

WAS ATTEMPT MADE TO HOLD UP MR. HAYS?

Mr. Bodwell Told Him He Was Compelled to Pay Nothing--Hon. Mr. Green on the Stand.

The Kalen Island investigation was continued before the select committee of the legislature last evening in the parliament buildings. All the members of the committee were present--Chairman J. F. Garden, J. A. Macdonald, T. W. Paterson, W. B. Ross and Dr. Young.

Mr. Garden's decision in setting points regarding ruling was strangely in contrast with his action on preceding days, and the business proceeded with far less trouble.

In opening he announced to E. V. Bodwell, K. C., that the committee had decided that it would not decide the scope of the inquiry at the present time. He said that he would rule and expected he would be upheld by the other members of the committee that everything touching the acquisition of these lands by the Grand Trunk Pacific should be within the scope of the investigation. "Everything relating to the acquisition of these lands shall be taken as evidence," he said.

Mr. Bodwell then entered the box and said that he had in view of the ruling an additional statement to make.

Mr. Macdonald said that Hon. R. F. Green was the witness under examination. He saw no reason why Mr. Green should not be finished with, and then, if thought advisable, Mr. Bodwell could add his statement.

Mr. Bodwell wished to be heard at the time, however, and Mr. Ross saw no reason why it should not be done in that way.

Mr. Ross moved that Mr. Green be requested to stand aside to allow Mr. Bodwell being heard.

A vote being taken a tie resulted, and Chairman Garden gave the casting vote in favor of Mr. Bodwell proceeding.

Dr. Eberts, K. C., said that he had been retained by James Anderson to appear for him.

Mr. Macdonald took objection, and said that Mr. Anderson was not a party to this inquiry. If every witness was to be allowed to be represented by counsel there would be a multiplication of counsel.

Mr. Eberts called attention to the fact that at the Columbia & Western investigation Mr. Wells, one of the witnesses, was represented by his own counsel.

Mr. Macdonald said that it was absurd to have all witnesses represented by counsel.

Mr. Ross rather favored counsel being employed. It would relieve members of the committee of being criticised in the public press, as had been the case so far.

Mr. Macdonald had no objection to Mr. Anderson being represented by counsel, while he was in the witness box. He did not, however, favor Mr. Eberts coming here and being given a status during the whole proceedings.

Mr. Ross said in view of the fact that the press criticisms had been severe, he was somewhat sensitive.

Dr. Young said he also was somewhat sensitive for the same reason. He would welcome counsel to save the members of the committee from responsibility and thus incur criticism.

Chairman Garden suggested that Mr. Eberts might be excluded from taking part this evening, and the committee would decide later as to what should be done.

Mr. Macdonald agreed to this.

E. V. Bodwell then proceeded to make his further statement. He said that he had at the time of his examination answered from a point of view he had as to the scope of the inquiry. There was in his mind at the time the idea that the acquisition of the lands by the government and the terms upon which those lands were acquired as being the subject of the inquiry. When the government passed the order in council the lands really passed. The lands had to pass then. The only other thing he thought which could come before the committee was the amount paid for these lands.

The answers given by Mr. Bodwell on the day of his examination when he said he had made a complete answer and had exhausted his memory on the question, came up for discussion.

cross-examined by a witness. More than every courtesy had been shown to Mr. Bodwell. Mr. Bodwell could come at another time and give evidence or he could be subpoenaed.

The Commissioner's Evidence.

Hon. Mr. Green was then recalled. Mr. Green said that since he saw Mr. Larsen when he had charge of the construction of the Port Sheppard railway he had met Mr. Larsen about three or four times in Seattle. He had stated the day previous. When he met Mr. Larsen in Seattle, when the matter was mentioned, was after the order in council was passed.

Mr. Larsen asked if the crown grants had issued yet.

Witness said they had not.

Mr. Larsen asked if they were going to issue.

Witness said they were.

Mr. Macdonald asked if witness had not met Mr. Larsen about January 10th, 1904.

Witness said he might have. He met him twice in Seattle. The first time was about two years ago.

"That was about January 10th, 1904, when you were on your way to Victoria to attend the legislature after the Christmas adjournment?"

He met Mr. Larsen some time after the Christmas adjournment.

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He did not understand that he was appearing as counsel for Mr. Anderson, but understood that the latter was an employee of Mr. Larsen.

Mr. Bodwell said he got a telegram to go to Montreal to meet Mr. Hays. He went and had an interview with Mr. Hays in consequence of a conversation, which had passed which he would not divulge.

From what Mr. Hays said he knew that Mr. Stevens had made some arrangements with Mr. Larsen and Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Ross wanted to know how the matter stood.

Mr. Bodwell said to Mr. Hays: "The lands belong to your company."

Mr. Macdonald then called attention to the fact that witnesses were in the room. These had on the former occasions been excluded.

Mr. Ross hardly thought it fair to exclude Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Macdonald said that the general rules of evidence should be followed.

The chairman objected to these delays.

Mr. Macdonald laughingly alluded to the fact that there seemed to be a lot of things to be said in the inquiry. He moved that the witnesses be excluded.

Mr. Bodwell said he would rather have Mr. Anderson remain. It would relieve him of responsibility. He would not have other consciences to keep under those circumstances.

Mr. Macdonald said that "that is your duty Mr. Bodwell as a solicitor."

It was decided that Mr. Anderson and other witnesses should retire.

Mr. Bodwell said he would try to distinguish between his duty to Mr. Anderson and to Mr. Larsen.

Mr. Bodwell said he told Mr. Hays he could be under no obligation to any one. It was not necessary to consider anyone in the transaction. As far as Mr. Hays was concerned he told Mr. Hays that he knew that he was not particular about making anything out of it. Mr. Larsen only thought of turning the lands over to the company.

Mr. Larsen did not care; he was a man of means and did not go into it for that purpose. He told Mr. Hays as far as Mr. Anderson was concerned he could deal with him as he pleased.

"I would like to have you understand, Mr. Hays, that there is to be no attempt to hold you up." You cannot be compelled to pay anything, Mr. Bodwell told Mr. Hays.

Mr. Hays asked witness for advice.

Mr. Bodwell said he could not do so as he was Mr. Larsen's solicitor. Under the circumstances he could go no farther.

A great many things were discussed. In the discussion of how the business had been done, Mr. Bodwell told Mr. Hays that this thing had been managed. A very suitable townsite had been done by the company so far, and no difficulties had arisen which might have occurred. He told Mr. Hays that to Mr. Anderson was due the credit for this, and he could be considered if he saw fit under these circumstances.

After the conclusion of the negotiations Mr. Bodwell said he returned to Mr. Larsen and saw Mr. Larsen. The latter confirmed all he had done. Mr. Larsen said he did not want any money out of it. He would not accept any money on that account as he did not go into it on that understanding.

Later witness said he saw Mr. Hays in Montreal and told him that he need not consider Mr. Larsen in the transaction.

When Mr. Morse came out here witness asked Mr. Larsen to come to the city. Mr. Larsen made a personal settlement with Mr. Anderson.

He did not know what particular idea was in Mr. Larsen's mind when the transaction began, but long before the order in council was passed it was decided it would be impolitic to ask for anything from the company on this account. There would be nothing incorrect in trying to make a profit out of this in dealing with the government. But Mr. Larsen did not intend to make anything out of it. As a matter of business and not as a matter of ethics the proper thing was regarded to be to get the land from the government, take it to the company and say "Here it is for you. If you want it pay anything for it, all right. If not, all right."

