

VICTORIA TO BE IMPORTANT CENTRE

C. P. R. Evidences Great Interest in City as First Port of Call for Pacific Shipping.

The development of Vancouver Island by the C. P. R. is undoubtedly giving the directors and officials charged with the duty the greatest concern at present.

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WILL IMPROVE ROCKLAND AVE.

ONE RESIDENT LODGES OBJECTION TO PLAN

Provincial Government Willing to Assist-Routine Business Transacted.

A considerable amount of business, chiefly of a routine nature, was transacted at last night's council meeting.

JEROME FAILS TO SHAKE EVIDENCE

MRS. THAW'S STORY REMAINS UNBROKEN

District Attorney Will Endeavor to Bring Famous Affidavit Before the Jury.

New York, Feb. 25.—Abraham Hummel will be a witness in the Thaw case today. He is the man who drew the famous affidavit which Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw says she tricked into signing.

for Stanford White without knowing what it was. Later she told Thaw about the interview with Hummel, and then remembering that she had signed a statement charging Stanford White with the murder of her husband.

THE NEEDS OF VICTORIA WEST

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT CITIZENS' MEETING

Committee Will Wait on City Council and Submit By-law Regarding School Question.

The needs of Victoria West, and notably the urgent necessity for a new school, were the subjects of discussion at a meeting of the Municipal Voters' Association held at Victoria West Athletic hall last night.

VANCOUVER AND ITS CHARTER

CITY IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL POWERS

Recommendations Changing Method of Assessing for Local Improvements Rejected.

(Special to the Times) Vancouver, Feb. 25.—By a vote of 7 to 5 the city council last night refused to accept the recommendations of the special committee on charter amendments, to change the method of assessing for local improvements.

The matter has been under discussion for over a year, and columns of space in the daily press, hours of talk in the committee room and correspondence have been bestowed upon it.

WOULD CLEANSE THE WATER-MAIN

PROPOSED PLAN TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY

Cost to the City Will Be Small and Benefit Derived Will Be Great.

The efficiency of the local waterworks service will be increased by ten per cent, at a conservative estimate by a plan which Water Commissioner Raymur has at present in hand.

THIRTY LIVES PROBABLY LOST

AS RESULT OF BURNING OF RIVER STEAMER

Victims Were Negro Passengers Who Were Burned to Death or Drowned.

(Associated Press) Charleston, S. C., Feb. 25.—That 20 negro passengers were burned or drowned and a dozen more missing as the result of the burning of the steamer Marion at Hart's Landing, on Wednesday, about 40 miles from Charleston, on Friday, was the report of Captain Ferguson, of the vessel filed with the government inspectors.

There were seven white passengers and about fifty negroes. The great loss of life seemed to be on account of the negroes having become terrified and neglecting to get life preservers, of which there were 350 on board.

ASSAULT-CASE BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Case of Mr. R. T. Williams Against Sheriff Richards Adjourned for a Week.

Magistrate Hall this morning stayed proceedings in the matter of the assault case of Williams vs. Sheriff Richards. In allowing the adjournment for a week, he pointed out to Geo. Morphy, counsel for Sheriff Richards, that in order to secure two justices of the peace to try the case, that he must show cause before the Supreme court why he, Magistrate Hall, should not try the case.

DREDGE IS WORKING AT HIGH PRESSURE

Operation of Filling in the James Bay Flats Will Be Completed Soon.

The dredge King Edward is now working twelve hours a day throwing mud into the James Bay flats. It is expected that the operation will be completed sooner than expected, and within three weeks' time.

WATERWAYS COMMISSION

(Special to the Times) Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Dr. W. F. King, Dominion astronomer, has resigned his position as commissioner on the waterways commission, because his departmental duties will not permit him to attend to the work.

