the Canadian people.

The Times predicted that Mr. Borden would not be ready with an immigration policy in that time and that the order-in-council would be renewed for six months. We merely had to recall the manner in which the Prime Minister had dealt with other large issues to be convinced that he would daily with this one. We urged, therefore, that no chances be taken; that if it was impossible to bring Chinese artisans under the same order-in-council which excluded white people because of the special legislation affecting them, the Chinese act and general immigration act should be amended so as to enable these Orientals to be dealt with.

It is now stated that the order-in-council prohibiting the admission of artisans will be renewed for another six months. Chinese will continue to be exempt from its provisions. They still will be able to come in on payment of the head tax while white artisans will be excluded. This no doubt will be a fine thing for those "influential interests" of which Mr. Barnard spoke at a meeting in this city. It also will be a bonanza for the respective revenues of the Dominion and Province, which divide the head tax between them. The province's share amounts to something like \$1,500,000 per annum. What steps is Mr. Barnard going to take to remove the discrimination in favor of Chinese under the order-in-council? Is he only defiant towards the "influential interests" when he is three thousand miles from headquarters delivering a political speech at a party meeting?

We are pleased to see that there has been a marked decrease in the cost of living both in Great Britain and in the United States notwithstanding that the reduction is at the expense of Canadians. In the case of the republic the reduction is very marked, and is attributed by those whose business it is to trace economic movements to their ultimate source to the abolition of duties on many articles and to substantial reductions in the duties on others. Of course the Americans are now drawing larger quantities of the necessities of life from Canada, and that has the effect of reducing the supply here and keeping up prices. In fact, it has had the effect of improving the opportunities of the trusts and combinations. The supply being smaller in volume, they can the more effectively control it.

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Sir Edward Carson assuring him that the sender and thousands of Canadians are willing to help the Ulstermen to the last ditch. Really, Captain Tom, whose genial ways have made him deservedly popular, should have been more precise in the terms of his cable. He knows that he could not crowd his Taffean proportions into any ditch. Half of him would overflow. Certainly there would be no room for a thousand Canadians after he had squeezed fifty per cent. of his three-hundred-pound bulk into it. What he should have said was that he and thousands of Canadians were willing to help Sir Edward to the last canal.

"Behind the Wicket," a book just published by William Briggs, Toronto, has little or nothing to do with cricket, as one might conclude on reading the title. It is a collection of stories by a bank clerk, and some of the yarns are very interesting even to one who never has occupied a position behind the wicket or behind anything else in a banking institution. The bank clerks are coming along. They have formed an association for mutual benefit, which we hope will do them all good, and now one of them, spurred to action, perhaps, by the example of Robert Service, has "come out strong" in literature.

As the Toronto Australian Commonwealth means to have a naval fleet of her own near her own home, and that in what Canada means too. As far as Canada is concerned, the trouble is that Premier Borden is "anchored" or manacled to his Nationalist supporters and dared not suggest anything practical, while all the vague talk of the First Lord simply befores the situation. In the meantime Australia seems determined to find out where we stand and whether it is our intention to carry out the programme agreed upon in 1905.

The Nationalist flag, which in a certain part of Canada played an important part in the election of 1911 as the Old Flag in other parts, has been discovered. It is in possession of Deputy Speaker Blondin and still may prove useful to Premier Borden in case of emergencies. The Nationalist flag, as everybody in this part of Canada ought to know, is the British flag shot full of holes, through which the Nationalists, three of whom are in the cabinet, breathe the air of liberty.

A dispatch from Ottawa published in the Times to-day sheds a great light upon the financial affairs of the Canadian Northern railway, but the facts it relates are known in all the moneyed centres of the world. No wonder Sir Richard feels concerned regarding the situation in which he has involved the province and has gone to Ottawa, to join the C. N. R. lobby.

The Times desires to state that it has given no person authority to use its name in connection with a projected publication alleged to be edited by the reportorial staffs of the city newspapers, and no one in its employ is associated with the enterprise in any way.

DORVAL MILITARY MANOEUVRES

(In which the Minister of Militia Appears.)
On May 23, 1912, at the instance of Colonel Hughes, the minister of militia, an order-in-council was passed authorizing the minister of militia to pay \$15,000 for a military camp site near Montreal.
On June 8, 1912, Major Rodden, of Montreal, purchased a property known as the McIntyre farm for \$28,000, adjoining the Bel-Air race track, a property he had purchased on May 27, 1911, for \$48,000.
His total purchase price for both properties was \$76,000.
On June 17, 1912, the minister of militia issued a cheque in payment for these properties to Messrs. Rodden, Fair and Cameron for \$150,000.
On June 21, 1912, Messrs. Rodden, Fair and Cameron issued a certificate to the justice department stating that the land was clear. The government's cheque was cashed on the same date.
Major Rodden's total outlay, supposing all payments on his purchases to have been made by him, before receiving the government's cheque, was \$48,000; his net profit on the transaction was \$58,000.
Why did the militia department not forestall Major Rodden in the purchase, at least, of the McIntyre property? The order-in-council authorizing its purchase was passed May 23, 1912. Major Rodden did not make his purchase till June 8, and the militia department re-purchased from him on June 17 at the above price.

Latest Arrivals in Ready-to-Wear Includes: Novelty Suits to Sell at \$17.50, \$20 and \$25, Silk and Wool Sweaters From \$4.50 to \$17.50

A New Shipment of Silk and Imported Wool Sweaters



THIS will be good news to those women who have been enquiring and waiting for this shipment. We are glad to announce their arrival and are confident that the new styles and colors will meet with your approval. We would also advise you to make your selection as early as possible if you would secure the best choice as in the Silk Sweaters there is only one of each style and color. The styles include some with belts, others with sash, and still others with cutaways and without collars. The colors are mahogany, saxe, cerise, pearl grey, reseda green, tan, purple, pink and white.

Imported All-Wool Sweaters
Come in a beautiful brush finish, made in V-shaped neck style and finished with two patch pockets. The new colors are ruby, old rose, pink, purple, emerald, tan, navy and black.
Silk Sweaters from \$7.50 to \$17.50
Imported All-Wool Sweaters at \$4.50
—First Floor

A New Range of Novelty Suits to Sell at \$17.50 \$20 and \$25

WOMEN with very limited incomes can this season indulge in a very smart novelty Suit without going to price extremes. The new shipment of Suits just unpacked reveals some very smart styles to sell at quite inexpensive prices, and they are styles that will meet with the utmost approval. They come in plain blue serges, brown hairlines, black and white stripes and brocaded effects. Skirts show ripple backs, draped and tweed effects, and coats are cut in kimono style, with roll collars and revers, smartly touched up with fancy silk and lace; one, two and three-button fastenings. Handsome models in good-wearing materials, well tailored and neatly finished. Such novelty styles have never been offered before at so low a price at the beginning of a season. We invite you to inspect these soon.
—First Floor

Men's Stylish Suits For Easter—\$18.75

YOU will want your new Spring Suit by Easter, then why not make your selection now, while the selection of patterns, shades and sizes are at their best. There are other advantages to be had, too, by buying your suit now. You want a perfect fit; you want the suit delivered on time; you don't want to be disappointed at the last minute. By making your selection now we can guarantee you prompt attention and best service. When the rush sets in we have to do alterations in rotation; this may mean your having to wait. Be wise and make your selection early. You have the choice of the season's best shades and patterns in English worsteds, serges and chevots, also in English and Scotch tweed. Splendidly tailored in single and double-breasted styles. Specially good values for \$18.75
Other values from \$9.75 to \$32.50
—Main Floor

New Sports and Novelty Coats at \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$17.50

NEW styles in new materials and colors keep arriving and to-day we are showing samples of these in the View street windows.
AT \$12.50 there are several new styles showing gathered backs and many new colors, in both plain shades and checks—blue, cerise, red, fawn, greens, and both plain and fancy black and colored checks, in novelty weaves.
AT \$15.00 we have a very handsome range in styles, colors and materials, including fancy tweeds, checks and plain effects. At this price we are also showing the new coat that's all the rage in leading fashion centres. This coat is made with loose back, Raglan sleeve, with ripple falling from the shoulder; buttons up close to the neck, with roll collar and finished with deep cuffs on sleeve and patch pocket. This style comes in tweeds and plain colors. Ask to see this coat; it's a most useful style.
AT \$17.50 there's a smart range in full ripple backs, also with belt backs with smart cutaway and roll collar. These are in fancy tweeds and there's a good range of shades and patterns.
—First Floor

Nurses' Aprons and Overalls

FRESH and clean, just out of their boxes, good serviceable qualities and styles that meet the needs of the most particular nurse and housewife. All at our own popular prices.
Nurses' White Aprons, princess front, with large bib and ties; made from a nice quality of linen. Each at \$1.75
Nurses' Aprons, finished with deep hem and with a square bib. Each \$1.65
Same style, and a good offering at \$1.50
Overall Aprons, of striped Holland trimmed with bands of dark blue. Special at \$1.50
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Overalls and Aprons in a big variety of styles, materials and colors. Each \$1.00
Aprons in blue and white checks, with border around bottom. Each \$1.25
Large Striped Print Aprons, in blue and white and grey and white, made full size, with long sleeve. Each \$1.25
—First Floor

Trimmed Millinery at \$8.50

A BEAUTIFUL range of new Spring models in the leading shades of tango, brick, midnight blue, etc. Styles are in the new Bandeau effects. Samples can be seen in the View street windows, but there are many others in the department. Such splendid values should appeal to all who are interested in their new Spring Millinery.
—Second Floor

Suit Cases, Trunks and Traveling Rugs for Your Easter Holidays

MAKE the selection of your holiday requisites early while you are sure of the best selection in sizes and values.
Waterproof Canvas-covered Trunks with hardwood slats, brass lock and side clasps and nicely lined inside and with tray. Size 30 inch, each \$4.00
Size 32 inch, each \$4.25
Size 34 inch, each \$4.50
These prices for a few days only.
Juvenile Suit Cases of imitation leather in tan color, finished with brass lock and side clasps; strong leather covers and leather handle, nicely lined inside; the size to take with you on a day's trip. These come in four sizes—12 inch, each \$1.35
14 inch, each \$1.50
16 inch, each \$1.65
18 inch, each \$1.85
Juvenile Jap Matting Suit Cases, fitted same as above; a very light case for ladies' use; in three sizes—14 inch, each \$1.25
16 inch, each \$1.45
18 inch, each \$1.55
Tan Leather Suit Case, size 24 inch, with two outside leather straps, leather handle and corners, brass lock and side clasps, fitted inside with shirt pocket. Special value, each \$5.50
The New Patented Steel Frame Fibre Suit Case is as strong and durable as real leather, and has the advantage of being much lighter to carry. These cases come in two sizes, 24 x 26 inch is made in deep or ordinary style, with or without outside straps, nicely finished inside with good lining and shirt fold; leather handles and corners, lock and key and side clasps. Specially priced from \$2.00 up to \$5.50
—Main Floor

A New Shipment of White Wool
Has just arrived and includes Andalusian, Bee Hive Soft Knitting Wool, Ivory and Shetland Floss.
—First Floor

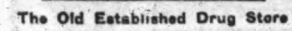
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BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies' Tailor. A. Campbell building, corner Fort and Douglas street.

S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty 'phone Inspector Russell, 1211; Secretary, 11728.

Needless Operations and Expense Avoided by having your dental work done by Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government street.

The B. C. Funeral Co., Chas. Hayward, president, 784 Broughton street. Calls promptly attended to. Phone 2235.

The Lawn Mower Shop, 610 Pandora Street.

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Economy Wet Wash Laundry—Family wash, five a week. Clothes returned on the following day, thoroughly washed. Phone 2252. 2612 Bridge street.

Vacuum Cleaners Rented. Phone 4618.

Wall Paper, 10c Per Roll.—Estimates furnished on Decorating and House-Painting. H. Harkness & Son, 919 Pandora avenue.

For all kinds of Wood phone C. C. McCafferty, No. 3297-O.

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Hanna & Thomson, 827 Pandora avenue. Phone 498. Frank L. Thomson, funeral director and licensed embalmer. Practical direction for every service. Instant response, no matter where the call. Our auto service eliminates distance. You are as near as your nearest telephone. Prices always consistently moderate. The expense a matter of your own desire.

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It is a Poor Sort of Game to winter in the city looking for work which is not to be had and find oneself broke at the beginning of spring. Many who have had this bitter experience are finding it good business to secure a small tract of land in the country as a permanent home on which they can live and work during the winter when employment is scarce in the towns. For \$80 you can secure ten acres without further payment for a year, or if you can settle immediately on the land, \$7 every three months will pay your rent for five years and at any time during that period you have the option of purchase. Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd., General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., 608 Belmont House. Phone 1914.

Miss Wilson, Dressmaker, 2035 Oak Hay Ave. Phone 977.

The Lawn Mower Hospital, 514 Cormorant.

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Mrs. Hope—Late with Marshall & Snellgrove, London and The Murray Kay Co., Toronto, has opened the dressmaking rooms on the third floor at David Spencer, Ltd., and is prepared to take orders for gowns for all occasions and tailored suits.

For Keys that fit, go to Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant street.

Baby Suggy Tyres put on to stay at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant.

Use Linoleo for Waxed Floors, 25c and 50c, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas street.

The Hampshire Road Methodist Church Banquet, Friday, March 27th, 8.30 p.m. sharp. Good programme. Admission, 50c.

For Classy Hats at low prices, see Mrs. Waxstock's new store, 1600 Douglas street, below city hall. Phone 5435.

Northern Hotel, corner Yates and Government. Modern rooms, \$3 per week and up. Cafe in connection.

Divine Psychic Society.—Mrs. L. Reese, B. D., will lecture in the large hall Pythian castle, North Park street, Sunday evening at 7.30 p.m. Subject: Thomas Paine, Saint or Sinner? (Rosa Croix.)

Carpets Vacuum Cleaned. Phone 4618.

Rochon's Molasses, Peppermint, Scotch Kisses and Caramels are the best that you can buy in candies. Lot us send you a box prepaid to any point on the island. Rochon's, 1124 Blanchard street.

Mecca Grill Under New Management.—This grill, which has been running for over a year has, now been sold. Improved service is the aim of the proprietress, together with special features of serving breakfast and afternoon teas. 35c lunches and dinners are still served.

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A Nice Lawn is only kept nice by constant cutting with a good lawn mower, such as the "Bellevue" ball-bearing mower, which has four blades made of crucible steel. It cuts evenly and easily and does not cost much, \$6.75, \$7.25 and \$8, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas.

Lighting-Up Times.—Lighting-up time this evening for all horse-driven vehicles and bicycles is at 7.21.

Sat in Council Chamber.—Owing to the holding of the election for school trustee in the police court room this morning Magistrate Jay sat in the council chamber and held a brief session, there being only three drunks and one case of using violent language to deal with.

Still Unsolved.—Mystery still surrounds the supposed drowning which took place on Monday night in the inner harbor. In spite of the most searching inquiries and investigations by the police, no trace of any missing man has yet been found, and the idea is beginning to deepen that the affair was merely the outcome of a practical joke.