Mr. Bodwell said that he gave Mr. Hays to understand that he was to be nothing compulsory in the way of compensation. If he made remuneration to Mr. Anderson for what he did it would be all right, but he was not compelled to do so.

"That is your statement?" asked the chairman.

"I do not want to answer any more of those general questions," replied Mr. Bodwell.

Mr. Macdonald wished that Mr. Bodwell should stand aside until he had had an opportunity to compare the evidence given to-night with that given the other day.

Mr. Bodwell said that the situation, as given in the evidence to-night, made a decided difference.

Mr. Bodwell wished to go on. He further wanted to know wherein Mr. Macdonald meant there was a difference.

Mr. Macdonald said he objected to

AMENDMENT TO THE SCHOOL ACT

ONE TRUSTEE BOARD IN MUNICIPALITIES

Changes Proposed in Measure by Minister of Education Largely Affects Rural Districts.

The minister of education has introduced into the legislature an amending bill to the School Act. The changes proposed relate very largely to rural schools. It is provided, however, that High schools may be established only in municipal school districts and not in a union of outside rural districts.

School districts are divided as follows: "Municipal school districts, comprising such areas as are embraced within the corporate limits of the respective incorporated cities, towns, and rural municipalities, and such additional territory as may be added under subsection (B) of section 5 of the act."

"Rural school districts, comprising all school districts not contained within the corporate limits of the incorporated cities, towns and rural municipalities."

"Municipal school districts shall be further divided into the following subclasses: (1) City school districts of the first class, including all incorporated cities or towns wherein the average actual daily attendance of pupils attending public school equals or exceeds 1,000 for the school year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Victoria and Vancouver;

(2) Cities of the second class, including all incorporated cities or towns wherein the average actual daily attendance of pupils attending public school equals 200, but does not exceed 999, for the school year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Revelstoke and Rossland;

(3) City school districts of the third class, including all incorporated cities or towns wherein the average actual daily attendance of pupils attending public schools falls below 200 for the present time the cities of Cranbrook, Cumberland, Enderby, Fernie, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kamloops, Kaslo, Kelowna, Phoenix, Sandon, Sicamous, Trail and Vernon;

(4) Rural municipality school districts, including all rural municipalities, including all rural municipalities that may hereafter be incorporated from time to time shall also be included in one or other of these four classes."

The payment of the provincial grant shall be made quarterly for municipal school districts and monthly to the municipal corporation of rural municipalities instead of half yearly, in each case under the existing act.

The per capita grant is fixed at the following sums: \$20 for cities of the first class, \$40 for cities of the second class, \$45 for cities and towns of the third class, and \$45 for rural municipalities, per annum, based on the actual number of teachers, manual training and domestic science instructors employed in the public schools, including High schools.

In rural municipalities there is to be a board of five trustees for the whole municipality. This is to come into effect immediately on the passage of the act.

The trustees are before February 1st to submit an estimate of the sums required for the year to the municipal treasurer. The assessment, collection and disbursement of the rates is to be made by the municipal council.

Provincial assessors are to collect the rates outside of municipalities and make a draft assessment roll for the trustees instead of the trustees being required to submit a list.

Mines, minerals, unworked crown granted mineral claims and railways are to be assessable for school purposes.

The incomes of teachers and salaries and wages of persons under 21 years of age are to be exempt from assessment.

UNITED STATES FINANCES.
Treasurer Treat Takes Direct Issue With Alarmists.

(Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 13.—At a public reception at the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, given in his honor last night, United States Treasurer Charles H. Treat, delivered a lengthy address upon the present currency situation in the United States. Mr. Treat took direct issue with those who are alarmed at the existence of what he called an "alleged deficit" in the national treasury and the danger of an impending panic. Referring to the "deficit," he pointed out that while during the fiscal year ending June 30th last the government had expended \$2,000,000 more than it had received in revenue during the seven months elapsed since that date, the moneys received from the custom house and from internal revenue sources had exceeded by \$2,000,000 the amount collected from the same sources during the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, is to be tapped for electric power to run the Peruvian railways and to supply a surplus sufficient, it is believed, to enable Peru to take a prominent place among the manufacturing countries.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

Three Mail Cars Destroyed by Fire--Several Members of Crew Injured.

(Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Fast mail train No. 1 west bound on the Missouri Pacific, which left St. Louis at midnight, was wrecked at the Gassonaide bridge twenty-seven miles east of Jefferson City to-day. Three of the mail cars were derailed, caught fire and destroyed. Several members of the crew were hurt, but one killed. The train carried no passengers.

J. A. McCALL ILL.
Former President of New York Life Has Little Chance of Recovery.

(Associated Press.)
Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 13.—John A. McCall, former president New York Life Insurance Company, who is ill at his home here, although resting comfortably to-day, was declared by one of his physicians, Dr. Charles L. Lindley, to have very little chance of recovery. The nature of Mr. McCall's complaint was not stated, but it was said to be a form of liver trouble.

THE VIEWS OF THE SALVOR'S DIVER

HELP PRACTICABLE ONLY FROM THE LAND

Small Boats Could Not Have Lived at Scene of the Valencia Wreck.

The commissioners appointed to enquire into the wreck of the steamer Valencia resumed the investigation this morning at the court house. There was no witness on hand at the time the court sat, and some delay was thus occasioned. Finally Harry Cook took the stand. He deposed that he was a diver, and went to the wreck on the Salvor. On arriving at the wreck he heard the captain of the Salvor say that there were no persons on the rigging, and the captain of the Queen then said that he would go round to Bamfield creek and see if he could be of service.

In reply to Capt. Gaudin witness said that he had seen service in the British navy, and was for a time swimming instructor. He had had some little experience in the life-saving service at Goodwin sands and Deal, England.

Witness continuing said that he did not think it possible, with the lifeboats used on steamers on this coast, to render any service at the wreck of the Valencia. The only possible way, in his opinion, was to connect with the wreck from shore by means of a line. He was one of those who went on shore intending to cast a line to the wreck, and struck the trail with a lantern in hand to meet survivors. He was packing provisions for these men, six of whom they met. Witness described the difficulties of the trail and the crossing of the Darling river. When he crossed the river he saw two dead bodies. The skull of one of which was badly broken. He pushed ahead, but could see no trace of the wreck. Along the beach he noticed kegs of liquor, tins of oil, and a couple of tins of canned fruit. On the trail witness met Capt. Ferris, Mr. Bunker and a couple of men. When he left Bamfield he was in hopes of finding some survivors of the wreck, but when he saw the condition of things he came to the conclusion that very few could survive.

Capt. Gaudin asked if there were a passable trail could assistance have been rendered.

Witness replied in the affirmative. If there were a good trail they could get to the wreck with a line, which was the only practical way of reaching those on the wreck. No assistance could have been rendered from the sea side, so high were the waves.

To Mr. Lugrin witness said that if there were any possibility of reaching the wreck from the Salvor the attempt would have been made, but no small boat could live in such a sea. He described the beach as far as he followed it, and said that the coast was so rugged that progress was slow and dangerous. There were only little patches of beach, and in his opinion no life boat could approach the shore--she would be dashed to pieces against the rocks.

J. M. Lorimer was the next witness. He explained that he visited the wreck as a reporter for the Colonist. When they reached the scene of the wreck it was said that there were some people in the rigging, and this was reported to the captain of the Queen, but the spars were running so high that no boat could approach. When witness got to Bamfield a rescue party was formed to work along the shore.