MISSIONARY DEAD

(Associated Press) London, Feb. 25.—Rev. Geo. Thompson, for many years' missionary in the Argentine district, is dead here aged 81.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA INCREASES

Nearly Ninety Thousand Came to Dominion During the Past Seven Months.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—There was a big increase in immigration to Canada during the past seven months as compared with the same time last year.

THE CHICAGO ROBBERY

(Associated Press) Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—Though a score of detectives are at work on the case, the theft of \$12,000 from the sub-treasury last week, it seems as far from solution as the day the robbery was committed.

BASEBALL SEASON

(Associated Press) Opening Games in American League Will Be Played on April 11th.

INFORMATION COMMITTEE

(Special to the Times) Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—The city council has appointed a new committee to be known as "information committee."

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HOUSES. CORNER NORTH ROAD AND SPRING ROAD—Store and dwelling (7 rooms), 2 houses (7 rooms each), 2 lots, \$5x135 each, \$5,000. CORNER VANCOUVER AND MEARS STREETS—Cottage and two glass porches, 2 lots, \$5x115 each, \$5,250. Nooka Marble Quar—JOHNSON STREET—7 room house, nice, L.D., it will be lot \$1x120, \$5,000. necessary to make YOUNG STREET—5 room cottage, lot your application with \$6x135, \$2,250. in the next few days. COOK STREET—7 room house, 1 1/2 acres, beautiful shrubbery, \$7,500. SMITH'S HILL—10 room house, 4 lots \$5x135, finest view in city, \$5,500. MOUNT VOLMIE—3 room house, 1/2 acres, mostly in fruit, \$5,500. 17 LOTS—Davis, Hulston and Cook Streets, per lot, \$450. 2 LOTS—Corner Milne and Belmont streets, \$2,250. 2 LOTS—56x140, North Pembroke street, each \$375. 28 LOTS—Cook, Nooka and Wallace streets, near Beacon Hill Park, \$12,000. 2 1/2 LOTS—Corner Belmont and Pandora, \$2,500. ACREAGE. 20 ACRES—Gorge road and Colquhoun river, \$12,000. 8 1/2 ACRES—On Colquhoun river, \$5,000. 9 1/2-100 ACRES—Cook and Bay streets, \$20,000. 5 ACRES—Oak Bay avenue, per acre, \$2,500. 11 1/2 ACRES—Cadoro Bay, per acre, \$500.

BOND & CLARK. 14 TROUNCE AVENUE, VICTORIA. TELEPHONE A1022. A. C. GUNTER DEAD. Novelist, Publisher and Playwright Passed Away Suddenly From Apoplexy. New York, Feb. 25.—Archibald, Clay-... Gunter, publisher, novelist and playwright, died suddenly Saturday night from apoplexy in his home in this city. He had not been ill and was engaged in writing the last pages of the manuscript of a play when he was fatally stricken. Mr. Gunter was born in Liverpool 39 years ago. Mrs. Gunter survives. They had no children. Mr. Gunter wrote the immense profits from the sale of his first successful novel, "Mr. Barnes of New York," which went through edition after edition, and of

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CABINET. Dr. Young and F. Carter-Cotton Will Take Portfolios Under Premier McBride.

PREMIER McBride has not yet completed his cabinet, although an announcement is expected at any time in connection with it. Thomas Taylor, of Revelstoke, who was generally supposed to have a splendid chance of securing the provincial secretaryship, has been in the city for several days awaiting developments. He, however, left for home last evening. It is safe to say that he will not get the plum.

Dr. Young, of Atlin, arrived late last week, and he is expected to have been able to show reasons why he should not be overlooked in reconstruction, and has been assured of the portfolio of provincial secretary and minister of education.

INITIAL LUNCHEON. To be Held by Canadian Club To-morrow.

To-morrow the Canadian Club holds its initial luncheon at the Poodle Dog restaurant from 1 o'clock to 2 in the afternoon. All tickets should be purchased today at Hibben & Co's. These are being sold at forty cents each, and as the accommodation is limited, those who wish to participate in the initial luncheon should procure them without delay. Tickets are issued to those showing membership cards or postal cards of invitation.