After 27 Years' Absence.—After 27 years of absence from Victoria, W. A. Brown, general superintendent of the western division of the Canadian Northern railway, is in the city again on a visit to an old-time friend, M. E. Miller, of 199 Beach Drive. Mr. Brown's headquarters are at Edmonton, and he has therefore nothing to do with the expansion of the line to the coast. He states that the company had a huge task this year in handling the bumper wheat crop.

Rifle Match.—A miniature rifle match, ten men a side, will be shot to-night between the Fifth Regiment Rifle club and the Civilian Rifle club. The Civilian's scores at the weekly spoon shoot last night were as follows: Capt. E. J. Gollip, 190; R. S. Craig, 190; G. Grassby, 99; A. E. Ashe, 98; E. H. Deane, 98; W. J. Tanner, 97; H. Burton, 97; C. A. Blomfield, 96; D. Wallis, 94; F. Harding, 92; E. Rutan, 91; G. T. Ferrabee, 87.

Suspicious Characters.—The presence of suspicious characters in the neighborhood of the Four-Mile House last night caused the provincial police to send men out to the spot. The suspects proved to be only hoboes looking for a convenient location to sleep, and after investigation the police let them go.

Every suspicious character is being interviewed by the police in the hope of getting some clue as to the identity of the Esquimalt bandits of whom no trace has yet been found.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 26, 1889.

The estimated revenue for the city of Victoria for the year 1889 will be \$153,212, of which the real estate tax will amount to \$42,000. The expenditure will be \$153,000, of which \$18,000 will be spent on streets and bridges. The interest on loans amounts to \$22,000.

The following gentlemen have been selected as directors of the Bar Association for the following year: Messrs. Drake, Pooley, Theodore Davis, Eberts, Richards, Yates and Corbould. Only 14 out of the 46 entitled to vote cast their ballot.

There will be a special meeting of St. Andrew's Society on Thursday evening to consider what steps shall be taken to put the society's grounds in a condition for cricket and baseball sports.

The Victoria official map bill, dealing with new streets and disputed old ones, passed through committee of the legislature yesterday.

Open Season for Brant.—The open season for brant closes on March 31 in this province according to the new game act. Notice to this effect has just been given the deputy game wardens.

Deputy Sheriff Resigns.—James Townley has resigned the office of deputy sheriff held by him for many years and is succeeded by Robert Sangster, one of the best known old timers in the city.

Telephone Company's Extensions.—Arrangements are being made by the B. C. Telephone company for laying a new cable from Alberni to Port Alberni, and also for considerable extensions at Duncan to serve the surrounding district.

Created Disturbance.—For using obscene language and creating a disturbance at the Grand Central hotel last evening John Jones was sentenced to a fine of \$10 or ten days by Magistrate Jay in the police court this morning. Constable Bishop made the arrest.

To Acclimatize Mistletoe.—Frequent attempts have been made to acclimatize English mistletoe in Victoria, so far with indifferent success. Another attempt is being made by W. F. Best, both with mistletoe and edelweiss, which he has distributed among the nurserymen.

James Island Powder Works.—Good progress is reported on the plant of the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., at James Island, which has been in hand now for nine months. About 100 employees are engaged on the work, which represents a large investment. The machinery on order is expected to arrive at an early date.

Northwest Sewer.—The sewer pipe to be used in the Northwest sewer is now on the ground and will be laid at once, the preliminary steps for laying of track to lower the pipe into the trench having been started. There is sufficient pipe now manufactured to permit the work going on at the outfall at Macaulay point. Some little difficulty has arisen through the tides backwashing water in the cove which is crossed by the sewer just before the outfall is reached, but the assistant engineer says this matter will be settled shortly.

Is Coming West.—Although reports have been published to the effect that D. A. Thomas, the Welsh coal baron and head of the Cambrian Fuel company, has returned to Great Britain, it is definitely stated to-day that he is now in Ottawa. While no definite announcement has yet been made of the Welsh Coal company's intentions, it is stated on reliable authority that the Cambrian Coal company is negotiating with the British Columbia Anthracite syndicate with a view to taking over its holdings in the Groundhog and the charter of the Naas and Skeena Rivers railway. It is further stated that Mr. Thomas will visit the coast at an early date.

Lectured on Natural History.—Under the auspices of the Metropolitan Brotherhood last evening, F. Kermode, curator of the provincial museum, gave a talk on the Natural History of British Columbia. The many slides as they were thrown upon the screen were very interesting and illustrative of the animal and bird life in the province, while the scenery depicted brought into vision many wonderful bits of the province unthought of by most of the audience. Especially was this the case with regard to Vancouver island and the group of islands adjacent. The personal touch the lecturer had with them and the famous hunters in search of game aroused a feeling of the familiar as scene after scene was shown. The group describing the method adopted for framing and building up a large cabinet drew special attention. At the close a very cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Kermode and Mr. Franco who operated the lantern.

Dickens Club.—At the Dickens club's last meeting of the season held last night, the treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Lort presented a satisfactory report, showing a balance in the bank. A successful season has just ended, and John W. Lethaby, in the name of the members, tendered to Mrs. Lort, on her retirement from the post she has so well filled, the cordial thanks of the club. Not only was she one of the pillars of the organization, but her truly Dickensian hospitality and kindness, deserved the utmost appreciation. By a standing vote, the meeting showed its sense of loss and thanked Mrs. F. W. Saunders was elected in her stead. To the honorary secretary, Miss C. G. Fox, great credit was given by the speaker for the enthusiastic and efficient way in which the business of the club had been conducted. Mr. McLeod Gould was in the chair, and announced that while the club would not hold meetings again until October, it was hoped that during the summer some picnic parties would be held.

Popular Couple Wed.—Miss Olive A. Fawcett becomes Bride of Mr. William W. Stephens; Will Live in Los Angeles.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place this afternoon at 2.30 at the home of the bride's parents, Selkirk avenue, when Miss Olive A. Fawcett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fawcett, became the bride of William W. Stephens, of Victoria. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

The bride looked very charming in a neat tailored costume of navy blue with hat to match, and was attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth H. Fawcett, while her brother, Victor C. Fawcett, acted as best man.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served, and the happy couple left later in the day for Los Angeles where they will make their future home.

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

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Teas Reports Willie Jones Broken Down Off Sombrio River, West Coast

3.20 a. m. S. S. Teas reports launch Willie Jones broken down two miles off Sombrio river. Port Renfrew advises launch gone out to assistance. U. S. S. revenue cutter Snohomish out searching. Heavy snowstorm.

The above is the reading of a wireless message received shortly after noon to-day from the Pachena station. The Willie Jones is not known here and judging from the name it would appear that she is owned by Indiana. She must be a good-sized craft, or she would not be venturing outside at this season of the year.

Plenty of assistance is being rushed to the disabled craft, but the blinding snowstorm will make the task of locating her very difficult. The launch from Port Renfrew will not be able to head too far offshore under such conditions, but the staunch life-saving tug Snohomish will not be affected.

Being propelled by a gasoline engine no doubt trouble developed in the machinery and having no sail the Willie Jones has been left to the mercy of the wind and sea. The Teas evidently must have sighted the vessel, but nothing was stated in the message as to whether she was rendering assistance. The steamer is on her way south from Holberg and upon learning that other help was close at hand it is probable that she continued on her trip.

The wireless reports received at 8 o'clock and noon to-day from both the Pachena and Estevan stations gave the wind as southeast and the sea moderate. Assistance would have to be rendered quickly or the Willie Jones would soon be ashore as she was only two miles off when sighted.

Harold Dollar to Be Built on Clyde Will Be Larger Than Robert Dollar

Larger than any of the other carriers of the Robert Dollar Steamship company, a new freighter to be known as the Harold Dollar, is to be constructed on the banks of the Clyde. It is said that the vessel will cost \$280,000 and that she will be capable of carrying over 5,000,000 feet of lumber. Like all the other vessels of this well known fish flag and Victoria will be her port of registry.

At the present time the Dollar line is operating the steamships Robert Dollar, Hazel Dollar and M. S. Dollar to offshore ports, and they are making most of their voyages between Puget Sound and the Columbia river.

Maul Reaches Kaul With Powder Cargo and All Hands Alive

Honolulu, March 26.—The Inter-Island steamship Maul, which was believed last night to have gone down with all hands after a terrific explosion, reported to-day from Kaul by wireless that she had arrived there safely after an uneventful voyage.

Following the report received here yesterday of the disaster to the Maul search parties were sent out. Tugs, launches and junks were dispatched to see if any wreckage could be found floating about, and to scour the sea for survivors. This morning the fleet returned to port one by one, and each reported having seen no trace of the Maul.

The representatives here of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation company,

SKIPPER WRITES ON CLIPPER SHIP ERA

Capt. Eyres Says Two Brothers Was Never a Clipper; None Are Left

Vancouver, March 26.—Captain William J. Eyres, a retired American shipmaster, now living at Burnaby Lake, writes an interesting letter regarding clipper ships. Captain Eyres writes to point out that the application of the term "clipper" to the Two Brothers, now at North Vancouver, is an error. He was mate and master of the Two Brothers when she was in active service as a windjammer and is therefore conversant with her history.

"The Two Brothers was built many years subsequent to the closing date of the clipper ship era," writes Captain Eyres. "She was built at Farmington, Maine, in 1868, to the order of Stevens, Baker & Co. of Boston, Mass., as which, port she was owned and sailed from until 1882. During this interval she was engaged in the East Indian, China and Philippine Islands trade. In 1882 she was sold to the late Captain Samuel M. Blair, of San Francisco, then a large shipowner of that city, and she was continuously employed in the coast trade between Seattle, Tacoma, Nanaimo, Departure Bay and San Francisco. She was in this service until 1902 and then entered the salmon cannery trade as a tender to Alaska. Subsequently she was disposed of to British Columbia interests.

"The word 'clipper' is frequently erroneously used. The clipper ship period dates approximately from 1840 to the time when the clipper and owners, impelled by the keen rivalry which the African slave-trade had produced, evolved a type of hull noted for its easy non-resisting lines, sharp bow and easy run aft. This was a radical departure from the former box-like structures called vessels. It was found that the new lines gave great speed and they were generally adopted among builders.

Rush to Goldfields.

"Following the discovery of gold in California in 1848, the most of the fortune seekers to the new El Dorado taxed the capacity of eastern shippers to the limit and smart sailing vessels were much in demand to handle the business. The business of our sea transportation was so profitable during the decade of 1850 to 1860 that a known and reported smart ship was actually paid a large premium to go on her berth to load, as well as of course, as the usual freight per ton.

"This state of affairs caused keen competition among builders. The original lines of the clipper were accentuated and the result was that between 1850 and 1860 the finest specimens of the 'wooden shipbuilders' art were turned out. These vessels have never been equalled for beauty, grace and speed. These ships had a practical monopoly of our sea trade and received their first setback after 1861 during the period of the American civil war. Many of them were destroyed by Confederate privateers. Others, to avoid the possibility of capture, were placed under the British flag and consequently lost at sea.

"The completion of the Suez canal, which gave a direct steamship route to India, China and Australia, was another hard blow at the clipper ship as it destroyed the trade in tea transportation for these vessels as well as good general cargo business. Then came the completion of the Union and Central Pacific railroads and the clipper trade to California was ruined.

"The good hulk Two Brothers is the product of a later day. Hulls were given coarser and broader lines for the conveying of much cargo, speed at this time not being considered as a vital element as it was in the early clipper ship. I will further state that there is not one of those splendid vessels left to-day. They are all absolutely gone, even those which escaped the perils of old ocean, for they could not be profitably used as hulks because their lines were so fine and their construction of such a nature that fully one-half of their tonnage would be required to ballast to ensure stability. So you will see the word 'clipper' or term 'famous clipper,' applied to the Two Brothers at any port of her history, or to any other vessel or hull on this coast to-day or any other coast, is a fallacy. They have nothing in common with the ships of the clipper period, and I think I can safely say that not one clipper ship has been built since 1861 or 1862."

BOTH ORIENTAL LINERS STRUCK BY GREAT SEAS

Heavy seas were encountered by both the Oriental liners which arrived in port yesterday during their runs across the pool. The Aki Maru, Capt. Noma, which was the first of the vessels to berth was caught in a howling storm three days out from Yokohama and an unlucky sea which broke on her starboard quarter carried away a few ventilators and did other minor damage to the decks. The remainder of the run was made with fine weather prevailings.

The white liner Empress of Japan, Capt. Hopperoff, was struck by the same storm when she was one day out from Yokohama. Following seas were running very high and they kept thrashing down on the poop. The vessel rolled frightfully. One sea carried away a portion of the rails on the poop deck. Nothing eventful transpired during the voyage.

The Empress' passenger list was fair for this season of the year, including the following in the saloon: T. Abbott, C. Adams, M. Barnett, Miss B. Billings, A. E. Buchanan, Douglas Cox, E. C. Davis, Mrs. Davis, J. W. Drexel, Jr., Viscount di Villa, an Italian nobleman, who is on his way to Italy from Shanghai; Miss L. Freer, A. M. Goldenberg, Jacob Goldenberg, Y. M. Leitch, C. MacDonald, G. A. Merivale, Miss Merivale, M. Nikuni, R. M. Owen, Master Owen, J. A. Thomas and G. Wilson.

MAY FOR SKAGWAY

To-morrow night the C.P.R. steamer Princess May, Capt. M. Loos, returned to the northern trade, sailing for Prince Rupert and Skagway. She will take out a good list of passengers and will be full with cargo when she clears from Vancouver.

ALBERT LEAVES PORT

The G. T. P. steamer Prince Albert, Capt. Morehouse, sailed for northern ports this morning with a large cargo. She made a visit to Seattle this trip and loaded 190 tons of machinery. This was the last sailing of the winter schedule.

SENATOR DUE TO-MORROW

The Pacific Coast steamship Senator, Capt. Hannah, will arrive in port to-morrow evening from San Francisco. She has 215 tons of general cargo to discharge at this port. Her passenger list is not large.

MORE REPAIRS NEEDED

The lighthouse tender Estevan, Capt. Barnes, will remain in dry-dock five days longer than was originally expected. Some additional repairs are needed to her hull.

A Dundee minister preached on the text, "Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting." After the congregation had listened "an hour, some became weary and went out, greatly to the annoyance of the minister. Another person started, whereupon the parson stopped his sermon and said: "That's right, my friend. As fast as ye're weighed pass out!" He continued his sermon for some time, but no one disturbed him by leaving.

An honorary secretary of the club (says "J." in the Liverpool Post) it was my duty to open the "complaint box," which was kept in the smoke-room. On one occasion I remarked that it was the third year I had done so without ever finding a complaint. A voice replied, "You may put mine in." "Indeed, what is it?" "Inflammation of the kidneys!" said a well-known banker, and a roar of laughter from the other men in the room followed.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

A. D. CHARLTON, A. G. P. A., PORTLAND, ORE.

WRECK OF MONROE HAS BEEN BLOWN UP

Norfolk, Va., March 26.—The wreck of the Old Dominion liner Monroe, sunk in January by the Merchants & Miners packet Nantuxet, with a loss of more than forty lives, has been blown up by the revenue cutter Onondaga, which returned to port here to-day.