To Capt. Gaudin witness said he understood that the Queen was to stand by the wreck and render all possible assistance. Capt. Christensen said there was something in the rigging, but he could not say whether it was people or canvas.

To Mr. McPhillips witness said he understood that the distance between the Salvor and the wreck.

To Mr. Lawson witness reiterated a conversation between Capt. Troup and witness as to what was seen in the wreck--bodies or otherwise. He understood the latter to say that there was no life in the rigging.

The court then adjourned for lunch.

FARMERS CHARMED WITH VICTORIA

AND ARE PURCHASING MUCH LOCAL PROPERTY

Residents of Prairie Provinces Anxious to Obtain Real Estate in British Columbia Capital.

Victoria is now enjoying the results of the extensive advertising her climatic, scenic and other attractions have received during the past few years through the Tourist Association and from other sources. In the distribution of literature relative to the ideal conditions prevailing on this part of Vancouver Island the whole year round special attention was paid to the Northwest. That the policy was wise and the expenditure in carrying it through thoroughly justified, is shown by the remarkable influx of well-to-do residents of the prairie provinces during the past few weeks. They are visiting the capital of British Columbia largely out of curiosity, to satisfy themselves as to the truth of the statements which have been made respecting the beauty of the place and its wonderfully mild winter weather, and, perhaps more than anything else, to put in a session which is always slack throughout the interior farming sections of the Dominion.

A Times representative made a round of the real estate firms this morning, and when putting the usual query as to the state of business, was accorded the reply in almost every instance "that it was never better in the history of Victoria." Indeed it needed no such assurance from the agents to make that plain, as in a number of their offices were already groups of elderly gentlemen, unmistakably agriculturists from their appearance, poring over maps of the townsite in which the purchasable sites were plainly marked and enquiring interestedly, and even eagerly, the price of different lots.

Although the Northwestern individuals have not acquired any large block of property, availing a party for suburban sections of from 5 to 25 acres, or thereabouts, the mere fact of their presence here is a demonstration of the value of advertising. This comment is not original. It was made by C. A. Holland, agent of the B. C. Land and Investment Agency, who explained, however, that while many of the transfers involved comparatively small properties, a number of important deals had been put through recently. One of these was the purchase of four or five acres in the neighborhood of Rockland avenue, with a small frontage upon that thoroughfare. There was another of some lots near Beacon Hill and several others he could enumerate.

Asked whether he could set any estimate upon the value of the real estate which has passed into the hands of prairie province residents during the past two months, Mr. Holland stated that such a thing was impossible. To give some idea of the extent of the exchanges, he mentioned that property to the value of \$19,000 had passed through the hands of one local agent. As it was only natural to believe that all were doing approximately the same, the importance of the business might be arrived at from that figure.

In conversation with a reporter, Beaumont Boggs spoke in the same optimistic manner, expressing pleasure at the increased demand for real estate recently, and looking forward to a steady improvement in the future. Mr. Boggs did not look for a boom, and hoped that nothing of the kind would occur. At present the business was upon a firm basis. The purchasers wanted value for their money, and were careful to get it. Such a thing as an unwarranted increase in the prices quoted upon real estate could not have an injurious effect. He added that many of the visitors were inclined to hold back their investments until some definite information is received of the disposition of the wild lands acquired by that company with the E. & N. railway.

All those interested expect that the inflow of Northwest settlers will continue, as those already here state that widespread interest is being evinced in British Columbia, and particularly Victoria, and that many are contemplating coming here as soon as their interest permits. It is estimated that at least 50 families will be added to the population of Victoria from Manitoba this spring.

VALENCIA INQUIRY.
Special Commission Appointed by President Roosevelt Has Arrived at Seattle.

(Associated Press.)
Seattle, Feb. 13.—The special commission appointed by the President of the United States to investigate the Valencia disaster arrived in Seattle last night from Washington. The members of the commission are Lawrence Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations, and Capt. W. W. Burwell.

SIXTY-FIVE TO SIX.

British Columbia Team Again Defeated by the New Zealand Players.

(Special to the Times.)
San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Strengthened by two of their strongest players, Hunter and Wallace, the New Zealand team defeated the British Columbia players with greater ease yesterday at Recreation Park than on Saturday last when those two great stars were absent visiting relatives in Canada. The score at the end was 65 to 6. The British Columbia boys were at a great disadvantage in point of practice.

One of the New Zealanders said tonight: "There is good material among the British Columbia men, but they are not up on many points of the game as are our men with their long experience. They are a nice lot of men, too."

The British Columbia players say they have learned a lesson in football that has made the trip well worth while. The crowd at the game numbered about 2,500. The players said the spectators were most enthusiastic and quick to see good points. Applause was generous and intelligently given throughout. Rugby has made a good impression here, but regret is expressed that the games were not better advertised.

NEW SPEAKER TAKES HIS SEAT

HON. J. W. LOWTHER CONFIRMED IN OFFICE

Swearing in of New Members of House of Commons Will Occupy Rest of Week.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 14.—Shortly after the re-assembly of the House of Commons at noon to-day, the Speaker-elect, James W. Lowther, accompanied by a majority of the members, proceeded to the House of Lords, where the Speaker's election was confirmed by the royal commission.

The Speaker-elect occupied the chair in the lower House and awaited the arrival of the Black Rod from the royal commissioners. When the officer had delivered his message the Speaker-elect went to the upper House and acquainted the commissioners that "His Majesty's faithful Commons, in obedience to His command, had elected a Speaker, and as the object of their choice he submitted himself with all humility to the King's gracious approbation."

In reply, the Lord Chancellor declared that "His Majesty most fully approved and confirmed him as Speaker."

On behalf of the Commons the Speaker then laid claim "by humble petition to all their ancient rights and privileges," and these being confirmed the Speaker and Commons retired from the bar.

On his return from the House of Lords the Speaker reminded the House of Commons that the first thing to be done was to subscribe to the oath required by law and standing upon the upper step of the chair he himself took the oath of allegiance to the King.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the premier, and the other cabinet ministers took the same oath, and the swearing in of the rank and file commenced and will be the only business transacted by the House for the rest of the week. The members who prefer to do so on the ground of religious belief can make affirmation instead of taking the oath.

AN OBEYVANT VISITOR.
George Beatty, a Former Emigration Agent, Now in Victoria.

Among recent arrivals from the Northwest is George Beatty, an extensive rancher of the prairie province. For some years Mr. Beatty had been in the government employ as an emigration agent, and in this capacity made several trips to the Old Country. He states that of late Canada is receiving a great deal of attention in the old land, and thousands are preparing to sail for these shores. His first trips home as an emigration agent were not productive of the best results, as he had great difficulty in persuading the people that this was not a land of perpetual snow. Now, however, all this is changed and Canada is becoming a great favorite with emigrants.

"It is only recently," said Mr. Beatty to a Times reporter, "that British Columbia is receiving any attention, but I am convinced that if the people at home only knew what a grand country this is, they would flock here. Your fruit is unsurpassed, and then there is your mineral wealth, your timber and your fisheries. You have everything here to support a great population, and that population you are found to have, and at no distant date, either. Even men who have settled down in what I call the middle west, are pushing further west, coming to the Pacific coast. Your climate here is so much milder than this province is bound to attract them. What nicer place could any man desire than Victoria. When it becomes better known you will have a big place. Every day you have arrivals from the middle west. Only a few weeks ago two thousand arrived at Vancouver from the prairies. These people have scattered all over the province, and I notice that quite a number of them are in Victoria to-day. Most of these men are well fixed and will likely settle here. I am going back to the Old Country on a visit and I will certainly have a good word to say for your beautiful city and your rich province."