SUDDEN DEATH. (Associated Press.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—William Adamson, city agent for the British-American Assurance Co., died yesterday, being overcome in a street car and passing away soon after being carried into a drug store. Deceased was at one time connected with the Globe. He was 75 years old.

Jacob Heck, of Mayne Island, died yesterday at his home. He was 77 years of age and a native of Germany. The remains will be brought to Victoria on to-morrow morning's train, the funeral taking place at Hanna's undertaking parlors at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

GRIP. In my room, so sad and weary, I sit and moan, an' never cheerie; While outside Old Nox of night Close my last beam of light. And with Anolus loud roarin', As his breath thro' space is soarin', Here I sit and moan and weep, 'Till morpheus' net will me asleep. 'I have got it—'t's a thought I— 'It's the grip.' Sweating like a southern shower, Feel like jumping off a tower, Taking aspirin and honey, Doctors rakin' in my money, Taking whiskey and quinine, Avoin' paine all down my spine; Taking all the cure for it, Patent medicines and pills. 'I have got it—'t's a thought I— 'Dem the grip.' E. J. B. D. Victoria, B. C.

TIDE TABLE. Victoria, B. C., February, 1907. Date, Time High, Time Low, Height High, Time High, Time Low, Height Low. 1 6:26 8:4 11:10 7:8 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 2 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 3 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 4 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 5 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 6 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 7 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 8 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 9 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 10 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 11 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 12 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 13 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 14 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 15 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 16 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 17 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 18 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 19 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 20 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 21 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 22 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 23 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 24 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 25 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 26 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 27 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 28 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 29 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0 30 6:47 8:4 11:09 7:0 10:23 8:3 23:27 8:0

CLEANS GREASY SCALPS. The pores of the scalp are responsible for most scalp troubles. The dandruff and sweat which soap does not remove clog and irritate the pores. You must keep them clean and healthy so that the natural oils may do their work efficiently. JAMES' HAIR RESTORER restores all foreign matter to leave the pores, softens and opens them so gently as not to injure their delicate structure, and leaves behind a healing balm that builds up and nourishes the scalp. JAMES' HAIR RESTORER keeps the pores open as nature intended, instead of clogging them. This is the approval of both political parties and are favorably mentioned upon by almost all the newspapers this morning.

Shipping. COMES FROM NORTH.

After a voyage during which fine weather predominated, the C. P. R. steamer Tees returned from Northern British Columbia port yesterday. She carried a fair number of passengers, including J. H. Gray, who had been occupied in surveying the Bulkley valley, of which so much has been heard recently. The Tees will sail again on March 1st, and on her next voyage will call at Skidegate and Harriet Bay in the Queen Charlotte Islands group.

LUMBER FOR PRINCE RUPERT. The C. P. R. steamship Princess Beatrice will sail from Victoria to-morrow at noon for Chemainus, where she will load a cargo of lumber for Prince Rupert. She will reach Vancouver on Thursday and sail for Northern British Columbia ports at eight o'clock that evening. Passengers from Victoria for Northern ports may either go with the Beatrice to Chemainus, or else travel to Vancouver on board the Princess Victoria and join the vessel on its Northern run there.

NEARING COMPLETION. To-day workmen are engaged in putting the roof on the new foundry works for the B. C. Marine Railway Company's shipyard at Esquimalt. The structure will be complete within a week's time. Work has been rushed on the new foundry building, as it is some time in connection with ship-building operations. In the present erection there will be a plant capable of greater smelting capacity than that of the building recently destroyed by fire.

NEW C. P. R. VESSEL. The new C. P. R. freighter for the northern British Columbia coast, is being built by the Graysons, Limited, of Birkenhead. It will be completed for use this summer and previously announced in the Times. Two vessels for service on the lake are at present being built by the Fairfield Company, of Glasgow, for the same company. They will be forty feet longer than the vessels at present in use on the northern lakes, but will have double their carrying capacity. It is officially announced that the reason the vessels were built in Britain are because Canadian firms were unwilling to undertake the task.