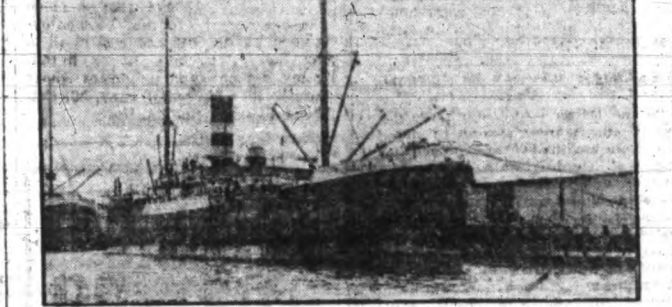
Four explosions of gunpowder removed all of the wreck that was a menace to navigation and the coastal lane is again free for ships. No bodies were brought to the surface and thus the statements of the divers that they had been swept out by the strong submarine current were verified.

AWARD FOR SALVAGE

Mr. Justice Martin yesterday afternoon awarded the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Company \$500 salvage for rescuing the 60-foot gasoline launch B. B. of Prospect rock, at the entrance to Vancouver harbor, on the night of November 23 last. The launch was disabled with 15 or 16 passengers on board, and the question at issue was whether the Prince George was entitled to compensation for salvage or towage. The company claimed \$2,000, and the defendant offered \$100.

The Umbrella Shep. 610 Pandora St.

NAMED TO REPLACE STATESMAN IN HARRISON SERVICE



According to information from the old country this vessel will sail from Antwerp on April 1 and clear from Liverpool for the Pacific coast on April 18. She is looked for here about July 1.

and the Orient. On outward voyages they handle principally lumber cargoes, while returning they bring heavy shipments of sulphur and Oriental merchandise.

The Dollar company formerly operated a coasting vessel under the name of Harold Dollar, but when she was disposed of a short time ago and rechristened the Greywood, it was decided to keep the name for the new ship which has now been contracted for.

Build More Cheaply in U. K.

Although Robert Dollar, head of the company, lives in San Francisco, he favors British yards when it comes to shipbuilding. In an interview he says that it would take \$600,000 to build the Harold Dollar in the United States, and then the job would not be as good. He makes some strong comments on the shipping laws of the republic, and believes that as long as they remain as they are to-day the United States mercantile fleet will never amount to anything. He operates his boats under British flag owing to the less expense of operation, and also the numerous privileges which are the lot of ships under the Union Jack.

Mr. Dollar does not expect to have his new vessel ready for service until some time next year.

S. S. MUSICIAN

owners of the Maul, from the very outset discredited the alleged statement of the soldiers at Fort Kamehameha that they saw the ship blow up and sink. Despite the stand taken by the representatives, people here expressed considerable fear for the safety of the 40 men on board, including the crew and a number of Hawaiian laborers. The vessel was carrying a large quantity of explosives, and this increased the suspicions that the vessel had blown up.

The wireless message which was received to-day, set aside all anxiety for the ship's safety.

WIRELESS REPORTS

March 26, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Overcast; N. W., light; 29.83; 25.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E., fresh; 29.36; 30; sea moderate.

Tatoosh—Snowing; E. 24 miles; 29.80; 33; sea moderate. In, 12.30 a. m., S. S. Roma, Out, 6 a. m., S. S. Admiral Watson. In, 6.30 a. m., S. S. Nebraska.

Prichena—Snowing; S. E.; 29.50; 32; sea moderate.

Estevan—Raining; S. E., fresh; 29.55; 53.

Triangle—Clear; N. E.; 29.56; 31; sea moderate. Spoke, 5.30 a. m., S. S. Chelohsin, Milbank Sound, southbound.

Ikedda—Cloudy; N., strong; 29.54; 52; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Clear; S. E.; 29.66; 30; sea smooth. Spoke, 6 p. m., S. S. Humboldt at Ketchikan.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.63; 34; sea smooth. Out, 6.30 p. m., S. S. Venture, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. W., light; 29.77; 34; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; N. W., light; 29.84; 31.

Cape Lazo—Snowing; S. E.; 29.80; 31; thick.

Tatoosh—Cloudy; E., 15 miles; 29.80; 34; sea moderate. Out, 9.40 a. m., ship Michele, towing.

Pachena—Snowing; S. E.; 29.80; 34; sea moderate.

Estevan—Raining; S. E.; 29.52; 40; sea moderate.

Triangle—Clear; N.; 29.33; 41; sea smooth.

Ikedda—Cloudy; N.; 29.52; 34; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.66; 49; sea smooth. Out, S. S. Quadra, noon, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. W., fresh; 29.68; 40; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Snowing; E.; 29.58; 35; sea smooth.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.			
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents
Canada Cape	Pierce	8,372	C. P. R.
Makura	Phillips	6,909	C. P. R.
Panama Maru	Kunoo	5,860	C. P. R.
Empress of Russia	Smith	7,739	C. P. R.
Sado Maru	Asakawa	4,930	G. Northern
Jessie	White	1,114	P. R.
Hartedon	Seaton	2,324	G. Northern
Lord Londale	Foster	2,395	East Asiatic Co.
Cyclops	Arthur	5,817	Doval & Co.
Radnorshire	...	2,700	...
Seattle Maru	...	3,623	...
Columbia	...	3,628	...
Empress of India	Halley	8,176	Gardner Johnson
Sudmark	...	2,967	...
Hurst	Moody	4,415	Balfour Guthrie
Architect	Neilson	4,415	Balfour Guthrie
Niagara	...	7,892	C. P. R.
Strath	...	8,502	C. P. R.
Empress of Asia	Robinson	7,852	G. Northern
Awa Maru	...	3,342	...
Antiochus	...	6,723	...
Den of Ruthven	Stewart	3,116	F. D. & B.
Monteagle	Davidson	3,263	C. E. R.
Benfactor	Smith	3,459	Balfour Guthrie
Marsma	Rolla	3,852	C. P. R.
Ision	Rippenhagen	5,328	Doval & Co.
San Francisco	...	5,328	...
Carnarvonshire	(New)	2,967	F. D. & B.
Glenloch	(Motor)	2,967	F. D. & B.
Transvaal	...	3,361	...
Segovia	...	3,947	...
Musicien	Dunn	3,947	Balfour Guthrie
Comedian	Simmons	3,149	Balfour Guthrie

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.			
Tacoma Maru	R.P. Rithel	H.K.G.	Mar. 31
Empress of Japan	C.P.R.	H.K.G.	April 2
Aki Maru	G.N.	H.K.G.	April 3
Panama Maru	R.P. Rithel	H.K.G.	April 3
Hollerophon	Dodwell Co.	Liverpool	April 15
Makura	C.P.R.	Australia	April 15
Empress of Russia	C.P.R.	H.K.G.	April 15
Sado Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	April 21
Niagara	C.P.R.	Australia	April 21
Cyclops	Dodwell Co.	Liverpool	May 13

COASTING VESSELS.			
Prinice John	G.T.P.	Prinice Rupert	April 2
Prinice George <td>G.T.P.</td> <td>Granby Bay</td> <td>Mar. 29</td>	G.T.P.	Granby Bay	Mar. 29
Camosun <td>U.S.S. Co.</td> <td>Bella Coola</td> <td>April 1</td>	U.S.S. Co.	Bella Coola	April 1
Prinice May <td>C.P.R.<td>Skagway</td><td>April 7</td></td>	C.P.R. <td>Skagway</td> <td>April 7</td>	Skagway	April 7

FOR NORTHERN PORTS.			
Camosun	U.S.S. Co.	Bella Coola	Mar. 28
Prinice May <td>C.P.R.<td>Skagway</td><td>Mar. 29</td></td>	C.P.R. <td>Skagway</td> <td>Mar. 29</td>	Skagway	Mar. 29
Prinice Rupert <td>G.T.P.<td>Granby Bay</td><td>Mar. 29</td></td>	G.T.P. <td>Granby Bay</td> <td>Mar. 29</td>	Granby Bay	Mar. 29
Prinice George <td>G.T.P.<td>Prinice Rupert</td><td>April 2</td></td>	G.T.P. <td>Prinice Rupert</td> <td>April 2</td>	Prinice Rupert	April 2
Prinice John <td>G.T.P.<td>Prinice Rupert</td><td>April 3</td></td>	G.T.P. <td>Prinice Rupert</td> <td>April 3</td>	Prinice Rupert	April 3

FOR WEST COAST.			
Tees	C. P. R.	Holberg	April 3
Tees <td>C. P. R.<td>Holberg</td><td>Mar. 28</td></td>	C. P. R. <td>Holberg</td> <td>Mar. 28</td>	Holberg	Mar. 28

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.			
Senator	Pacific Coast	...	Mar. 27
Senator <td>Pacific Coast</td> <td>...</td> <td>Mar. 27</td>	Pacific Coast	...	Mar. 27
Umatilla <td>Pacific Coast</td> <td>...</td> <td>Apr. 3</td>	Pacific Coast	...	Apr. 3

SAMBIA REPLACES SEGOVIA

Advices have been received here that the steamship Sambia is following the liner Sudmark to Victoria in the service of the Hamburg-America company. The Sambia has been substituted for the Segovia and is expected to arrive in port early in June.

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—is a direct index to the character of your business, therefore it should be dignified.

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In the Gallery at Ottawa

Times Correspondent Gives His Impressions of Men and Events on Parliament Hill.

BY H. F. GADSBY

(Registered in Accordance with the Copyright Act of Canada.) Ottawa, March 18.—After the election...

The committee had done its best according to its lights. Defeated candidates had appeared before it to explain how the game would be made easier for the loser...

A thorough and painstaking investigation being their object, the committee cited many members of parliament who gave their experience...

Other members deplored the insidious habit among charitable persons, particularly among ladies of standing in the community, of tapping them for subscriptions around election time...

The function of an election purity committee, as everybody knows, is to get at the truth, not to inflict the truth on innocent persons...

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The Rexall Store

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The Rexall Stores are America's Greatest Drug Stores

gesture muffer are R. B. Bennett, Jam Aikins, John Webster, Onesiphore Turgeon, David LaFortune and many other wire-strung Rupperts of debate...

The thought meter was, perhaps, the ultimate invention looking toward the improvement of debate in the House of Commons. It is the veritable citizen can read Hansard now without falling asleep...

It was noticeable at first that the average member of parliament spoke many thousands of words before ringing the bell. Sometimes a member would make a three-hour speech and never get a buzz...

The proposal has been made that the political party with the highest average of general alarms take charge of the government at the end of every five years, and that away with elections, but parliament thought that public opinion was not ripe for this innovation...

It was this train of thought, on top of the default by the election purity committee, which led to the election machine. In the old days the machine was a human instrument and therefore fallible...

ONE BOTTLE PER DAY.

Dr. Sumner, who lived to be 84, and was Bishop of Winchester for exactly half that number of years, believed in the health-giving properties of port wine...

In Great Britain a new book is produced every year, for every 1,000 of her men, women and children.

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Both sawmills are running on full time and are turning out a better grade of lumber this season than last year and prices have been somewhat lower...

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The trouble with most thin folks who wish to gain weight is that they eat with greasy foods; rubbing on useless "fat creams" or following some fad diet...

Thanks to a remarkable new scientific discovery, it is now possible to combine into simple form the very elements needed by the digestive organs to help them convert food into rich, fat-laden blood...

FASTING AND HEALTH.

Fasting on religious grounds does not kill many people nowadays. It claimed a victim, however, not long ago in Joseph Sheppard, a wealthy American, who starved himself to death...

Dr. Sumner, who lived to be 84, and was Bishop of Winchester for exactly half that number of years, believed in the health-giving properties of port wine...

"What!" exclaimed the clothing salesman from Boston. "You say that every farmer in this locality has an automobile? That is a remarkable showing. I knew this was a prosperous section, but never imagined anything like that."

OUR LETTER BOX

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received at the Times Office not later than the day before the day of publication...

SEYMOUR NARROWS AND PRESERVATION.

To the Editor.—Can you tell what has become of discovered recently railway pass between Island of Vancouver and British Columbia, called Seymour Narrows...

ORIENTAL ENQUIRER.

LAND GRABBING.

To the Editor: I write without preparation, but with a furious indignation that the land sales which have been made in this province have been so numerous...

SAANICH PAVING QUESTION.

To the Editor.—At last night's meeting of the Saanich council a deputation from a so-called unemployed meeting at Cloverdale hall was heard. It was an unemployed meeting only in the sense that the Warren Construction Company, in whose interests it was called, was unemployed...

THESE TWO YOUNG WOMEN

Tell How They Suffered and How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Their Health and Stopped All Pains.

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What Ten Dollars Did. Danville, Va.—"I have only spent ten dollars on your medicine and I feel so much better than I did when the doctor was treating me. I don't suffer any beating down pains at all now and I sleep well. I cannot say enough for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as they have done so much for me. I am enjoying good health now and owe it all to your remedies. I take pleasure in telling my friends and neighbors about them."

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 23, 1914, for the fabrication and laying of about 100 miles of riveted steel pipe and appurtenances on the line of the Sooke Water Supply pressure conduit...

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Court of Revision

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first sitting of the next annual Court of Revision, appointed under the provisions of the "Municipal Act," by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia...

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 11, 1914.

CORPORATION OF VICTORIA ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Assessment notices for this year have been posted and delivered to agents, to assessed owners of land and improvements in the City of Victoria. If such notices are not delivered in due course, persons interested are requested to call and make enquiry for same at the Post Office or at City Assessor's Office.

POLICE UNIFORMS WANTED.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., until 4 p. m., March 23, 1914, for the fabrication and laying of about 100 miles of riveted steel pipe and appurtenances on the line of the Sooke Water Supply pressure conduit...

CIVIC LABOR BUREAU.

Applications, accompanied by testimonials and references, will be received in the office of the undersigned for the position of Manager of this Bureau, until Friday, the 27th inst., at 2 p. m. of each day. The rate of \$35 per month.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 23, 1914, for 10,000 lbs. of Lins Wire and 2 gross of Magnetic Arc Globes. Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked outside of envelope, "Electrical Supplies." A marked cheque for a per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the Municipal Engineer, must accompany each tender.

TENDERS FOR SEWERS

Tenders will be received, addressed to A. B. Elliott, City Engineer, at 5 o'clock on Friday, April 3, 1914, for the construction of approximately 10,500 lin. ft. of vitrified pipe sewer, being a portion of Section "D" of the proposed Sewer System.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY. ASSESSMENT ROLL. COURT OF REVISION.

The first annual sitting of the Court of Revision will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay, on Monday, April 6, 1914, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessments made by the Assessor, and for appointing and correcting the assessment roll.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH. POUND SALE.

I shall sell by Public Auction at the Pound at Cedar Hill road on Monday, March 31, at 11 o'clock forenoon, one dark bay horse with one white head, black pony, one bay horse, one not redressed before.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH.