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J. W. LOWTHER RE-ELECTED SPEAKER

AT TUESDAY'S MEETING OF IMPERIAL HOUSE

Autumn Session May be Held in Order to Deal with Lengthy Programme.

London, Feb. 14.—Parliament was opened in a quiet and informal fashion yesterday, but presented in its composition a bewildering field for speculation as to its future exceeding that of any British parliament of the last half century.

Abandoned the Idea of presenting a formal resolution on the tariff question, Mr. Balfour will preside and deliver a speech dealing with the principal points of the Unionist policy.

James Keir Hardie, addressing a political meeting in London last night, described parliament as no longer the first club in Europe, but "the workshop of the nation."

Proposed Measures A leading place will be given to the education bill and the trades dispute bill. An important shipping bill will be introduced with the object of making foreign vessels in British ports conform to the load-line regulations of the board of trade.

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CANADIAN NEWS

Two Girls Killed While Crossing Railway Tracks—Another Fire at Montreal.

Glencoe, Feb. 13.—Bertha and Lillian McIntosh, aged ten and twelve years respectively, were struck and instantly killed by a train while crossing the Grand Trunk tracks on the way to school yesterday afternoon.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Fire to-day destroyed the building at the northeast corner of St. Antoine and Windsor streets. The building was owned by the C. P. R. and was occupied by Dennis Hayes, restaurateur, F. Clarke, barber, O. Desjardins, fruit store, and J. L. Able, cigar store.

Montreal Cotton Company. Montreal, Feb. 13.—There was a partial re-organization of the board of directors of the Montreal Cotton Company at its annual meeting to-day.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—The big bonspiel of the Manitoba branch of the R. C. C. C. is rapidly narrowing down to finals and the next couple of days will likely see the finish.

Illness of W. A. Gallinger. Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—W. A. Gallinger, M. P., is very ill at the home of his cousin here.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The task of raising half a million dollars wanted for the Queen's endowment fund will soon be finished.

Church Schemes. Toronto, Feb. 13.—For various schemes of the Presbyterian church \$180,000 is still required, according to a statement issued by Alexander Warden, acting general treasurer of the church.

A "RUBBER" CALENDAR. The Canadian Rubber Company, of Montreal, Limited, have just published one of the finest trade calendars we have yet seen.

SEVERE WEATHER. Reported in the Fairbanks Country—Mail Carrier's Strange Experience.

Seattle, Feb. 12.—Falcon Joslin, president of the Tanana Mines railway, who is stopping at the Butler hotel, stated to a reporter for the Post-Intelligencer yesterday, that the weather in the Fairbanks country has been the most severe this winter that he has known in seven years of residence in Alaska.

ATHLETICS AT COLUMBIA. Football Has Been Abolished at the University.

New York, Feb. 13.—A statement of Columbia University's attitude on football and sporting events issued to-day says: "The reports to-day that Columbia University was considering taking up football this fall with a short schedule, abolition of the training tables, etc., are without foundation."

FAMINE IN JAPAN. President Roosevelt Has Issued an Appeal For Funds.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—President Roosevelt to-day took official cognizance of the famine which is beginning to assume such proportions in Northern Japan, by an appeal to the American people, requesting that contributions for the sufferers be forwarded to the American International Red Cross.

LOCAL WITNESSES ON THE STAND

THE TRIP OF THE CZAR AND SALVOR

Evidence Given by Captains Harris and Campbell on H. F. Bullen at Valencia's Inquiry.

When the Valencia inquiry resumed proceedings yesterday afternoon Capt. Charles Harris, of the steamer Salvor, took the stand and gave practically the same account of that vessel's cruise as had previously been recounted by Capt. Troup.

Answering Capt. Gaudin, witness said it would have been impossible for his ship's boats to have communicated with the wreck on Wednesday morning. He didn't think that a vessel could have used her anchor satisfactorily in such a sea.

Continuing, Capt. Harris said he had seventeen years' experience upon the coast, fourteen of which were spent in the capacity of master. For nine years he was engaged in sealing, so that he knew something of the handling of small boats.

To C. H. Lugin witness reiterated the statement that nobody aboard the Salvor thought there was life on the wreck. He didn't think anything could have been done even if all had been aware that there were still people on the wreck.

Asked whether, in his opinion as a navigator, there should be a stronger light at Carmanah, witness answered in the affirmative. There should also be a light or horn placed at Sherringham Point.

Witness said that he had been on the wreck of the Valencia on the night of November 1905. He first heard of the wreck at 3 o'clock on Tuesday. Half an hour later the crew and he were ready for sea.

To A. E. McPhillips he said he took charge of the Salvor on the 1st of November, 1905. He first heard of the wreck at 3 o'clock on Tuesday. Half an hour later the crew and he were ready for sea.

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The lug then proceeded to Bamfield, according to instructions. The boats on the tug would have been entirely useless at the time.

Proceeding, witness recounted the trip to Bamfield and the dispatch of the boat to search by Capt. Troup to secure the assistance of the whaling boat Orion.

To Mr. Lugin witness said it would have been impossible to render any assistance on Wednesday morning with any of the appliances available.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE RAILWAY BILLS ARE ADVANCED A STAGE Measure Introduced to Amend School Act

Prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Petitions. A petition was presented by J. N. Evans from Mount Sicker

Bill Advanced. Hon. F. J. Fulton introduced a bill to amend the Public School Act

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The House adjourned until to-morrow. Notice of Motion. By John Oliver to move, upon consideration of the report on the bill

By Mr. Paterson to move, upon consideration of the report on the bill introduced by the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor

PROVINCIAL NEWS. GREENWOOD. An explosion occurred at the Providence mine early Wednesday morning

VERNON. Work will be started, probably within a week, on the new steamer tug C. P. R. propose building at the Landing for the Okanagan lake service

FRONTS. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Phoenix General Hospital held last Wednesday

GRAND FORKS. Importance to this district was closed here Saturday when George A. McLeod, representing New York capitalists

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MINEERS AND OPERATORS. Committee of Workers Drawing Up Demands—Employers Have Decided on Their Policy

Policy Agreed Upon. New York, Feb. 13.—The coal mine operators already have come to a full understanding as to the general policy they will pursue at the conference

MISS ROOSEVELT'S WEDDING. Ceremony Will Take Place at the White House on Saturday

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The wedding of Miss Alice Lee Roosevelt, daughter of the president, to Representative Nicholas Longworth

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TURNING ON THE LIGHT.

If some ingenious individual in this age of ingenuity had invented an instrument for recording mental impressions, the machine might be put to an interesting use in the room in which the committee investigating the Kalen Island land transaction is sitting.

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with Mr. Anderson was as if it had never existed; it was purely optional, it formed no part of the transaction with the government.

A mere worldly might be inclined to rush to the conclusion, on reading this evidence and not understanding the characters of the men composing this generous syndicate, that Mr. Larsen as well as Mr. Anderson had at one time considered the question of furnishing the deal with the government to profitable account.

Another matter that must be somewhat mystifying to the committee, and upon which it would be exceedingly interesting to note their mental impressions, was the frank admission of the Chief Commissioner in his evidence last night that much of the business in connection with this extraordinary deal was discussed outside of the departmental buildings.

BRITISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

The people of the British Isles have achieved a political revolution, and the resulting Parliament, now sitting for the first time, may be expected to pass some measures in harmony with the revolutionary sentiments of its members.