STRANDED ON KEEL. Full of water, and with her entire bulkheads swept away, lies the ore barque Richard III., on a reef on Virago Sound, Graham Island. For over six weeks the barque was at large on the high seas, and all efforts to locate her had proved fruitless.

In December last the barque, which belongs to Victoria, left Ladysmith for Jumeau with a cargo of coal. From there she proceeded to Prince of Wales Island for ore. She was on her way, in charge of a tug, when she encountered a terrific gale, which swept the boats asunder. A week ago the fishing steamer Flamingo, calling at Virago Sound, noticed a strange object in the distance, which on closer inspection proved to be the wrecked vessel.

LAUNCH DELAYED. There will be some delay in getting ready the gasoline launch now being built for the Canadian hydrographic service. It is expected that the engine will not be installed for two weeks longer. This is due to delay in getting the order filled. As a result of this H. D. Paribea and L. Davis, who were to have gone north with the launch, will not wait for the little craft. They will proceed to Prince Rupert by the next steamer with Lieut. Mungrave, who is in charge of the hydrographic work for the Dominion government on this coast.

The launch used last year will be utilized alone, until the new one arrives, when both will be put in service. FOR NOME RUN. The withdrawal of the Oriental steamships Lyra, Pielades and Hyades, and their charter to Schuch and Hamilton for the Nome trade, came as a result of the belief that the United States Congress would not pass the ship subsidy bill, which would provide a bounty of \$1 a ton on the gross tonnage of vessels engaged regularly in the Orient trade. If there had been any possible chance of the ship subsidy bill passing, it was stated officially that the vessels would have remained in the Oriental trade. The three vessels will be withdrawn in May and will go into the Bering Sea trade until the close of the season, when they will enter the coasting trade. Subsequent to the decision to withdraw the vessels from the Oriental run, however, the committee of the House of Representatives at Washington adopted the bill referred to by eight votes to seven.

MARINE NOTES. C. P. R. steamship Princess Victoria returned from T. R. M. yesterday, having made the journey from Vancouver in five hours.

The Cunard liner Campania reached New York from Liverpool on Friday with 371 passengers for United States and Canadian points. The liner Campania is due in New York on Friday next, bringing 1,121 passengers from Liverpool.

The new C. P. R. steamer Princess Royal, which is now being completed at the works of the B. C. Marine Railway Company at Esquimalt, will be finished by the end of March. It has not yet been decided upon what route the new steamer will be placed.

The tug William Joffe, which formerly plied upon the Mersey at Liverpool, and has now been purchased by the B. C. Marine Railway Company, has been requisitioned from St. Vincent on her way out here. Blue Funnel liner Titan will return to Victoria to discharge her cargo for this port at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. The B. C. Marine Railway Company's Norwegian SS. Tellus, bound for San Francisco, passed out from Nanaimo yesterday. The new White Star liner Adriatic will make her maiden trip from Liverpool to New York on the 9th of May. She will return to Southampton and take up her sailings from that port

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KOOTENAY FRUIT GROWERS.

Favor Establishment of Experimental Farm or Station.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association was held in Nelson, last week. C. W. Busk, the president, secretary and E. Applewhite were appointed a committee to consider changes and amendments to the constitution and to report at the next general meeting.

Messrs Ford and Fraser got this motion passed after a good deal of discussion. That the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association feel it necessary, in the interests of the fruit industry of the Kootenays, that an experimental farm or station be established at a point in the Kootenays, and with that end in view the president and the secretary be and are hereby requested to communicate with the proper authorities in the matter impressing upon them the necessity of establishing such an institution.

MINERS INJURED.