If the above statement should prove untrue in your case, write us and back comes the money paid for it, but we know that 9995 of you will prove it true. You can take Mentho-Laxene pure and very strong in ten-drop doses—or make it into cough syrup with home-made sugar syrup. Contains no opiates. At the first sneeze or cough, get a bottle of your drugist and check it quickly. You actually feel its soothing, beneficial effects in the nasal throat and lung passages—there's nothing like it, nothing so helpful and sure.

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SPORTING NEWS

AMATEURS MAY SOON BE ALLOWED TO MINGLE WITH PRO. ATHLETES

D. J. O'Sullivan Votes Favorably on Question; A. A. U. Has Taken Up Matter; Olympic Committee Chosen

D. J. O'Sullivan, Victoria commissioner of the Amateur Athletic union, stated today that he had voted favorably with regard to the question of the amateurs competing with professionals in certain sports.

JONES SAYS HE IS OUT OF LACROSSE

Eastern Clubs Will Start Raid on Coast Players; Meeting Set for Saturday

Coast fans may now look for a raid upon the B. C. L. A. lacrosse stars within the next week or so. Con Jones, wired President Quinn, that he was through with the national game.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Westminster Meeting Was Called Early. After all the trouble that the Victoria Lacrosse Club had gone to send a representative to Westminster, it was rather unusual for the Royal City magistrates to call a meeting in the afternoon.

year also. The vote which the A.A.U. has taken will not come before the Amateur union for some time, but it is said that important changes are in view for next year.

Toronto, March 26.—The Canadian Amateur Athletic union has announced the representatives who will act as a permanent committee on the Canadian Olympic association.

The next meeting of the International Olympic association will be held in Paris next June. Sir John Hanbury Williams, Canada's permanent representative, will be in attendance.

Philadelphia, March 26.—Jimmy Curran, coach and trainer of the track athletes at Mercerburg academy, has been offered a job as one of the assistants of the English Olympic team.

TOM SCANLON WAS ONCE WITH THE CUBS

Walter Crum is one of the strong boosters for Tom Scanlon, the "Frisco" infielder who is slated to hold down second base for the Bees this summer.

"Dining" is Used in a General Sense for you get daily breakfasts, appetizing luncheons and toothsome suppers at The Kaiserhof.

GIANTS' BACKSTOP



LARRY McLEAN

Giants' veteran catcher, who is expected to prove one of the New York mainstays behind the bat this season.

SHIELD TOURNEY MUST JOIN THE A.A.U.

Senior Teams Will Meet on Saturday; Local Notes of the Game

Victoria will not enter a team in the People's Shield competition unless the management of the tourney secure the assent of the Amateur Athletic union for the games.

A benefit match will probably be played Good Friday, April 10, for the different league players who have been injured during the past season.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Delmas is still longing for a veteran catcher. Charlie Swain threatens to break the home-run record again. Boss Johnson says lacrosse prospects are of the brightest this year.

AFTER BENNETT.

Vancouver, March 26.—President Bob Brown of the Vancouver Baseball club, turned down an offer from the Sacramento Coast League club for Second Baseman Bennett.

MANCHESTER CITY BEATEN.

London, March 25.—In a first division football game to-day West Bromwich Albion defeated Manchester City by three goals to two.

LIPTON CUP RACE AROUSES INTEREST

Class R. Boats Are a Very Useful Type; Popular in the East and Increasing

A very wise selection was made for the class of boats to race for the Lipton trophy. The Class R sloop is a fairly fast, comfortable and easily handled boat.

The design is not intended so much to produce speed, but rather a class of boat that will make an ideal little cruiser. It is felt that many more people would go in for this popular sport if it were possible to construct a serviceable boat at a moderate cost.

One of the latest to be built on Lake Ontario has proven herself to be fast and easily handled. A crew of four is usually aboard, but three can handle her with ease.

She was designed to the limit, but no attempt was made to beat the rule. A point worthy of note is that the centerboard in her keel was hardly a success.

Another boat of this class, but of larger dimensions, is now being built at Boston. Her length is 40 ft. o. a., 22 ft. w. l., beam 8 ft. 2 in., width 5 ft. 3 in. draft, and a total sail area of 810 ft. sq. ft.

The rig is fairly high, and well inboard, the counter extending well beyond the end of the boom, the jib stay leads well inside the stem head. The cabin space on these boats can easily be made large enough to accommodate sails, clothes, etc., and provide sufficient room for the crew to turn in for the night.

Local yachtsmen are anxiously waiting the publishing of the designs of the boat that will carry the colors of the R.V.Y.C. in the coming race. E. B. Schock, the well-known designer, has the plans well under way, and while not very communicative on the matter, seems well pleased with the way they are shaping up.

ABERDEEN SYNDICATE NOW AFTER FRANCHISE OF VICTORIA CLUB

Shaner & Wolff's Semi-Pro. Champions Here for Two Games; Cold Weather Stops Practice

Nothing has yet been done as to the purchase of the Victoria baseball club. President Wastel states that the Aberdeen syndicate is seriously considering the matter, but they have not yet accepted the terms named by the Victoria club.

Chicago, March 26.—Grover Gilmore, of Chicago, who played with the Denver club of the Western league last season, is the latest addition to the Federal league. Gilmore yesterday signed a contract to play with the Kansas City Federal league club.

CUP CHALLENGER MAY BE ABANDONED

Unless the funds for the proposed Lipton cup challenger are forthcoming immediately, the project will be dropped. The Royal Victoria Yacht club committee, which has the matter in hand, reported at yesterday's meeting that it was a difficult proposition to raise the money and so there may be no cup challenger this year.

WESTS AND Y. M. C. A. TO CLASH TO-NIGHT

The city basketball championship is at stake in to-night's game at the Y. M. C. A. If the Wests win they will practically have won the championship, whereas if they lose Y. M. C. A. will be tied with them.

OUTSIDER WON.

London, March 25.—The Lincolnshire handicap over the straight mile was won to-day by an outsider, P. Nelke's "Outram" carrying seven stone one pound and starting at 25 to 1.

BOWLING TOURNEY.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 25.—J. F. McCullough, of Indianapolis, took second place in the individual event of the American Bowling congress tournament with a score of 663, twelve pins behind the high score held by William Miller of Detroit.

DEVLIN ON BENCH.

Oakland, Cal., March 26.—Arthur Devlin, manager of the Oakland Coast league team, will direct his players from the bench this season. He says he is getting too old to play longer and will step aside and let the youngsters have their fling.

In 1912 the French government's tobacco monopoly brought a net income to the state of \$21,000,000, the largest return since the foundation of the monopoly 102 years ago.

rookies spent the day massaging their sore whips. Victorians will be given their first glimpse of the playing strength of the Bees when they line up against Shaner and Wolff's semi-pro. club on Friday and Saturday.

President Gilmore of the Federal league says that the pennant winner of the Federal league will issue a challenge to the winners in the National and American leagues to play for the championship of the world.

Pug Bennett, the same Pug who two weeks ago swore he would not report this season, was one of the Vancouver players on the Congress. With him were Outfielder Wottell, from Los Angeles, Catcher Carl Lewis and Shortstop Butler from the California State league.

Harry Meek's big bat weighs 58 ounces, whereas the average club weighs between 35 and 40. To see Meek's grip it at the handle and swing it hardly one would guess the club's weight at about 16 ounces.

Chief Batisse, the Indian Colt twirler, is both deaf and dumb. It matters not what pitch he uses, he can't hear a sound.

RIVAL OARSMEN SHOWING UP WELL

London, March 26.—Both of the boat race crews put in some hard work under delightful weather conditions, each confining their efforts to short stretches of fast work. Cambridge, who showed some improvement on yesterday's performance after paddling to below Vaudeville Bridge, returned and had a couple of starts from the stake-boat, pulling eleven strokes in fifteen seconds each time.

CAMBRIDGE STILL SLIGHT FAVORITE

London, March 26.—Oxford was out at midday rowing thirty-eight and a half, in a full minute, the work of the boat was quite satisfactory, the crew remaining out twenty-five minutes.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL.

Macon, Ga., March 26.—The Cleveland American Association club defeated the Boston Nationals 3 to 5. Wilmington, Del., March 26.—Baltimore Internationals defeated the Philadelphia American regulars 5 to 4.

LIVERPOOL CUP HANDICAP.

London, March 26.—The Liverpool Spring Cup, a handicap of £1,000, one mile and a quarter, was won to-day by P. Nelke's "China Cock," a four-year-old, carrying 7 stone 4 pounds and starting at 8 to 1.

RAILWAY RETRENCHMENT.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 26.—Pennsylvania railroad officials confirmed to-day the report that the company within the last three months has laid off about 15,000 employees of the lines east of Pittsburgh in carrying out its policy of general retrenchment.

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.



MONTREAL WANTS

DAVIS CUP GAMES

Vancouver to Have New Courts; Will Be Ready Next Month

Montreal, March 26.—Preliminary trials for Canada's representatives in the competition for the Davis cup will be held this summer in Montreal, St. John and Vancouver.

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Altogether this season's list is the most comprehensive that the United States national association has ever issued and contains few conflicting dates. The list of Pacific coast dates is as follows:

TO-DAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS

1901—Kid Carter and Jack Bonner fought 20-round draw at Louisville. Carter and Bonner were among the best middleweights of that period, although neither ever attained the championship. Carter and Bonner fought again in May, 1901, also at Louisville, and Carter won the decision in 20 rounds.

LONG SHOT WINS.

The result of the Lincolnshire handicap, run yesterday, was as follows: First, Outram, 25 to 1; second, Cuthbert, 8 to 1; third, Short Bread, 40 to 1.

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SIBERIA TO LOWER HIGH LIVING COST

Wealth of Natural Resources
Soon to Be Sent to Markets of the World

London, March 25.—Siberia, according to Dr. Heyking, the Russian consul-general, is destined to become the granary of the world, the chief source of its timber supply in the future and a large and magnificent source of cheap food products.

The difficulty has always been how to get these products out of Siberia and deliver them at a reasonable price in the markets of the world. The railway journey is long and costly and renders the price of foods so carried prohibitive. There remains the sea. And it was on the possibility of establishing regular navigation between European ports and the mouth of the Yenisei, at the eastern side of Kara sea, that a paper, written by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the great explorer, was read before the Royal Geographical society a few evenings ago.

Nansen's expedition to the mouth of the Yenisei was financed by a Siberian company, and the summing up of his observations was as follows: "I think that if we make full use of all means and facilities which modern development places at our disposal it might be possible to base the navigation to the Kara sea on a safer foundation than was the case in earlier years. I also consider it probable that it will prove possible to reach the mouth of the Obi and the Yenisei through the Kara sea every year if the necessary precautions be taken to secure a safe passage.

"An important point is not to go into the sea too early in the season, and not to expect that a ship will be able to make more than one voyage to the Yenisei in one season."

It is significant to note that the Russian government is equipping four boats to patrol the waters of the Kara sea next year and make complete observations, following on those made by Dr. Nansen. Three wireless stations have been established on the coast, and there seems every prospect of a sea route to Siberia being opened and

a great addition made to the wealth of the world. Mr. Lied, the managing director of the company that sent Nansen to make these observations, gave a rapid sketch of the present condition of Siberia, where towns have grown in population from 10,000 to 80,000 in ten years; where 6,000 miles of transcontinental railway, with its 800 stations, is twice as long as the Canadian Pacific across Canada; where civilization, in the shape of moving-picture shows and starchy evening shirts, is forcing its way, like the skyscrapers between the slovenly buildings of early days. With the aid of lantern slides Mr. Lied took his audience for a cruise along the 2,900 miles of Yenisei river, which develops a width of ten miles while it is still 300 miles distant from the sea.

ITALY AT THE FAIR.

Rome, March 25.—The United States has been officially notified of Italy's acceptance of an invitation to participate in a the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in a written note which was delivered at the American embassy and forwarded to Washington this week.

The terms of the note have not been published, but it is known that there are certain reservations connected with the American immigration bill which will necessitate further negotiations. Italy's consent to participate in the exposition is so worded that it can be withdrawn at the eleventh hour.

Count Magchi di Cellere, the new Italian ambassador at Washington, has followed all the negotiations in regard to the participation in the exposition closely. He was present at all the conferences at the foreign office, and took stenographic notes of what was said in such style that Ira Nelson Morris, the exposition commissioner, assumed that he was a clerk. The count will sail shortly for his new post.

Meanwhile ex-Mayor Enrico Nathan, who has been appointed Italian commissioner to the exposition, insists that no Italian exhibits shall be displayed outside the Italian pavilion, and artistic exhibits are to be excluded. As a result Italian artists have decided to boycott the exposition and leading manufacturers are not keen about sending exhibits.

The exhibit probably will be mainly a state display of the government measures for the development of the country, such as the free distribution of quinine to combat malaria, hydraulic improvements for draining marshy land, and the efforts which are being made to combat illiteracy.

NEW SKIRTS SHOCK PARISIAN SOCIETY

League With 500,000 Members Tells Dressmakers to Abandon Prevailing Modes

Paris, March 25.—Somewhat belatedly a protest has been raised in this city, which prides itself on being the birthplace of fashions, against the excesses of fashion. A manifesto has been issued addressed to "women of society" and signed by the Vicomtesse de Velard, the Marquise de Montalieu, the Marquise de Julgnoe, the Marquise de Moutiers, Mme. Delacour, Comtesse de Villele and the Duchesse de Maille. If these names are not as familiar as others which could be mentioned this is merely an evidence that they belong to the best families in France, which avoid newspaper publicity as far as possible.

The manifesto recalls the fact that Cardinal Amette when condemning certain dances asked the women to form a league against dresses which were offensive to decency. The French Woman's Patriotic league, of which the seven signatories form a committee, therefore appeals "to all young and fashionable women who are in a position to set the fashions not only to abstain from yielding to outside influences, but to oppose courageously the tendencies of the day and preach by the example they set."

The manifesto asks for signatures in order to enable the league to bring pressure on the chief dressmakers of the leading stores. Mme. Frossard says that names are coming in by every mail. She adds:

"We are not attacking any particular dressmaker, but wish to create a revolution of feeling against the prevailing eccentricities. A majority of the dressmakers side with us. They are tired of the extravagances in which certain firms indulge. It has been said that the signatories to the manifesto are elderly spool sports, but this is not so. They were invited to sign on account of their youth and elegance. The league has nearly half a million members.

"Fashion has overpassed the limits. Skirts are slit in an outrageous man-

ner and bodices are indecently transparent. Such toilets are inadmissible, especially in church. Recently a priest refused to perform a marriage because the bride's garters were visible through her white dress."

It was natural that the opinions of dressmakers should be sought, in regard to the manifesto. Worth, while approving the present fashions, deplores the extravagances and in this respect welcomes the manifesto. "He adds:

"But the extravagances are exceptions. A majority of our clients have no taste for them. When, however, a customer orders me to slit the skirt and lower the bodice I am compelled to obey. One customer recently in ordering dresses for the Monte Carlo season complained of the thickness of the taffeta lining, which was thinner than cigarette paper, and made me substitute ethereal pongee. 'It will be like an X-ray dress,' I said, 'but as you pay the piper you can call the tune.' The manifesto is not likely to affect the minority, which loves eccentricity. There have been many crusades against fashions, but they never had much effect because errors of taste are happily the exception and not the rule."