The unexpectedly thorough victory of the Liberal government has gained will make it completely independent of the radical wings whose support it was anticipated, would be necessary to the administration's existence.

The Education Act, the first great exciting cause of the late government's unpopularity, will be wiped from the statute books with celerity.

But when the really radical demands of the advanced sections of the Liberal party proper, and of the auxiliary detachments of the Liberal party, are formulated, the ministers will find themselves up against a proposition that will demand serious consideration.

We are practically all Imperialists in Canada. Our point of view is somewhat different from that of the masses in the Mother Country who are at the present moment face to face with what we consider matters of transcendent interest.

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the colonial point of view, of Empire consolidation and perpetuation. The point of the following little story appears strongly to the publishers of the Times at the present time and will appeal with more or less force to all publishers of newspapers at various times.

Vancouver World: The Times is furnishing the public with excellent reports of the Kalen Island inquiry. Our contemporary may (as writers often do) draw erroneous impressions from facts, but its reports are always fair and may be relied on.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the committee of the Victoria Lifeboat and Life-Saving Association was held in the city hall.

After the usual formalities it was proposed that the sub-committee on collecting had made lengthy appeals for volunteers (ladies or gentlemen) to assist in securing subscriptions for the fund necessary for the purchase of a lifeboat.

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KILLED ON SLOOP. Inquest Into Circumstances Surrounding the Death of Frank Johnson.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "An inquest was held on Monday afternoon to inquire into the cause of death of Frank Johnson."

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CURRENTS ON NORTHWEST COAST

THE INSHORE EDDY HAS MANY DANGERS
George Davidson, of United States Geodetic Survey, Writes Interesting Article on Subject.

In view of the peculiar interest attaching to the currents and conditions on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island owing to the recent loss of the steamer Valencia George Davidson, of San Francisco, has written an article on the inshore eddy current along the northwest coast of America. Mr. Davidson for years was connected with the United States coast and geodetic survey, and has made a careful study of this question. His article in the Northwest Commercial News, follows:

The loss of the steamer Valencia on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island and the tragic loss of life prompts us to call attention to some of the peculiarities of the currents on our northwest coast.

Some years since we sent to the hydrographic bureau of the navy department a chart of that region to show the location of many wrecked vessels and of buoys and redwood logs that had drifted ashore. There were a few of the evidences we had in proof of the existence of a close inshore eddy current which we had shown to exist along our coast from San Diego to Alaska.

This inshore eddy current runs to the northwest, while the main Pacific current outside runs from the northwest. The Pacific current is part of that great current sweeping around the north Pacific coasts and which has its origin in the equatorial regions.

It would appear that the traditions of navigators to the northern ports of the coast have been down through several centuries, to avoid the Washington coast from Point Grenville to the Fuca Strait, and especially to give a good berth to Flattery rocks and the outlying Umatilla reef.

That was sound advice before we had lights and light ships, fog horns and sirens from Tillamook rock to Flattery rocks and Tatoosh Island.

In avoiding the dangers in the approaches to Fuca Strait from the south in thick weather American and British vessels were so frequently carried to the Vancouver shore to their destruction that the Dominion of Canada determined to place a light upon the southwest coast of the island; and upon being personally consulted by the deputy minister of the marine, we recommended Bonilla Point as a good site. Carmanah, two miles to the westward, although not so prominent, was selected because there was a better landing for supplies, fresh water and an Indian village there.

We then asked Deputy Smith to learn from the Indians whether any redwood logs were found on the shore; because we had been instituting inquiries among the Indians and Catholic missionaries about wrecks, logs, drift of floats and reduced logs on the whole west coast of the island through Captain John Devereux, of Esquimalt. When Mr. Smith landed from the boat he stepped upon the trunk of a redwood.

In gathering our proofs for the movement of this eddy current our colleagues of the United States coast and geodetic survey, making a topographical reconnaissance of three hundred miles of the coast from Crescent City to Cape Flattery, had discovered these redwood trunks and logs along the whole shore line, and we have further proofs of their drift to the coast of Alaska in 54 46. This is an important fact, because the redwood does not grow on the immediate coast north of 42 15.

Furthermore we have traced the movement of this current by the drift of the stern post of the steamer General Warren from the mouth of the Columbia to the river Copalis; and of cement barrels from the Tillamook rock lighthouse eighty miles farther up the coast.

And still stronger evidence is shown by the buoys that have broken from their moorings off the Columbia river bar and other localities and have drifted upon the shore of the west coast of Vancouver Island to Cape Scott.

The most remarkable case of such drift is that of a bar buoy which broke from its mooring off the bar of the Columbia being seen in the northeast entrance to the Shelikof Strait, between Kodiak Island and the Peninsula of Alaska, and two days later being taken up by a vessel at the southeast entrance near Karluk. By the shortest distance around the coast the distance is nearly fifteen hundred nautical miles and it had traveled at a rate of over ten miles a day.

These and other evidences too numerous to relate prove the existence of this eddy current; but we have very few measurements of its width and strength. Of the headlands it would naturally be quite narrow and for a time might be actually arrested and changed by excessively strong south-easters, and a large swell. We had a unique experience of its breadth and strength in the summer of 1870 off Cape Mendocino. We came out of Humboldt Bay bound for San Francisco in a schooner, with barely steerage way of, say, one and a half knots. We determined the position of the vessel and then, when we knew there

must be a current against us, and when a slight increase of the air fanned us along at the rate of two and a half knots, we crossed a slight but distinctly marked current rip fifteen miles off the cape, and then the vessel made full headway over the bottom.

Similar conditions, or a combination of conditions, may exist on the other coast toward Tatoosh Island. Vancouver in the discovery in 1792 found his vessel tacking to the northwest when southwest of Point Grenville in the brig Fauntleroy, with light airs and no swell we were carried to the northward by this current.

This is the current which, when it passes Flattery rocks under ordinary conditions of tide and weather, tends to throw its water upon the southwest shore of Vancouver Island. It may be aided by the large ebb current coming out of the deep, broad Fuca Strait with a strength of three or four knots per hour, or it may be turned inward by the incoming flood current. Many conflicting conditions must arise.

We have absolute faith in the existence of this inshore eddy current, moving along the coast to the northwest against the ordinary northwest winds and swell, and aided in winter by southerly gales.

The Dominion of Canada has published the results of experiments made by Canadian vessels upon the set and strength of the currents at the entrance to Barclay Sound, "fifty nautical miles N. 26 W. true, from the Umatilla light ship; and thirty miles N. 40 W. from Tatoosh Island lights. So the Valencia must have been set by the northward and westward of her estimated position between thirty and forty miles. This was evidently a case when the strong southerly gale was aiding the inshore eddy current.

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Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

On Saturday at Oak Bay the Central and Y. M. C. A. intermediate teams will try conclusions in one of the Vancouver Island League series. Until recently the latter eleven were known as the Capitals, but in the new league they will play under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The rival teams were evenly matched in the contest for the local championship, the Centrals winning out by a narrow margin. The Y. M. C. A. boys hope to turn the tables in the forthcoming struggle, and have strengthened their team with the return of the Centrals. The Centrals are reported to be in good shape, and a close game is anticipated.

MEETING TO-NIGHT

As has been announced on several previous occasions, a meeting of the Victoria District Football League will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening. All delegates are requested to be present at 8 o'clock sharp, as business of considerable importance will come up for discussion.

ATHLETICS

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Last evening a meeting of the executive committee of the James Bay Athletic Association was held at the club rooms. It was the first monthly gathering and all members were in attendance. H. D. Holman occupied the chair, and among others present were: R. W. Vaughan, Allen, D. O'Sullivan, L. W. Thomas, D. Leeming, J. Leeming, T. A. Ker, W. T. Andrews, C. B. Kennedy and Thos. Watson.

J. C. Bridgman and J. Leeming submitted their resignations from the executive, which were accepted. The vacancies were filled by the appointment of W. N. Winsby and A. McLean. Sub-committees for 1906 were selected as follows:

House—F. W. Thomas, J. A. McTavish, A. Maclean, J. Donaldson and Geo. Y. Simpson.
Boating—T. Andrews, D. O'Sullivan, T. A. Ker, D. Leeming, C. B. Kennedy and W. W. Wilson.
Tennis—J. Leeming, W. N. Winsby, A. Maclean, F. A. Macrae and J. Hart.
Handball—W. T. Andrews, T. Watson and R. Peden.

Field Sports—Thomas Watson, W. N. Winsby, J. M. Lawson and B. C. Pettigrew, Jr.
Whist—J. A. McTavish, Chas. Wark and W. G. Becktel.

The following new members were elected: J. A. Virtue, R. G. Dulca, Dr. A. E. Mcicking and W. Mulcahy.

LACROSSE

VICTORIA CRITICISED

Commenting upon the situation in Victoria with reference to the Canadian national game the Seattle Times says: "If the Victoria Lacrosse Club officials retain their present opinions there will be no Victoria team in the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association this coming season. Rev. W. W. Bolton, of Victoria, recently addressed the members of the Victoria club on the prospects for 1906 and he candidly states that the prospects are black indeed. Mr. Bolton believes that Victoria has not the material at hand to put a first class team in the field and that the importation of players is not a tremendous success. Moreover he openly charges the other clubs with professionalism."

"Victoria has imported more players in the past two years than any other club. They have been paid, and the talent and encourage the local boys and this has proven most successful, and now because Victoria has not made a success of semi-professional lacrosse, Mr. Bolton must needs jump the other clubs for introducing professionalism into the game in the West."

"There is no doubt that every lacrosse player in Western America is to-day a professional according to the strict English interpretation of the word 'amateur.' By allowing the club to supply them with sweaters, sticks, transportation, etc., they become professionals. But it is not true that the various Western teams are professional players in the accepted American meaning of the word. None of the players are to receive any stated sum for their services, but doubtless some of the clubs which by good management come out with a balance at the end of the season, apply a part of this to giving each of the players a small purse. But some clubs give not a cent, and as to have even a small balance."

After outlining the condition in Vancouver the same article goes on to say: "Leaving Victoria out of the question, for that city cannot make a success of any kind of sport, comes Seattle. Of last year's team few remain in the city. Billy Cameron and Jeff O'Brien were last reported in San Francisco, Jack Wallace is in Pembroke, Ont., but will return soon; Scotty Williamson, Vernon Green, Harrison Green, Hartnagel, Eddie Milne, McDonald, Lionel York and Sandy Cowan are either in or within close call of the city; Long Mike McCance and Shorty Hague are in winter quarters out of town, but will likely drift in soon. Thus there are a number of young men who have arrived from the East since last season who can play a good game if the management can get them out."

There could be no more fitting reply to these reflections upon Victoria than a quotation taken from a letter written by Rev. W. W. Bolton, president of the Victoria Lacrosse Club. Dealing with the statement, "The game is waning in Victoria," he says: "Let these facts answer: There were last season, and will be this, a city league of three clubs, a junior league and a school league; there was a membership roll of 500 young men and boys few of whom, so far as I know, have left the city."

Referring to the statement that "no sport succeeds in Victoria" Rev. Mr. Bolton says: "The writer evidently knows nothing of football, both soccer and Rugby, or he would recall the fact that the Victoria Rugby team, and the championship of the province as to Association is held by a team who reside in Victoria's precincts. We have also held for over five years all the boxing championships, despite the

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HOCKEY

VICTORIA VS. GARRISON

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS. Any even-numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 2 and 36, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 21 years of age, in the eastern one-quarter section, 160 acres, more or less.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, as may, or application may be made to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to enter for him.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES: A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon the cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICABILITY OF PATENT: A patent may be granted for a term of three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector.

Coal-making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

MINING REGULATIONS. Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 200 acres may be acquired by one individual or company, royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz: A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$10 per annum for a company according to capital.

Free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 ft. square. The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 an acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 1/2 per cent on the sales. PLATER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly. A free miner may obtain two leases for dredges for gold of five miles each, for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lease shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent, collected on the output, may not exceed \$10,000.

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Northbound	Daily, Southbound	Northbound	Sat. Sun. Southbound	
Leave	Arrive	Leave	& Wed. Arrive	
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	
Victoria	9:00	12:00	Victoria	3:00
			Shawnigan Lake	4:30
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:40	Duncan	5:00
Duncan	11:00	10:30	Chemainus	5:20
Chemainus	11:20	9:20	Ladysmith	5:00
Ladysmith	11:50	8:10	Nanaimo	6:42
Nanaimo	12:35	8:20	Ar. Wellington	8:15
Ar. Wellington	12:55	8:00		

Excursion rates in effect between all points good going Saturdays and Sundays, returning not later than Monday.

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REKUI, SAKO, NEW ZEALAND, ONE HUNDRED SEVEN (S.S. LINE TO TAHITI) S. S. SONOMA, for Auckland, Sydney, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15.

S. S. ALAMEDA, for Honolulu, Feb. 24, 11 a.m.

S. S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, March 11.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Feb. 14-5 a. m.—An important ocean storm area is causing an easterly gale on the Coast from Vancouver Island to Oregon, and rain which already is general from the Columbia-river to California, is likely to spread to this province. The temperature is slowly rising in Cariboo and Kootenay and zero temperatures are still reported in most portions of the Prairie provinces.

Forecast. For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Increasing northerly and easterly winds, unsettled and milder, with rain to-night or on Thursday.

Lower Mainland—Increasing winds on the Gulf, unsettled and milder, with rain to-night or on Thursday.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.77; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 14 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 4; minimum, 2; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 56; minimum, 56; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, 61; weather, rain.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, zero; minimum, zero; wind, 6 miles S. W.; weather, clear.

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PRESIDENT LOUDON DENIES CONTENTION

TORONTO DID NOT REFUSE AFFILIATION

Endorsed General Scheme Two Years Ago—Deputation Before Executive This Morning.

The most important development in connection with the discussion over the establishment of a branch of McGill University in this city, since the matter first became public property, took place this morning when F. C. Wade, K. C., of Vancouver, laid before the executive a telegram he had received from President Loudon of Toronto University.

This dispatch was in reply to one sent by Mr. Wade inquiring if the report circulated on behalf of McGill that Toronto had refused affiliation with western schools was correct.

The reply of the head of Toronto effectively disposes of that contention, and shows that Toronto was just as ready as was McGill to affiliate with the western schools.

The telegram was as follows: Toronto, Feb. 13th, 1906. F. C. Wade, Vancouver. Affiliation Vancouver never refused. Two years ago I recommended a general scheme of affiliation of schools in the West, and the senate approved.

This telegram was read by Mr. Wade at this morning's meeting, and was afterwards perused by the different ministers.

All of the executive were present this morning excepting the chief commissioner. The case for a provincial university was ably presented by F. C. Wade, K. C., and Geo. Cowan, K. C., the other members of the committee, Dr. Wilson, not being able to come owing to illness.