Premet, who is generally considered as one of the advanced propagandists, says:

"We make dresses for the women of the 'monde et demi-monde.' There is no single fashion, but there are individual fashions. I cannot see how the present modes are indecent, nor is Paris in danger of losing its reputation for good taste."

Mme. Paquin thinks the manifesto of the league is a little belated. She says:

"Skirts are to be closed, but freedom is assured by greater width. The slit skirts answer the needs of modern life, at least for modern dances, but the dances have taken evil ways and the slit skirt revealed too many defects. For one well-turned leg ten display no charm. Two things make a dress immoral: a display of ugliness and a deshabille that provokes attention. This danger has been seen and the new fashions will prevent its occurrences."

It is evident, therefore, that the manifesto has not caused a panic in the trade. Moreover, three celebrated dealers have already ordered gowns with which they expect to give the league real cause for protest.

The Man Who Has Dined Well has dined wisely if he eats at The Kaiserhof.

ALBANIA THROTTLED BY THE BLOOD FEUD

Almost Every Male Inhabitant Has an Enemy Who Seeks His Life

London, March 25.—A startling picture of the newest and most unknown of European kingdoms, Albania, is drawn by a correspondent of the Times, who has just made a tour in the country. The Times remarks the district of Mat suggests the Khalibar rather than Europe, and Prince William's troubles will probably begin when he tries to obtain local revenue as a substitute for the doles of interested powers.

These are some of things that exist in the new kingdom:

In central Albania, as among all Pathans, the land is so completely throttled by the blood feud that ordinary human intercourse is almost impossible. The houses are great fortresses, the only windows of which are loopholes for Martini. In these prisons families, sometimes of 100 people, lead self-centred lives.

There are no villages, only houses dotted at intervals of nearly a mile, high up round wide valleys. Every one has killed, and all have enemies who seek their blood.

Many men have not left their houses for years, and food has to be brought in to them by their friends. Others, again, have taken flight after killing their enemy, and unable to sleep in their homes or to till their fields, exist by brigandage.

Agriculture is despised.

There is no dishonor whatever attached to brigandage, and to this day there continues in Albania that primitive society in which the life of the fighter, the freebooter and the shepherd is held in honor, while agriculture is despised.

Sometimes a truce is granted and a man who has been in hiding for years will ask his enemy for fifteen days' respite in which to visit his friends or undertake a journey, but delay in vengeance is held dishonorable, and the

man who lets years pass without killing his enemy becomes himself an outcast.

For a stranger it is only possible to pass under the protection of the men of the district, who conduct him to "blood friends;" but if he meet the enemies of his friends he is himself counted as an enemy, and to kill him is to avenge an old murder.

On the other hand, the murder of a stranger puts the latter's protectors under the unusual obligation of killing not one but seven of the murderer's family.

Rich in Natural Resources.

In some districts there are lanes like England; the hedges thick with blackberries and steeple, hips and haws, cape gooseberries and wild strawberries. Stunted willows fringe the river beds; above there are oak, walnut and beech trees and sometimes stately avenues of poplar.

Maize and melons, vines, peppers and marrows grow in the fields; but the cultivation is poor, for the mountaineers carry the gun, and the work is for the most part left to the women. Also, the men cannot work safely in the fields, whereas the women can, for the Albanians do not kill women and the blood feud passes them by.

There is plenty of surface coal, but no one burns it. There is iron, too, but no one mines it.

Herdsmen bristling with weapons are almost the only human beings to be met with. Save for their arms, they make a perfect Homeric picture, tending their flocks of sheep and goats with fierce-barking dogs.

NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR PEKIN.

Shanghai, March 25.—The Chinese are becoming alarmed at the great leakage of fine specimens of their ancient art, which are in considerable demand in Europe and America. A proposal has therefore been made to establish a national museum in Pekin.

Only recently a quantity of ancient paintings, beautiful old porcelain, colored screens and a hundred cases of jade—have reached Pekin from the Jehol summer palace. At present these treasures are housed in the Wuying hall of the palace, and it is suggested that with those from the old palace in Mukden, they would form a substantial nucleus for a museum.

It is felt that unless the priceless specimens of early art that are scattered about the country are collected together at once future generations will have to go abroad to inspect the crafts of their forefathers.

NEW FRENCH COIN TO BE MODEL OF SIMPLICITY

\$4,000 Prizes Awarded to Designer of New Two and Five "Sous" of Nickel.

Paris, March 25.—France expects to have nickel sous (cents), two and five cent pieces, in circulation, before the year is over, although it is calculated that it will take ten years to replace all the bronze coins now in use. After various unsatisfactory attempts to obtain a good design for the new nickel coinage a competition was held which was won by Emile Lindauer, to whom the first prize of 20,000 francs (\$4,000) was awarded.

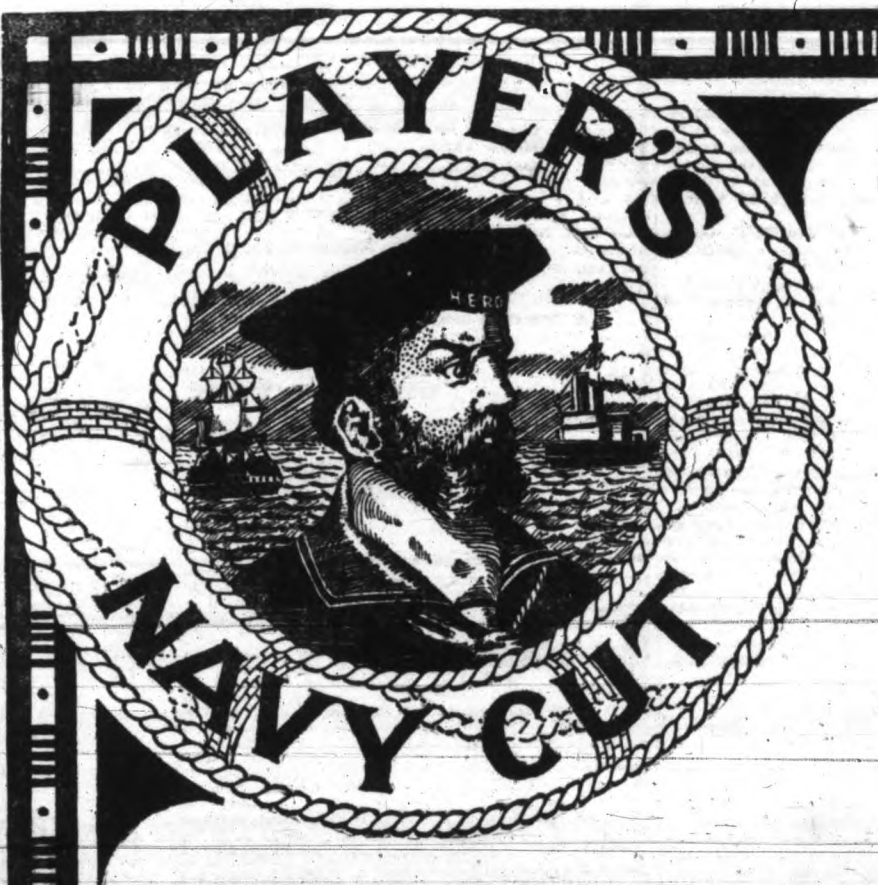
The successful competitor is a man of 45, and is an engraver, not an artist. "I am an artisan," he says modestly, "the son of my own works. When 13 years old I began to engrave, starting with seals. Since then I have worked at every branch of engraving, on steel, stone, etc. In this contest I sought to design a coin, not a medal. The human figure is out of place on a coin, it wears away and an attractive little figure soon becomes little more than a vague silhouette. That is why I chose a purely allegorical theme."

The face of the new coin shows the letters R F (Republique Francaise) with a Phrygian bonnet on the top, a wreath of oak and laurel surrounding them. The other side gives the republic's motto, "Liberty, equality and fraternity," the value of the coin and the date of issue.

The new designs have been criticised not from an artistic point of view but from an economical one. There are people who think that government employees might have devised a coin at a cheaper cost to the ratepayers or that there would have been no difficulty in obtaining one for nothing. Occasion has also been taken to object to the five cent piece as being inconsistent with the metric system; one cent, two cents and four cents, it is claimed, would be more rational.

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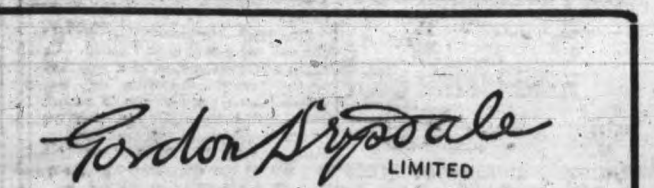
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venting the invaders. In August of 1812 Hull realized the dangers of his situation, and returned to Detroit. Brock pursued Hull's army to Detroit, and, with 2,000 regulars and 400 militia, assisted by Chief Tecumseh and 600 Indians, crossed the river to besiege the town.

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MILK CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD SHORTLY

Dr. G. A. B. Hall Expects to Get Producers and Shippers Together Next Week

The conference between the dairymen and wholesale vendors of milk and the officials of the city health department, Dr. Hall, medical health officer, says will probably be held a week from to-day, although no final arrangement has been made because of the desire to secure as large a gathering as possible and obtain a real expression of opinion on the matter.

The object of the gathering is to consider the milk by-law which has been waiting for various reasons. It has been about twelve months since the legislature empowered municipalities to establish a licensing system for dairymen. The local department some time ago sought to learn something of the experience of the three or four cities in British Columbia which drafted legislation under the by-law. The by-law was eventually prepared on that data, and left over to the new council to take action upon.

An attempt has been made to have the provisions sufficiently elastic not to put the small man out of business and not so tightly-drawn as to restrain people from entering the trade at a time when milk is one of the highest priced articles of domestic consumption.

In order to hammer out a scheme which will meet the various reasons, it has been about twelve months since the legislature empowered municipalities to establish a licensing system for dairymen. The local department some time ago sought to learn something of the experience of the three or four cities in British Columbia which drafted legislation under the by-law. The by-law was eventually prepared on that data, and left over to the new council to take action upon.

TO GIVE MORRIS DANCE.

Girls of Y. W. C. A. Prepare Interesting Feature for Gymnastic Display at Y. M. C. A.

From tango teas to Morris dancing is a far step and an old English Morris dance in costume is an attraction not often to be seen in Victoria. Indeed the exhibition of folk dancing, which will form part of the gymnastic display at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday and Saturday, promises to be a revelation to those who have no previous knowledge of the art.

The Morris dance is supposed to have been derived from the Moriscos in Spain, being introduced into England in the reign of Edward III. Thenceforward it formed an important part in the May games of Robin Hood, and was a favorite pastime in the Merry England of Henry VIII, being handed down from generation to generation in the rural districts. It has recently been revived in England by the Esperance society and is now a recognized branch of all dancing and gymnastic displays.

The girls of the Y. W. C. A. have entered with great zest into Miss Jarvis' teaching of this rural art, and their performance promises to be one of the most attractive features of the two days' programme compiled by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations.

Other striking features will include spectacular gymnastic displays, pyramids, fencing, club swinging and story drills, and the whole event will represent the most comprehensive programme of modern physical education ever given in Victoria. The display is one of the annual events most eagerly anticipated in the city, and the full dress rehearsal which took place at the Y. M. C. A. under Mr. Beall's strict supervision on Monday evening gave promise of a thoroughly excellent and well organized entertainment.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 25-5 a. m.—Since yesterday a pronounced cold wave has spread southward over this province and sharp frosts have extended to the Sound district. Moderate off-shore winds prevail along the coast. Zero temperatures are general from Cariboo eastward to the great lakes.

Forecasts.
 For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.
 Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy, with occasional rain or sleet, higher temperature.
 Reports.
 Victoria—Barometer, 29.87; temperature, 30; minimum, 20; wind, calm; rain, .10; weather, clear.
 Vancouver—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 28; minimum, 23; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, .05.
 Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 12; minimum, 10; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 49; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles N.W.; weather, cloudy.
 Edmonton—Barometer, 29.24; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, clear.
 Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, 4; minimum, 2; wind, 12 miles N.W.; snow, .04; weather, cloudy.
 Victoria Daily Weather.
 Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Wednesday:
 Temperature.
 Highest 46
 Lowest 23
 Average 30
 Rain, .10 inch; snow, .01 inch.
 Bright sunshine, 1 hour 30 minutes.
 General state of weather, cloudy and snowing.
 Phoenix Stout, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

C.P.R. TO ELECTRIFY PART OF MAIN LINE.

Twenty-Mile Section in Connection With Tunnel Will Use Different Power

Advice to the local offices of the C. P. R. make it clear that the Canadian Pacific railway plans to electrify a 20-mile section of its main line in connection with the Rogers Pass tunnel project. When the ambitious scheme for routing trains under the Selkirk mountains instead of through Rogers Pass was first announced, it was stated that the five-mile double track tunnel would be electrified, and since then it has been decided to extend the policy and to use electric power on the sections each side of the passage under the base of Mount Macdonald.

The electrification of a portion of its main line will be in accord with the progressive policy of improvement which is being adopted all over the C. P. R. system. Last year operations were started on the electrification of the Roseland-Castlegar branch.

While the growth of the electric system in the transportation field has been a gradual development, and the method mainly applied for tunnels and terminals, many of the big American railroads are now operating long sections of line by electric power.

New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has 52 miles of electrically-operated road. The Boston & Maine railroad, which has the longest tunnel at present on the American continent, has nearly eight miles of line electrified.

In most of the European countries where the railroads are either owned or controlled by the state, engineers have been experimenting for years with the various systems and methods of electrification with a view to substituting the electric locomotives for steam engines. The electrifications which have been effected in Europe as well as in America, have been designed chiefly to cope with tunnels and heavy grades.

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"In 'The Third Degree' is certainly giving a splendid performance this week and making a record for themselves that they will find it hard to surpass. There is not the smallest flaw to be picked in any of the characterizations for each member has perfected his or her role until it is perfect. Mr. Beasley makes of Brewster an ideal lawyer, Mr. Mitchell as the tortured man, who has stood the third degree for seven hours, is almost startling in the realism of his part, while Miss Page as Mrs. Howard Jeffries, Jr., and Miss Faucett in Mrs. Howard Jeffries, sr., are both fine. M. J. Hooley is so real in the police captain, that he earns the thorough dislike of the audience, and Mr. Alden also comes in for his share as the unnatural hard-hearted father. The first act showing Underwood's studio, is an unusually fine setting. All those who attend the play this week, will see a performance that will long be remembered for its finished artistic acting.

CHORUS GIRLS' CONTEST.

A novelty for Victoria audiences will be the chorus girls' contest, between the two performances of "Hanky Panky" at the Empress theatre Friday night. Each girl will be allowed a few minutes to present an act calculated to show her ability to the best advantage and cash prizes will be presented to the three girls whom the audience applauds most vociferously. The girls are working hard preparing their acts and competition for the prizes is very keen among them.

"Hanky Panky" is making an unprecedented hit with the audiences this week and the Empress Musical Comedy company is fortunate in having put on such a really big extravaganza so early in its season here. The public is given a conception of the ability possessed by the entire company in a way that the two previous productions, entertaining as they were, did not do, and the people have not been slow to appreciate this fact. "Hanky Panky," with its lively fun-making and tuneful songs is making box office records at the Empress theatre.

Next week, the charming comedy, "The Time, The Place and The Girl," will be presented.

"THE CALL OF THE NORTH."

Coincident with the paying of the \$25 cash prize to the person guessing the weight of the whole acting company in "Convict 312" playing to big houses at the Victoria theatre this week, the Royal Stock company will open on Monday night next in the most elaborate play they have yet presented to the Victoria public, "The Call of the North." A slight alteration of plans has been necessitated because of the enormous number of persons taking part in the competition this week, and the weighing will take place Saturday night so that the work of going through answers can be done before Monday night.

"The Call of the North" is one of the most powerful dramas ever written dealing with backwoods characters. This ghastly custom of getting rid of free traders by means of "le long traverse" is vigorously shown up in "The Call of the North," and another strong feature of the play is the wonderful character drawing. The part of the old factor, the French-Canadian, the half-breed girl, the gay widow, the sweet little daughter of the factor, and the young free trader are all admirably sketched, and the Royal players have in this great drama a show which will surpass even "The Spoilers" for graphic realism and faithfulness to character.

The whole play is set in the far northland of Canada in the early days, and three magnificent mountings are being prepared.

Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT

Over 100 Associations in Canada, Mr. Bishop Says, With 250 Salaried Officers.

C. W. Bishop, general secretary of the national council of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the association workers of Victoria last evening on the reasons for the pointed out that in Canada there are 100 associations, including, besides town associations, associations among railway men, and among students at colleges and universities. These last

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WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.
 From 18th to 24th March, 1914.
 Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 46 hours and 42 minutes; rain, .10 inch; highest temperature, 46.1 on 20th; lowest, 23.0 on 22nd.
 Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 41 hours and 54 minutes; rain, .41 inch; highest temperature, 43 on 20th; lowest, 40 on 18th.
 Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 25 hours and 24 minutes; rain, .01 inch; highest temperature, 40 on 19th; lowest, 25.5 on 24th.
 New Westminster—Rain, .01 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 19th and 20th; lowest, 37 on 24th.
 Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 45 hours and 30 minutes; rain, .16 inch; highest temperature, 40 on 20th, 21st and 23rd; lowest, 30 on 19th.
 Barkerville—Snow, 4.00 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 21st; lowest, 10 on 18th and 19th.
 Prince Rupert—Rain, .20 inch; highest temperature, 60 on 19th and 20th; lowest, 35 on 22nd.
 Atlin—Snow, 1.80 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 21st; lowest, 14 on 20th.
 Dawson—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 40 on 21st and 22nd; lowest, 8 below on 18th.

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General Supt. Beasley Gives Some Interesting Results of Inspection Trip Over E. & N.

After making a thorough trip of inspection along the new Courtenay extension, R. Marpole, vice-president of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway; H. J. Cambie, divisional engineer, and General Superintendent Beasley are back in the city again, and express themselves more than satisfied with the manner in which the work is progressing. They state that the new extension will be open to traffic some time in July.

Mr. Marpole states in this connection that only some fifteen miles of track remain to be laid, and these will not take long at the speed with which operations are being carried out. On the question of trade outlook the vice-president is very optimistic, and with the advent of spring he anticipates a return of normal conditions.

General Superintendent Beasley had some interesting things to say about the business conditions as he had observed them in the party's progress along the line.

"There are," he remarked, "distinct signs of an undeniable business revival right along the line. The timber industry in particular is looking up, while a large condensed milk factory at Courtenay controlled by local and Vancouver capital is getting ready for business."

As to the Courtenay extension, the superintendent is confident that all will be ready by July, and that the line will open for business by that time. About the service he says:

"We expect to have a daily passenger service to and from Courtenay. The distance is about 145 miles, and the Courtenay people will be able to leave there in the morning and get into Victoria between 12 and 1. Instead of leaving Wellington, the train will start from Courtenay, and will perhaps arrive in the capital a little later than it does at the present time. We expect to do quite a considerable freight business from that district too. As Courtenay is a divisional point, there will be a round-house and other buildings there, and work on these has been started as well as on a modern depot for the place.

"Some changes are anticipated on the railway at Nanaimo as well, and at the present time engineers are laying out a new railway yard at the Coal City."

The later portraits of Sir John Tenniel show him wearing a full beard and moustache, but his most familiar appearance was with moustache only, a long and curly specimen, worthy of one of Oliver's Guardsmen. The story of how he came to grow it may be interesting, says the Manchester Guardian. After the Crimean war the return of the soldiers with full beards started a fashion, against which three Punch artists protested. One day, being out on horseback together, they solemnly halted at a cross-roads and swore on their uplifted business-crops never to wear hair on lip or chin. Tenniel was one of the party. Leech, another and R. T. Pritchett the third. Leech alone remained true to the vow. Pritchett went to Skye, and on his return—with a moustache—called on Tenniel. He thrust his head in at the cartoonist's door, and dumbly waited. "You shouldn't," was Tenniel's exclamation. "Then I must," and he did.

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TO-DAY IN CANADIAN HISTORY

George Fleming Green, the American inventor, was a Canadian by birth, although practically his entire life was spent across the border. Born in Montreal eighty-two years ago to-day, he was only seven weeks old when his parents left the Canadian metropolis and settled in the village of Chicago, arriving there shortly before the little frontier community was incorporated as a town. In his twelfth year Green went to work in the shop of his father, a cabinet-maker, and he soon manifested his inventive genius. He was still in his teens when he perfected a number of minor inventions and realized sufficient money from their sale to secure a better education. He invented the first wire and cord harvester-binder, but others reaped the reward.

A dentist's appliance operated by electricity, a cash-conveyancer for stores, and an improved photographic shutter, were among his numerous other inventions. He established a factory in Kalamazoo, and this supplied financial resources for carrying on his electrical experiments. The latter part of his life was largely devoted to perfecting an electrical motor for operating street cars. Eventually he succeeded, but his motor was denied protection by the United States patent office. He carried on the fight, and his claims were finally allowed by the courts, but he died shortly afterwards, at Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1892, before reaping his reward for his life-long struggles.

March 26 is the anniversary of the first conflict of the second rebellion of Louis Riel in 1885. Twelve loyalists were killed and about twenty-five wounded in this battle with the rebels.

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HUMAN PROCESSION

Sir Francis Henry Champneys, Bart., M. D., world-famous authority on obstetrics and president of the Royal Society of Medicine, was born 56 years ago to-day. In his chosen line of medical work Sir Francis has had few superiors.

David Alfred Thomas, "British coal king" and a visitor to America this month, was born at Aberdare 53 years ago to-day. Mr. Thomas is head of the Cambrian Coal company, a gigantic corporation which operates the greatest collieries in Wales and which exports coal all over the world. South America is now one of the best customers for British coal, and it is alleged in some of the London papers that the recent American visit of the coal king have had for their object the protection of British coal interests against the American competition that is expected to spring up as soon as the Panama canal is opened. Mr. Thomas' plan, according to the London Morning Post, is to extend his interests to those coalfields of North America which produce fuel suitable for export. It is said that he has secured options on a number of practically undeveloped coal mines on this side of the Atlantic, and will use them to meet American competition in South America. The Cambrian syndicate, organized by Mr. Thomas, controls the distribution of more than 4,000,000 tons of coal annually. The coal king is prominent in politics as a Liberal, and for 22 years he represented a Welsh constituency in parliament. His wife is an ardent suffragist, and was arrested last month on the charge of obstructing the police at a suffragette demonstration. The

fuel monarch's daughter is also a worker in "the cause," and has served time in jail.

Sir Henry Lowther, long British minister to Chili, but recently transferred to Denmark, was born 54 years ago to-day and has spent over 30 years in the diplomatic service.

Some years ago Attorney-General McReynolds was the attorney for the defence in an important case which hinged on the testimony of one woman. Consequently, he conducted the cross-examination of the fair witness with elaborate caution. "How old are you?" he led off, preparing to trap her if her reply did not tally with an important date in the story she had just told. "Fifty-four or fifty-four," she answered, flustered by the ordeal she faced. "What do you mean?" demanded McReynolds, leaning far forward in his chair, and looking particularly stern. "Don't you know your own age?" "I'm not sure," the woman replied doubtfully. "Indeed, I'm not sure. You see, I always get my age and my bust measurement mixed."

Dr. Rubetnker was a qualified M. D., but settling in a cattle country and finding the demand strong, he had added veterinary work to his other practice. "Nothing serious," announced the doctor, after examining a valuable bull which he had been summoned posthaste to treat. "Give him one of these powders in a quart of bran mash three times a day." The rancher heaved a sigh of relief. "Wait," he said, as the M. D., V. S., was about to leave. "I reckon, as long as you're here, you might as well have a look at the old woman. She's been ailin' for a month or two."

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IN BY-ELECTION CONTEST TO-DAY



MRS. JUSTIN GILBERT



MAJOR LORNE ROSS

A small poll for the vacancy on the school board was expected to-day. The candidates are Mrs. Justin Gilbert and Major Lorne Ross.

The seat to be filled was that of former trustee Staneland the return of H. Hayward last summer having been illegal, because of non-residence.

At 1 p. m. to-day Returning Officer Northcott stated that only 230 had voted. He estimated that about 1,800 to 1,900 would vote of the 8,700 on the

register, this being less than 15 per cent.

Mrs. Justin Gilbert's organization was active, many ladies of the Local Council of Women assisting her, while Major Lorne Ross friends were also working. It was recognized that everything depended upon the number who could be brought out.

The deputy returning officer, George McIlmoy, has ten clerks under him. The result is expected to be known about 7.45.

COLDER WEATHER

SUCCEEDS WARMTH

Temperature Takes a Drop; Snow on Mainland; May Be Cool for Some Time

Three degrees of frost were recorded on the official thermometers in Victoria this morning about 5 o'clock when a cold snap said to have travelled south from the Peace River country was felt with full force in this city. No snow fell in the city, however, and in this regard Victoria has been much more fortunate than Vancouver, Seattle and other coast towns where heavy falls of snow have occurred.

The change in the weather during the past few days has been very marked. The high temperatures towards the close of last week caused everybody to remark on the conditions, but they have been followed by an unusually cold snap. As an indication of the slump in temperatures it is only necessary to point to the 68 degrees in the shade recorded last Friday, and compare it with the 25 degrees registered on the thermometer to-day. Snow was reported at Pakena and Cape Lazo at noon to-day.

Strangely enough the cold is far more severe in the south than in the Yukon, this being due to the fact that the "snap" originated in the north, but much further east. Even in the usually perennial sunniness of California the cold has been felt, and temperatures under freezing point recorded. The under wave, according to the local weather authorities, is a very widespread one, extending from the west coast of Vancouver Island to Ontario.

Seven inches of snow fell in Nanaimo yesterday, and in other parts of the Island very severe blizzards have been experienced. Victoria's sheltered situation has undoubtedly saved the city from anything worse than a mere drop in temperature. Vancouver experienced one degree lower than Victoria, though snow has fallen somewhat heavily in the Terminal City. At Kamloops in the Interior 22 degrees of frost were recorded. The lowest temperature in the Dominion was felt at Prince Albert, where the mercury dropped to 22 below zero.

The change of temperature naturally led to a great difference in the aspect of the streets. Whereas last week flannels and summer clothing were the vogue, heavy coats, wraps and furs have now taken their place, and the ice cream and soda business has had a temporary falling off. The most unfortunate effect of the cold wave has been on the plants which through the genial beams of an almost summer sunshine were last week putting forth buds and developing rapidly. The sudden cold has in many cases injured or killed tender plants prematurely.

Indications point to a continuance of the cold weather for some time to come, though it will be felt most severely in the early mornings, the weather man says.

MEETINGS

Don't forget the St. Andrew's and Caledonian society's dance in Connaught hall, March 26.

To Hold Reception.—Boyd's dancing class reception is to be held Friday evening, March 27, at 9, at the Progressive Throat temple. Scholars and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Canadian Order of Foresters.—A meeting of Court Columbia No. 834, C. O. F., will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the A. O. F. hall, Broad street, when a large number of candidates will be initiated.

At Home This Evening.—An at home will be given by the Caledonian club to-night to the members and their friends in the Foresters' hall, Broad street, at 8. There will be a musical programme and dancing.

Basketball Games.—Two basketball matches in the city league will take place this evening at 8.30 in the Y. M. C. A., Victoria West Senior V. Y. M. C. A. Senior and Victoria West Intermediate v. Sunday School league.

Lecture on Old London.—On Monday evening, in Knox church, Stanley Ave., at 8 o'clock, a stereoscopic lecture will be given on "Rambles Through Old London." Over 100 beautiful slides will be shown, and the speaker, who has lived in London, will give a vivid description of the scenes as they are shown.

AWHEEL ACROSS THE FACE OF THE WORLD

Sign Painter Missionary Arrives in City After Having Travelled 268,000 Miles

Plastering the cities of the world with signs in fourteen languages, C. J. A. Pahl, a naturalized Britisher who originally hailed from Germany, is in Victoria to-day, preparatory to starting on the last long leg of his journey back to the land of his adoption. Before he leaves he will deliver a lecture at the local Y. M. C. A. on some of his unique experiences. This morning he had long interviews both with the lieutenant-governor and Mayor Stewart.

There is nothing out of the ordinary in these days in travelling round the world—but in Mr. Pahl's case he has waded the globe ashore. Five bicycles have given way under him like faithful horses, and his last one brought him 11,642 miles through 26 different states from New York City to Victoria.

Mr. Pahl started out from Australia (Melbourne, to be correct) in 1900. He is a widower with but one child, who was about six years old when he left.



C. J. A. PAHL

Of course he has never seen the boy since, and during his father's absence the child has grown into a man and is now at college in the Australian capital.

Mr. Pahl had exactly five shillings, or just over a dollar, when he left Melbourne. He worked his way across the ocean, for he is an old German sailor, and a worthy product of that efficient school. Thus he has had no difficulty in getting from country to country when the frontiers were the sea.

It may be asked how he paid his way from place to place on the land; how he provided himself with bed and board. Under the cross bar of his machine he carries in addition to some clothes a pot of paint and a brush or two. He is an excellent sign painter, and he earns his board and bed by painting signs in any language the patron may require. For in his long journeys in many countries Mr. Pahl has become thoroughly conversant with fourteen languages.

His speedometer now registers 268,000 miles and more, which is surely a world's record trip of this kind, and that distance has been spanned in tropic heat and arctic cold. He has met with many adventures, but has only had one accident. That occurred when he was run into by an automobile one dark night in the state of Kansas.

Other adventures the intrepid cyclist has had, one of these happening to him near the "Roof of the World," when

he was attempting to cross into Tibet. An emissary of the grand lama appeared and turned the cyclist back, for the reason that he was a Christian; Mr. Pahl is an evangelist as well as a sign painter, and when asked what sort of revolver he carried to guard him against the perils of the way, he pulled a tattered book out of his pocket. "That is my only defence," he said. The book was a New Testament.