The argument was along lines which are now familiar to the public. They held that the scheme had been hatched unknown to the ratepayers of Vancouver, who had to provide the money, that it provided nothing additional to what the high school already enjoyed in the way of advanced education, and that it was not only unfair to other Eastern universities and their graduates, but precluded a proper provincial seat of learning from being established.

This latter point was disputed by the members of the government and the deputation there upon asked them to show their bona fides by setting aside a large portion of crown lands for a state university and selecting a site. If this were done they would withdraw their opposition.

The government as usual promised consideration. PROVINCIAL AUCTION SALE. Pure Bred Live Stock to Be Sold at New Westminster.

The first annual provincial auction sale of pure bred live stock will be held in New Westminster on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21st and 22nd. The sale will be conducted under the control of the executive of the B. C. Stock Breeders' Association.

There will be offered for sale: 100 head of cattle, besides horses, sheep and swine. According to the association's booklet it is expected there will be offered for sale 30 to 35 young bulls of the Short-horn, Angley and Hereford breeds, along with a similar number of heifers and cows of the same breeds. It is also expected that a large number of the dairy breeds, including Jerseys, Holsteins and Ayrshires. Bulls from one to four years of age, cows in milk, and young heifers, will make a variety to meet the wishes of any buyer.

Anyone desiring to sell registered horses, sheep or swine may do so by sending in entry form, properly filled, and by complying with the ordinary rules governing the sale.

The conditions of the sale provide that there will be no entrance fees, but all entries must be received by the secretary on or before February 24th. For each horse entered for sale a deposit fee of \$10 must be made, for each head of cattle \$5, for each head of sheep \$2 and for each head of swine \$2. Before an animal can be removed from the building the buyer must present to the stable superintendent an order signed by the secretary and give a receipt for the animal. This order must be left with the superintendent, and will be evidence of the delivery of the stock. Owners and attendants are specially warned against surrendering animals sold without the express order of the superintendent.

Arrangements have been made with the C. P. railway, which enables those wishing to attend the sale, to purchase tickets to New Westminster at single first class rates. No standard certificates are required. Station agents will receive instructions to this effect. Other transportation companies will make similar concessions.

agree to deliver any stock purchased at the purchaser's nearest railway station on Vancouver Island at \$2.50 per head. Special rates will be obtained on the Fraser river boats, and it is expected that reduced rates will also be obtained from the Great Northern railway. Purchasers are expected to render every assistance in caring for the stock and loading them for shipment after the sale is over, and if they are to be delivered to them, they will be expected to take charge of stock as soon as the association car reaches the destination of such animals.

The booklets direct that for all particulars of the sale application should be made to F. M. Logan, secretary of the department of agriculture.

The objects of the sale are set forth as follows: "In various parts of British Columbia there are breeders of pure bred live stock of good type and quality. Each breeder has for sale several good animals every year, but not a sufficient number to make an auction sale large enough to draw buyers from a distance. By the breeders make it sufficiently large to attract co-operating in the matter we hope to conduct a sale with the least possible expense to the contributors, and to buyers from all parts of the province. At the same time it is our desire to bring buyers and sellers together under the most favorable circumstance, so that good animals may be obtained at moderate rates, and the live stock improved in every part of British Columbia."

INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

MAKES SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

British Columbia Fisheries Board Lays a Number of Important Recommendations Before Department.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 14.—An interim report of the commission appointed to investigate the fisheries of the Pacific Coast was up for consideration at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

The report emphasizes the necessity of an early adjustment of the differences between the provinces and the Dominion on fishery matters, and also suggests that a definite declaration is desirable as to the territorial or non-territorial nature of Hecate Straits waters where extensive foreign fishing is now carried on.

Reference is made to the danger of overcrowding canneries on the Skeena rivers, Rivers Inlet and other northern localities, which the commission regarded as somewhat serious, and recommended that a limitation be imposed. Some suggested that the most feasible limitation would be the issuing of boat licenses by the Dominion.

Another recommendation asks for a survey of the fishing banks to be carried on by experts with a view of showing the limits of deep sea resources of the province and the locations of schools of salmon before they migrate up the river.

It is recommended there should be an increase in the number of patrol vessels to suppress extensive poaching in the harbors and inlets on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and on the coast of the province generally.

The work of removing artificial and natural obstructions to salmon ascending the rivers is approved, and its extension is asked for.

The report closes with recommendations for more powerful snag boats on Skeena river.

MUNICIPAL QUESTIONS

Representations Made Before the Standing Committee of the Legislature. The municipal committee of the legislature met this morning. Ex-Mayor Stevens, of Kamloops, Mayor Bell, of Enbridge, and Rev. of Ladner, representing the Municipal Union of British Columbia, appeared before the committee. Ex-Mayor Stevens was spokesman, and an arrangement was made that the delegation should appear on Friday morning again before the committee.

Several changes were asked for in the proposed consolidated act. It was urged that trade licenses, other than those relating to the sale of liquor, should be based upon rental values. It was not asked that it should be on rents; but the assessor should fix the rental value of the business places.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

STRAYED—From 23 Stanley Avenue, Tues. at night, Gordon setter pup (dog). Finder will be rewarded on returning to above address.

LOST—Lady's Eagle brooch. Reward on return to this office.

MEN WANTED—At Victoria Chemical Works, Erie street.

THE LADIES' AID of Knox church will hold social at 8 o'clock of the past week. Rev. Joseph McCoy, M. A., corner Oak Bay and Richmond avenues, on Monday evening next, 12th inst., sharp, at 10 o'clock, will be made. Music, games, refreshments, etc.

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at its next sitting, for a transfer of the license now standing in the names of the undersigned, to the premises known as the "Regent Saloon," corner of Johnson and Douglas streets, Victoria City, James Watson Meldrum, of Victoria City. JAMES W. MELDRUM, JOHN W. MELDRUM, Victoria, 12th February, 1906.

VICTORIA'S WEATHER IS UNUSUALLY FINE

Some Interesting Comparisons Made by the Meteorological Office on Climate Locally.

Victoria's sunny weather in recent weeks has been the subject of so much favorable comment that a little official information on the matter will be doubly prove of wide general interest. It is safe to say that no other city on the Northern Pacific Coast has been so fortunate. The present winter has been unusual, even for Victoria. A report dealing with the subject, prepared by the meteorological office at the request of the Times, which makes some interesting comparisons and undoubtedly gives valuable statistical information, is as follows:

The records of the last 32 years show that the mean annual precipitation in Victoria is about 29 inches, and the monthly distribution is as follows: January 4.56 February 3.49 March 2.56 April 1.56 May 1.11 June94 July78 August62 September 1.71 October 2.6 November 4.69 December 6.55 Total 29.88

During the above named period the annual precipitation has in 22 years been below and in 11 years above the average of 29 inches, the heaviest fall being 64.19 inches in 1883, and the lightest 11.15 inches in 1874.

The last heavy year was in 1889, when a total fall of 53.4 inches was recorded, since then the fall, as will be seen, has been steadily decreasing: 1890 34.76 1891 25.14 1892 26.43 1893 26.02 1894 26.52 1895 22.96

The precipitation this year has so far been unusually high, in January only 2.56 inches fell, and this month up to the 13th inst., has been practically dry, only .01 inch (fog) having been recorded.

In former years in this month there have been several dry periods; in 1883, 13 consecutive days; in 1875, 12 days; in 1889, 17 days; in 1884 there was a remarkable drought, 16 consecutive days, from January 12th to February 28th.

The first meeting of the new board of police commissioners is being held this afternoon.

The monthly report of the Tye Copper Company for January states that the smelter ran 12 days and treated 2,052 tons of Tye ore, giving a return, after deduction of freight and refining charges, of \$31,022.90.

A valentine social will be held this evening in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Willing Workers. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

ANOTHER DAYLIGHT SERVICE TO SOUND

MAY BE GIVEN BY THE INDIANAPOLIS

The Princess Royal Mentioned For Triangular Run—The Lyackson's Engines Broke Down.

From present indications there is every prospect that Victoria will have a first class steamer service to Vancouver and Seattle this year. A special dispatch from Seattle to the Times says that the steamship Princess Royal, the new vessel building at Esquimalt for the C. P. R. Company, will be placed on the run between Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver during the coming summer to alternate with the Princess Victoria. This dispatch adds that the new plans were received there yesterday.

With respect to the reported service to be given by the Indianapolis, a second dispatch to the Times says: "The Puget Sound Navigation Company, which will operate the new steamship Indianapolis, has not definitely decided on what run the vessel will be placed. The company is considering plans for placing the Indianapolis on the Seattle-Victoria or the Seattle-Port Townsend-Port Angeles run. If the vessel is placed on the Victoria route it will have a daylight run, leaving Seattle in the morning and returning in the evening.

"The Indianapolis is an excursion steamer and has no staterooms. She is very fast and would be able to make the daylight trip very easily. She can accommodate 1,250 passengers. The Indianapolis will be repainted throughout and new furnishings installed. It will be about three weeks before the vessel will be put in commission. A crew has not yet been selected."

ADRIFF IN STRAITS. The little steamer Lyackson, belonging to Valdez Island, where she is used in the log-towing business, became disabled off Trial Island when en route to Victoria about 2 o'clock this morning. The vessel is operated by Indians. She was in command of Capt. John Basile. At the point mentioned a line which was attached to a skiff and canoe stern got entangled in the propeller. The small craft had been cut loose from the steamer in consequence. When the engines were reversed the line caught in the propeller was freed, but the engines refused to go ahead again and the crew found themselves in a very awkward position and in dangerous proximity to Trial Island. A flag was at once hoisted upside down as a signal of distress, but until late this morning did not attract attention. By this time she had drifted over to Discovery Island, from where a message was sent to Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries. This message stated that a small steamer was flying signals of distress and was drifting about between Discovery Island and Dungeness. Capt. Gaudin, in response, at once instituted a search for a small steamer to send to the rescue and found the government steamer Princess Victoria with steam up and found the Lyackson within about a mile of Broche ledge. The disabled craft was brought into port and repairs will be made on her engines by the Victoria Machinery Dept.

A FALSE ALARM. About noon to-day considerable excitement was created in shipping circles over a widespread report that a vessel was on the rocks near Beacon Hill. Telephone messages were sent to the Coast Guard to get some information about the stranded craft and the Driad and other high buildings were in the hope of obtaining a view of the unlucky craft, but with no success. The vessel was nowhere in sight. Even those who hurried to Oak Bay could not satisfy their curiosity. The B. C. Salvage Company, hearing of the news of the reported wreck from several seemingly authoritative sources, at once dispatched the Salvor into the Straits with commendable promptness. The shore line was scanned, but nothing of the phantom wreck could be seen. The steamer then returned to Esquimalt and the inquiries are now being made as to who started the report. It is believed, however, that the story originated out of the report that a small steamer was adrift in the Straits. This vessel sighted a four-masted schooner yesterday sailing west over on the American side, but saw nothing else on her voyage south.

MARINE NOTES. The C. P. R. Oriental Line Athenian is due on Saturday from Yokohama. The Aorangi of the Canadian-Australian line is due to arrive to-night or Thursday. The Aorangi left Honolulu on Wednesday last.

FIRE AT WINNIPEG. (Associated Press.) Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—Carey's liquor store on Main street near Higgins avenue, was damaged to the extent of \$4,960 by fire last night.

RUSH FOR LAND. Homestead Entries For Past Month Show Large Increase Over January, 1905. OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—The rush for land in the west continues. Homestead entries for the month of January show an increase of 492 over January, 1905. The total entries for the month were 1,965. There were increases at Battleford, Edmonton, Red Deer, Regina and Yorkton.

NEW YORK DOG SHOW. New York, Feb. 14.—The judges at the dog show in Madison Square Garden worked unceasingly yesterday, pretty well clearing the list of routine classes. Today they have the Pomeranians, English toy spaniels, Griffons and one or two other breeds to judge, after which they will go on with the special prizes and

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer of my retail liquor license for the premises known as the Albion Saloon, situated at the corner of Yates street and Waddington Alley, Victoria, B. C., to Gustave Moerman and Peter McLeod. Dated this 4th day of January, 1906. R. J. HILL. By his attorney in fact, J. W. CAREY.

THE CHINESE BOYCOTT. (Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The general purport of advices to the state department is that there has been great interference with American trade in China by the boycott, but that there is lack of tangible evidence of an up-rising American petroleum, condensed milk, tobacco, sewing machines and the like have been placed under the ban, and the trade in these articles has been greatly injured even as far south as the Straits Settlements.

WILL APPEAL TO CARNEGIE. (Associated Press.) Calgary, N. W. T., Feb. 14.—Calgary will ask Carnegie for a grant to the public library.

PERSONAL. F. Conryst, proprietor of the Quanchan hotel, Duncan; Robert Cumming and wife, of Vancouver; John Higgins, of Fort William, Ont.; and J. Guichon and W. J. Leary, of Port Guichon, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

John Cain, of Port Angeles; Frank Nae, of St. Louis; and J. W. Slatford, of Hedley, are in the city. They are registered at the Driad hotel.

Dr. Reynolds, proprietor of the Lady-smith Ledger, is in the city on business. He is among those registered at the Driad.

H. Cecil and wife, of Ladysmith, are registered at the King Edward. Mr. Cecil has just returned from a trip to England in the interest of the Vancouver Island Mining & Development Co.

Mrs. H. Keast, of Duncan; S. C. Lacroix, of Quebec; A. W. Johnson, of Montreal; and W. S. Watson, of White Horse, are recent arrivals at the King Edward.

Frederic McBride, Hon. R. F. Green, L. W. Shattford, M. P. E., and others who went to New Westminster to attend the funeral of W. McBride, returned last evening. E. F. Elford was among the arrivals by the noon train. He has been spending a couple of days at Shawigan Lake.

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A. F. & A. M. FUNERAL NOTICE. Members of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., B. C. R., are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, Friday, February 16th, at 2.30 p. m., sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our brother, Gilbert W. Hirst, G. H. S. Sprout, of White Horse Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M.; G. H. M. Members of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, United Service Lodge, No. 24, and surrounding brethren in good standing are cordially invited to attend. By order of the W. M., B. C. ODDY, Secretary.

BORN. HARDIE—On February 12th, at Powder-bay avenue, Victoria West, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Hardie, a son.

DIED. ASPDIN—At the Jubilee hospital, on the 9th inst., Thomas Willams Aspdin, a native of Richmond, Yorkshire, England; aged 81 years. CROSS—At Vancouver, on Feb. 10th, Mrs. Thomas Cross, aged 24 years. SPROAT—Suddenly, at the Jubilee hospital, on the 12th inst., Gilbert W. Hirst, Shaw Sprout, superintendent engineer, White Pass & Yukon River Division, aged 57. Funeral will take place on Friday at 2.30 p. m., from the Masonic hall, Douglas street. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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