ASKS DAMAGES OF CITY

Mrs. de Merrill Alleges Defective Pavement Caused Her Fall From Bicycle Last October.

The trial came on before Mr. Justice Macdonald this morning in Supreme court of the action brought against the City of Victoria by Mrs. Erba de Merrill, the young woman who was injured on October 28 last when she fell off her bicycle at the corner of Oak Bay avenue and Richmond avenue. Mrs. de Merrill claims \$1,500 damages as compensation for the medical and hospital expenses incurred, for loss of wages as a nurse and for the suffering occasioned her.

In the witness box this morning the plaintiff stated that as she was turning from Oak Bay avenue into Richmond avenue the hind wheel of her bicycle slipped into a hole in the pavement, throwing her to the road. She struck her head and became immediately unconscious. She said the hole was about two feet wide and five or six inches deep, and had been there for some time. Three days ago it was still there and untouched. An engineer called as a witness testified that the hole was the result of a defective pavement having been laid.

J. S. Brandon, counsel for Mrs. de Merrill, maintained that the city was liable for damages because of the defective pavement having caused the hole and because of failure to repair the hole when it came. The defence was not reached when court adjourned, but City Solicitor Robertson in the statement of defence set out that the city was under no duty to the public to keep the road at a uniform grade and could not be held liable for a depression of a few inches. Contributory negligence on the plaintiff's part is also alleged.

SUE TO RECOVER ESTATE

Children of Late S. P. Mills, K.C., Ask That Mrs. Lang Be Declared Merely Trustee.

A further effort on the part of the children of the late S. Perry Mills, K. C., to recover the property bequeathed by him to Martha Maria Lang, of 1617 Belmont avenue, is made in a writ issued this morning by J. A. Alkman in behalf of Mrs. Florence R. M. Martin, Mrs. Ethel M. Cookson, Leonard C. Mills and Mrs. Gertrude Macadam against Martha Maria Lang.

The four children ask for a declaration that all the estate of the late S. P. Mills that was devised and bequeathed to the defendant other than the portion thereof bequeathed to Martha Mills, the widow of the said deceased, and the legacy to the plaintiff, L. C. Mills, was so devised and bequeathed in trust for the plaintiffs, and that the defendant now holds the same subject to such trust, and for an order that the defendant do forthwith convey and transfer the same to the plaintiffs and for an account and for judgment for any amount that may be found to be due on the taking of such accounts, and for an injunction.

An action with the same end in view begun some time ago was discontinued because of a technicality, and the widow, who was a plaintiff in the earlier action, is no longer a party to the action, as she has since received from Mrs. Lang the family residence and \$5,000 cash. The will left Mrs. Mills the residence and \$10,000, and Mrs. Lang profession intention of paying the other \$5,000.

The estate was probated at \$84,500, all of which was left to Mrs. Lang except the residence in Fernwood road and the \$10,000 mentioned.

The Mastersingers of Nuremberg were the men who most skillfully made a song of their work; the Mastersingers of London seem to be the men who can most vociferously make a song of their grievances.—Filson Young

DISCUSS METHODS FOR WORK OF Y.M.C.A.

Officers of Victoria Branch Hear Instructive Address by Canadian Secretary

"The principles and methods of religious work with men and boys" was the chief subject discussed at the conference of officers of the Y.M.C.A. held at the association's premises in Victoria this morning. The speaker was Charles W. Bishop, whose experience in field work, despite his comparative youth, has been practical and extensive.

Referring first of all to the criticisms occasionally levelled at the association as losing its original spiritual power, Mr. Bishop declared that now, at the seventeenth anniversary of its foundation, it was supremely necessary to take to heart the criticisms who studied such criticism. To officers who studied this matter it was evident that the association had not departed one iota from its original purpose, though a change of emphasis was caused by the additional physical and educational activities which caused the religious work to bulk less largely in the public eye. A basketball match, for instance, received more notice by the press and the public than a series of prayer meetings.

Also the association had developed the "small group" idea in its religious gatherings in preference to big showy meetings and demonstrations. The crucial test, however, was the quality of the man produced through association effort, not only by religious teaching but by Christian companionship, encouragement and example in all branches of activity.

"Religion," said Mr. Bishop, "is not the doing of certain things instead of doing all things, but the way of doing all things."

Speaking of the different methods of religious instruction, he instanced first of all the small Bible class groups which, though representing the fundamental point of all religious activity, that of imparting knowledge, were incidentally and indirectly the means of affording spiritual companionship and opportunities for organized service.

The second line of activity was represented by regular public meetings. In many cases, however, secretaries felt more could be accomplished by group work and round table classes, and the larger public meetings should only be used to the degree they could be used effectively, once a week, or once a month, as the supply of forceful and influential speakers might allow. Definite evangelistic activities, the third branch of endeavor, played a large part in association work, but less direct efforts were often quite as successful.

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Other points arising in the discussion were the changes of personal conception of prayer. The old idea of a definite request and direct answer was no longer dominant in thought to-day. Definite requests to God brought down strength and power to face and overcome difficulties, and temptations rather than the active intervention of God through human agencies. The chief value of spiritual communication lay in the opportunities it offered for thus drawing upon the divine strength, though many things were accomplished which human instrumentally man's limited understanding was not able to grasp.

Investigation of the philosophy of prayer should not, however, be allowed to interfere with activity in prayer. If a man got to the extremity where he doubted the efficacy of prayer he should still go on praying according to Christian standards, remembering that Jesus' life showed His dependence on prayer and the wonderful work such a life could accomplish.

This evening's session at the Y. M. C. A. officials' conference is as follows: 7.30, devotional exercises, A. Lockey, 7.45, business, 8.15, dormitory problems discussion, opened by D. G. Macdonald, 8.45, The Association Employed officer, by T. H. Hutchinson and H. C. Beall, 9.30, closing message from C. W. Bishop.

To Speak of Evangelization.—L. D. Wishart, who was for years connected with the students' volunteer movement and has had a great deal of experience in both home and foreign mission work, will address the monthly missionary prayer meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening at 8. He has chosen for his topic: "Is the evangelization of the world in this generation a possibility?"

The condition of Guy Walker, who has been lying seriously ill at the Jubilee hospital, is reported to be entirely satisfactory, and he may be considered out of danger.

INTEND TO MARRY.

Miss Margaret Bonallo and Buchan Singh Are Re-Engaged and License is Issued.

Miss Margaret Bonallo has once more exercised her feminine prerogative of changing her mind and has filed a declaration that she is now willing to marry Buchan Singh, and the sheriff has issued the necessary license. The consent of the parents has also been given in writing to this officer.

There was a short time ago a romantic engagement between the two about the time of the lawsuit Miss Bonallo stated then that that engagement had been broken off.

The marriage has not yet taken place, but it is believed that the intention is to have the ceremony performed in the Buddhist temple.

LOCAL NEWS

When in a Hurry for Lunch—here's the place to get it quick and good. The Kaiserhof.

In New Manager.—James H. Price, manager of the Variety theatre, has received the appointment as manager of the new Pantheatre, the opening date of which has been fixed for May 18.

Trout Fishing.—Trout fishing began to-day in the streams of Vancouver Island, and many left town for the favorite resorts. Cowichan, as usual is the magnet for the disciples of Isaac Walton, and it is reported to offer some attractive sport.

Nearest the Ideal is the noon lunch served at The Kaiserhof.

Renew Negotiations To-day.—In accordance with a resolution adopted at Friday evening's meeting of the Victoria Liberal association and the Liberal Reform club, another meeting is summoned for this evening to deal with the question of club rooms and other matters. A large attendance is requested, as subjects of great importance to the welfare of the party will be discussed.

Good Entertainment.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Preston's private Juvenile school, Fowl Bay, gave an entertainment to visitors and friends. The pupils demonstrated their ability in music, drill, recitation and dramatic performances. Great care and patience had been taken to obtain efficiency in children so young. Especially noteworthy were the calmness, punctuality and ease with which they did their exercises. Music especially was most creditably performed. About forty parents and friends attended the performances.

Dominion Exhibition.—The B. C. Agricultural association is quietly advancing its plans for the Dominion exhibition. The four stables have been completed, and the cattle sheds are being started. The oval is being re-seeded for the fair, and numerous other improvements made in the buildings, including the re-roofing of the main building and the alteration of the women's building. Transportation companies have so far shown an encouraging disposition to assist the exhibition management, although greater support on the American side would be acceptable.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rose Bird, wife of W. G. Bird, of Alberta, who died at Los Angeles on February 11, took place from Hanna & Thomson's parlors at 215 yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery, where services at the grave-side were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. A number of friends attended the funeral and many very beautiful floral offerings covered the casket.

The funeral took place yesterday at 10 o'clock from Hanna & Thomson's funeral parlors of Joe Pong Sing, 1077 Howe street. Interment was made in the Chinese cemetery.

The death occurred this morning at the Jubilee hospital of Samuel McLellan, who has been lying ill at that institution for the last nine months. The deceased was forty-nine years of age, and was born in Ontario, but had resided in Victoria for two years. The remains rest at Sands Funeral parlors, and arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

A Difficult Case.—Patient—"You are worrying about my case, doctor; I can see it in your face." Doctor—"No, not exactly." Patient—"Tell me the truth, doctor. I want to know just what you think." Doctor—"Well, to be quite candid with you, I was worrying about your bill. You haven't paid me a cent in two years."

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Financial News

IRRELEVANT ACTION IN NEW YORK STOCKS

Anticipated Steel Earnings and Panhandle Dividend Action Depress List
Great West Permanent Loan straightened up on this morning's bidding, five shares changing hands at the satisfactory level of 125, with demand firm at that figure on the close session.

WHEAT ADVANCED IN FACE OF CORN DECLINE

Chicago, March 25.—Net gains in wheat futures for the day 1/4 July, and September, and unchanged for May. During the morning prices for all months were fairly firm, and at a little decline in mid-day the support was remarkably good.

DULL MONTREAL MARKET DOES LITTLE BUSINESS

Montreal, March 25.—The market generally was dull and weak today, with the volume of business unusually small. C. P. R. was heavy and sold to 285 1/2, Brazilian advanced one point to 82. Iron was strong at 32, and R. & O. steady at 10 3/4.

NEW YORK CIBR PRICES

Table with columns for Bid, Asked, and various stock prices including Ann. Marconi, B. C. Copper, Buffalo, etc.

METAL MARKETS

New York, March 25.—Lead easy, 22.50; tin, 100.00; copper, 100.00; silver, 100.00; gold, 100.00.

THE CITY MARKET

Pratt's Coal Oil \$1.50
Eocene 1.50

Hams (Swift's), per lb. 27
Bacon (Swift's), per lb. 25
Premium Bacon 25

Fresh Island Eggs 30
Butter, Salt Spring 40
Butter, Colchester 40

Seal of Alberta, per bbl. 7.25
Moffet's Best, per sack 1.25
Moffet's Western Canada Flour 1.25

Royal Household, per sack 1.50
Royal Standard, per sack 1.50
Hungarian, Royal Standard, per sack 1.50

Wheat, 20-lb. sack 1.05
Wheat, 40-lb. sack 1.05
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack 1.05

Wheat, chicken feed, per ton 42.00
Wheat, per 100 lbs. 2.10
Crushed Oats 2.00

Chickens, roasters 35
Chickens, fryers 35
Poultry 35

Bananas, doz. 30
Grapefruit, per doz. 1.00
Lemons, doz. 1.50

Cabbage, lb. 10
Rhubarb, bundle 1.50
Asparagus 1.25

Salmon, Red Spring, lb. 25
Oiler, Red Spring, lb. 25
Halibut, per lb. 10

Bacon 22 1/2
Bananas 27
Cabbages (Cal.), per lb. 10

Cheese, Sept. delivery, per lb. 17 1/2
Hams 24 1/2
Grapefruit (Cal.), per box 1.00

Jersey Cranberries, per bbl. 12.00
Peanuts, roasted 10
Rhubarb, per box 1.00

Local Potatoes (new), per ton 23.00
California Potatoes, per ton 23.00
New Bunch Carrots, doz. 40

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EVE BEFORE THE FALL IS BARRED FROM STAGE

British Censor Gives Permit for 'Paradise Lost' if Clothes Are Used

London, March 25.—The lord chamberlain has at last consented to license the stage version of Milton's 'Paradise Lost.' The sole condition imposed was that Adam and Eve should be clothed in such manner that no one could take exception to their costume.

There is general amusement over the remarks of Lord Newton in moving the second reading in the house of lords of his 'betting inducements act.'

Lord Newton wishes to circumscribe the facilities for betting on horse races given by the post office and the bookmakers and the upstart's advertisements and circulars.

This bill was blocked in the house of commons during the last session and is now in a somewhat emasculated condition.

Lord Newton lamented the fact that the most influential class of people in this country consists of prominent people who own race horses.

If any young man were to ask me how he could exercise the greatest influence I would not hesitate to advise him to buy a few race horses.

I do not think I exaggerate when I express the opinion that Lord Rosebery owes a great deal of the influence he enjoys to the fact that he withstood assaults of his Non-conformist conscience and won four or five Derbys.

Lord Derby interrupted to say that Lord Rosebery had won three, not five, Derbys.

Lord Newton continued: 'I do not mind making the assertion that Arthur J. Balfour had been the owner of a few selling plates he would not have been driven from the leadership of the Conservative party.'

There is no institution so highly venerated in this country as the Jockey club.

SUPPLIES DANCING MEN. London, March 25.—William Gillette, whose function is best appreciated by Americans when he is called the Ward McAllister of London, anticipates the hardest possible season for his cohorts, the young dancing men.

Mr. Gillette, who for years has saved the situation at numerous balls by bringing up the reserves of dancing available young men, and with the prospect of a lean season, although he has passed 60, he has adopted American business methods and made a card index of his army for use during the coming season.

His proposed plan is something like this: A hostess says she will want a hundred men for a party. Mr. Gillette asks for particulars, whether the men wanted are to be exclusively for dancing or to add social tone to the affair or if they must be army and navy men and other such details.

Then he turns to his card index and furnishes the hundred men required, according to what the hostess desires.

He anticipates that it is to be a very hard season because, according to his prophecy, the coming summer will be the most brilliant season in his memory. The greatest preparations are being made by the greatest hostesses as well as the minor ones to entertain on an unprecedentedly lavish scale.

The economical streak manifested in recent years has passed away and the purse strings are being loosened up.

WHEAT GOES QUARTER HIGHER AT WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, March 25.—Wheat opened unchanged to quarter higher; oats unchanged to 1/4 up, and flax unchanged to 1/2 lower.

At noon the market was unchanged, flax being a little lower for May and a little higher for July. Cables closed unchanged to 1/2 lower, and with no news of importance from the south led to an extremely dull market.

The volume of business transacted being very small and confined to professional traders.

There were even quieter than wheat and developed weak undertone, but fluctuations were narrow. Flax, though firm, was in the same rut as other grains.

Other lines were evidently affected by the weakness in corn. The weather in Alberta and Saskatchewan is extremely cold, and should the cold wave spread south and southeast considerable damage may result.

The cash demand is poor, neither millers nor exporters showing any inclination to take on wheat at present figures.

Receipts were about the average of last week, being 300 cars inspected and 25 in sight. American receipts: Minneapolis, 288 cars; Duluth, 32 cars; and Chicago, 19 cars.

Wheat—Open Close
July 102 102
Sept. 92 92
Oct. 82 82

Oats—Open Close
July 32 32
Sept. 22 22
Oct. 12 12

Flax—Open Close
July 142 142
Sept. 122 122
Oct. 102 102

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 92; 2 Nor., 82; 3 Nor., 72; 4 Nor., 62; 5 Nor., 52; 6 Nor., 42; 7 Nor., 32; 8 Nor., 22; 9 Nor., 12; 10 Nor., 2; 11 Nor., 1; 12 Nor., 1.

Wheat—1 Nor., 92; 2 Nor., 82; 3 Nor., 72; 4 Nor., 62; 5 Nor., 52; 6 Nor., 42; 7 Nor., 32; 8 Nor., 22; 9 Nor., 12; 10 Nor., 2; 11 Nor., 1; 12 Nor., 1.

THREE CONVICTED FOR RARE VOLUME FRAUD

Sentences Ordered in De Luxe Edition Case Where Men Obtained \$87,000.

Boston, Mass., March 25.—The jury in the so-called 'de luxe' book case returned a verdict to-day of guilty against the defendants, Glen F. Farmer and James Powers, of New York, and Samuel Rosenfield, of Chicago.

Rosenfield and Farmer were sentenced to state prison, the former for a term of six to eight years, and the latter for three to five years. Both obtained stay of sentence on notice of appeal.

Powers was given two and a half years in the house of correction, and accepted his sentence without notice of appeal.

The men were accused of conspiring to defraud Mrs. Mary L. Rogers, of this city, and of larceny from her of \$87,000 by inducing her to advance money for the purchase of what were represented to be rare volumes.

WOMEN JURORS WEEP AFTER MURDER VERDICT

Tacoma, March 25.—After being out an hour and fifteen minutes a superior court jury of eight men and four women last night found Roy Deibert Welch, a little colored boy from Seattle, guilty of first-degree murder for the slaying of A. H. Warden, janitor of the Bryant school, several months ago.

Following the verdict the women jurors wept profusely.

Welch is 16 years old. He killed Warden for 30 cents and a watch in a bold holdup.

INGENIOUS ERRORS. Eighty Ways of Spelling the Word 'Reservoirs.'

London, March 25.—Actual ingenuity in error is evidenced in the 'howlers' reported by the examiners for the recent junior county scholarships, which recorded twenty thousand student aspirants. For instance, who but members of the student army could discover eighty-seven ways of spelling the word 'reservoirs,' and give us such gifted blunders as 'resourvoiers,' 'resivoies,' 'rezervavaus,' 'resboivols' and 'ras-savoys.'

Budding scientists taught the examiners more than they ever heard about coal and water, thus 'Down the mines 18 cabin-de-aveys.' Trees that were now on Clapham common will be nearly coal in the twentieth century.

A careful student, who would have passed with honors in candor, confessed concerning coal: 'The coal merchant sells it to the shoekeeper. The shoekeeper sells it to us. That is all I know at present.' Another essay concluded: 'That is how we get our coal, all through the death of part of nature.'

The examiner remarks: 'The children have had their ear for the spoken word well trained, for which no doubt the teachers in the infants' departments deserve credit. But there are exceptions—e.g. the boy who wrote these pipes lead to what we call a viceroi, this viceroi is filled with water.' The water was frequently stored in a 'system' and released by a 'tape.'

'The following quotations are significant of the unpopularity of water in too many of the poorer homes: 'Some of us drink it.' 'Water has a lot to do with drinks and teetotalers have very little to drink.' 'When people have no money to have a drink, they go to the tap and have a drop of water.' Incidentally these quotations illustrate the danger of drawing inferences as to the quality of the teaching in any particular locality from examination results alone, as they are all taken from a particular batch of papers.'

'As a rule the children are convinced of the cheering effect of a library.' 'It makes a poor miserable old man as happy as a cheerful worker. I am in doubt whether the following is the result of poetic feeling or of a Corollian aptness in the use of literary cliches; it includes the autobiography of a book—'I fell into the fire and passed into eternity.'

'The influence of a familiar coupling of words was responsible for a reference to the adventures of Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar square, also for 'coal from New South Wales.'

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Made of crepe de sole; assorted colors and patterns. Reg. up to \$1.75. Friday, only 75c

Reg. \$5.00 Silk Undershirts, \$2.95

Fine quality Messaline; made with flounce. Colors are cerise, tan, grey, purple, black, green and navy.

Millinery Department

We've Trimmed These Beautiful Hats For You, Madame

100 Hats on display of New York and French models. For Friday the choice is yours at

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Reg. \$1.00 and \$1.25 Veilings on Sale 65c Yard

Colors black, navy, brown, grey, green and fancy mixtures.

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Ladies' Undervests, 3 for 50c

With and without sleeves, fine quality; made trimmed top and drawstring. Friday, 3 for **50c**

Ladies' Gowns, "Slip-Over Style," on Sale, 65c Each

Made of fine quality cotton, torchon lace trimmed. Extra value for Friday, each **65c**

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Some odd lines of real good value, long hip and low bust styles. All sizes in the lot. Friday, pair **\$1.50**

Sale of Perrin's Kid Gloves at 95c Pair

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Now on view. We will also sell at 11 o'clock, lot of very fine White Wyandottes, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Red and other Chickens, one Tent, 12 ft. by 14 ft., etc.

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CREATES INTEREST HERE.

Attitude of Canners Toward Canned Peas Containing Copper Salts Talked Over in Victoria.

A telegram from Ottawa that canners, contending that the sale of canned peas containing copper salts should be prohibited in Canada, had laid their case before the ministers of inland revenue and customs yesterday has aroused considerable attention among the grocers and others in Victoria.

City Analyst Birch, speaking on the matter this morning, said the introduction of copper sulphate with the phylloxyenic acid of the peas (done in order to maintain their green color in the tins), led to the creation of phyllo-cyanate of copper, which was insoluble in water. He was inclined to agree with the experts of the inland revenue department that the use of the copper salt was not injurious to health. Tests had been made which showed that 77 per cent of the copper added in the preparation of the peas, passed through the body, the remainder being held mostly in the liver.

The report of the United States government, on which its order prohibiting the use of copper salts was based, is not agreed with by the Canadian chemists, on the ground that the amount of copper used in coloring vegetables is trifling.

IF KIDNEYS AND BLADDER BOTHER

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys and Neutralize Irritating Acids

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juices, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble.

GOOD PROGRESS IS MADE ON WATERWORKS

Track-Laying is Proceeding; Steel for Sooke River Bridge Forwarded To-day

Returning yesterday from a tour of inspection on the Sooke waterworks, Resident Engineer Ehle stated that the city has laid over three miles of track east from Cooper's cove, and that after the laying of about another half mile in that direction, the work of this character will cease till the cut at the back of Goldstream schoolhouse, where the slide occurred last year, is completed. When this slide is removed the track will be laid back from Humpback reservoir to meet the track from the west, about ten miles in all. The completion of the gate house to be built. The south end was unfinished when the work ceased last year, near where the water will cascade into the lake from the pipe line.

At Cooper's cove the material for the manufacture of pipe is being assembled by the Pacific Lock Joint company, and Mr. Ehle says that as soon as the company is ready the laying of pipe can be proceeded with on five miles of the section between Cooper's cove, and the reservoirs having been finished. The steel for the bridge across Sooke river went out to-day on scows, and this crossing, one of the most important of the whole route, will be proceeded with at once.

No change will be made in regard to the riveted steel pipe for the 10 1/2 miles from Humpback into the city, until the tenders are opened by the city council on Monday.

MUCH BUSINESS FOR ALDERMEN TO-MORROW

Several Committees and Special Session of Council Are Arranged for the Day

To-day was a quiet time in city hall circles, meetings which were to have taken place being postponed in order to accommodate some of the aldermen who desired to be out of town. To-morrow, however, will be busy, there being meetings of the sanitary, legislative, streets, and special committees of the city council to deal with a variety of subjects. There will also be a short session of the city council in the afternoon.

The legislative committee meets to-morrow morning on the proposed legislation covering a weekly half-holiday for stores. It is understood that the council, if time permits to-morrow afternoon, will complete consideration of the estimates, so that they may be formally passed by the council next Monday.

The council meeting to-morrow afternoon, is called to ratify an agreement with the liquidators of the Canadian Mineral Rubber company regarding the paving contracts. The sanitary committee will deal with the collection of garbage from the downtown blocks, a matter which has not yet been undertaken by the engineering department, largely because of consideration of cost. A deputation from the Retail Merchants' association is to represent that body's case before the aldermen at this session.

With the inauguration of paving preliminaries, the initiation of work is expected to engage considerable attention at the streets committee meeting. Tenders for the asphalt plant are to come in next month, but it will be well into the summer before the city is in possession of a plant of this character. The rock crusher ordered several weeks ago should be here shortly. It is badly needed, as the city has been obliged to buy crushed rock for repairing macadam streets this year from the Worswick Paving company. The last news the engineering department had announced its arrival at Portage la Prairie.

No Hairs Will Remain If You Apply This Method

(Beauty Notes)
For ridding the skin of ugly hairy growths, there is nothing better than this quick, painless, inexpensive method: Make enough paste with powdered detalone and water to cover the objectionable hairs; apply, and after 2 or 3 minutes, scrape off, wash the skin and it will be left smooth, clear and hairless. By having a small package of detalone handy, you can keep the skin free from hair or fuzz with very little effort.

FIRST REIGNING QUEEN TO COME TO AMERICA

Eleanore of Bulgaria Will Start for United States Third Week in May

Sofia, March 26.—Queen Eleanore, of Bulgaria, announced to-day that she would start on her journey to the United States the third week in May. Her Majesty presumably will proceed to Hamburg and embark there on May 21. Queen Eleanore will be the first reigning queen to visit the United States. She intends to make a study of American institutions and people, in which she has always been greatly interested.

It is said semi-officially that King Ferdinand also will pay a visit to the United States, probably in 1915. He may see the exposition at San Francisco. The plans for his majesty's trip are not yet definite.

WILL HOLD CONSISTORY AND APPOINT CARDINALS

Rome, March 26.—It was tentatively decided to-day by the pope to hold a consistory either at the end of April or the beginning of May unless unforeseen circumstances should intervene. It is assumed that about a dozen cardinals will be appointed.

COLORED WIGS WIN RUSSIANS.

Exclusive Society Women Wear Newest Periwigs at Ball.

POPE IS COMPOSER.

Rome, March 26.—Abbe Perosi, the choirmaster of the Sistine chapel, denies the story that the pope composed a motet for four voices.

Abbe Perosi says the story probably originated in a little incident which occurred some time ago. Mgr. Relia showed to the pope a musical composition by a Venetian priest, who requested him to ask the pontiff to bless his work. The pope took the score and sang the music out loud. Mgr. Relia congratulated the pontiff on his knowledge of music, to which the pope replied that he could also compose music. He asked Mgr. Relia to tell the Venetian priest that the pope had sung his music. The pope has postponed the holding of a consistory for the election of new cardinals until after Easter on the advice of his physician that it would not be advisable to hold one during the present cold weather. It is reported that another Jesuit cardinal will be created in honor of the centenary of the restoration of the papacy.

FRENCH RESIGNS HIS ARMY COMMISSION

(Continued from page 1)

ment has no intention whatever of pushing political opposition to its policy or to its principles of home rule." It is dated Monday.

This vital sentence forms a part of a memorandum which Mr. Asquith states the cabinet were ignorant of. It is signed by Col. Seely, General Sir John French and Adjutant-General Ewart. According to the Daily Mail on Tuesday night, when the additions to the Gough letter became known, Chancellor Lloyd George threatened to resign unless the war secretary resigned, but when the subject came before the cabinet yesterday it became evident that Col. Seely's action involved Mr. Churchill and Lord Morley, although the cabinet might have survived Col. Seely's retirement. It was impossible to lose three ministers without disruption. Hence the chancellor of the exchequer withdrew his opposition.

The Unionists were indignant at what they call the government's bungling and muddling. The Daily Telegraph, sarcastically says that it understands that the government has not yet decided to bring home the army from India to deal with the Ulster situation, nor have the Dominion been asked to send their cadets, it claims that the admiralty and the war office believed that the 25,000 horse, foot and artillery now in Ireland, with eight battalions and a destroyer flotilla with possibly some of the regiments from Aldershot would suffice to smash the Ulster movement.

TWO SAFE ROBBERIES IN CALIFORNIA TO-DAY

Los Angeles, March 26.—Robbers blew open the safe of the Bank of Eagle Rock early to-day. This was the second time within four months that robbers have entered the institution. They secured \$200 in silver.

EARTH SHOCKS FELT AT MESSINA AND HOUGHTON.

Messina, Sicily, March 26.—An earthquake, accompanied by a violent storm caused a panic to-day among the inhabitants, most of whom fled to the open country. When the storm subsided it was found that the damage was insignificant, and nobody was injured.

ACTIONS OF KRAFCHENKO DISCLOSED BY WITNESSES

Was Seen Trying on Whiskers; Obtained Guns and Cartridges at Winnipeg.

Morden, Man., March 26.—Peter P. Floaming testified this morning at the trial of John Krafchenko for the murder of H. M. Arnold at Plum Coulee, that he had seen Krafchenko three weeks before the robbery trying on black whiskers. "He put on a moustache, and then a kind of a beard, and as soon as he saw that he was observed he pulled them off," said the witness.

Abraham Black, a Winnipeg pawnbroker, testified to having received a watch in pawn for a party representing himself as "J. Kraft" on November 1, 1912. The numbers of the watch and case on the pawn ticket which he produced correspond with the numbers on the watch in court alleged to be the one found in Dyck's car. E. G. Campbell, of the Hingston Smith Arms company, of Winnipeg, swore that on November 18 last the prisoner came into the store representing himself as Ludwig Jackman, a clerk employed by the Plum Coulee Hardware company. He gave an order for the articles purchased including an automatic rifle, six pump guns, an automatic revolver and a large quantity of cartridges. Krafchenko said the witness took the rifle with him, giving instructions that the balance of the order be shipped to Plum Coulee. When the balance of the order was shipped on November 27 it was returned from Plum Coulee as not having been ordered.

TOLLS REPEAL VOTE IS EXPECTED ON SATURDAY

Time for Debate Extended to Twenty Hours and Divided for Different Parties.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Democratic leaders abandoned the idea of only fifteen hours debate on the Panama tolls exemption repeal to-day, and agreed to twenty. This would bring a vote probably Saturday.

HON. DR. MONTAGUE HOME.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Hon. Dr. W. H. Montague, provincial minister of public works, returned to-day from the south in apparently excellent health. Last week a California dispatch said that he was seriously ill.

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