Haltax, Feb. 25.—Twenty-five men were hurt, five of them seriously, one not being expected to live, and two horses were killed as a result of a miner dropping a spark from his pipe at Meadow quarry, about five miles from Windsor, at 10 a. m.

TO REORGANIZE BRITISH ARMY

SECRETARY OF WAR OUTLINES SCHEME

Hon. Mr. Haldane Proposes to Form Field Force and Territorial Force.

London, Feb. 25.—The latest scheme for the reorganization of the British army was unfolded by War Secretary Haldane in the House of Commons today. It contemplates dividing all the forces into two categories—a field force and a territorial or home force. The former, with 160,000 officers and men, is to consist of four cavalry brigades and six infantry divisions, with full complement of horse and field artillery, all to be ready for immediate mobilization on the outbreak of war. The territorial force, totalling 200,000 men, is to be a complete army in itself, and as ready as possible for the same use as the regular troops. This plan would unite all the present auxiliary forces, yeomanry, militia and volunteers with a complement of the regular army, into a homogeneous body, all to be paid at service rates during the time they are used. The territorial forces would be so trained and organized as to enable their immediate mobilization simultaneously with the regular forces. The present militia principle of the county organization would be abandoned, and replaced by an organization, with the army council in supreme control.

MINERS MAY STRIKE.

Trouble Feared in Western Canadian Coal Mines—The Calgary Conference.

Regina, Feb. 25.—Word has been received here of the prospect of a coal strike and general tie-up of mines of far-reaching importance which may be expected at the termination of the three years agreement between operators and miners, which expires on March 4th next. This strike would affect every coal mine in the mountains, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The tie-up of Crow's Nest mines would mean the closing down of the supply in which the C. P. R. depends for operating its engines between the mountains and Fort William. The men are demanding higher wages, a uniform eight-hour day and fortnightly payrolls, none of which the operators are inclined to concede. Unless a settlement is reached before March 4th, a complete tie-up of all the western Canadian coal mines must result, John Mitchell, the miners' president, will be in Calgary on March 4th.

DISASTROUS SLIDE.

Number of Buildings Demolished—Narrow Escapes, But No One Injured.

A dispatch to the Ashcroft Journal from Lidfoot says: "The most disastrous rock-slide that has ever occurred in this vicinity came down near the Seaton Lake hatchery on February 16th, lasting from 5 to 8 a. m. Although the hatchery building escaped, still considerable damage was done to the frame which carries water to the hatchery house. Huge rocks struck this in many places, and the damage was so great that it could not be repaired for some days. This necessitated removing the fish at once. Luckily most of the fish were ready for planting, so a large force was put to work at once and the fish got out before any of them suffered. One boulder smashed the lower weir and several rest in the swimming pool.

"The greatest damage was done to the Seaton Lake sawmill, but luckily no one was injured. E. S. Peters, who was in charge, had a narrow escape as a rock carried away the back porch of his house he was sleeping in. Mr. Peters fled to safer ground across the creek.

"The rocks played queer pranks. One broke the floor of the mill, dropping the planer into the boiler room and the rock itself rests a few feet from the main boiler. Another smashed the side of a tool house and lodged in the centre of the room. One lumber pile of many thousand feet was smashed into a lumber shed from the front, another of many tons passed around one end of this building and then rolled back, crushing it in from the other side. Another rock of many tons fell squarely on the top of another pile of lumber. One or two houses of lesser importance were completely demolished.

"The rocks started many thousands of feet up the mountain side and on their way down cut in two trees many feet in diameter as if they had been so many match sticks."

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, indicted for murder in the first degree for the killing of former Senator Arthur M. Brown of Utah, was arraigned before Judge Safford in the criminal court here today, and pleaded not guilty.

HARRIMAN GIVES EVIDENCE

Examined Before Interstate Commerce Commission—Counsel Objects to Questions.

New York, Feb. 25.—E. H. Harriman, master of the Union Pacific system, spent today in a recital of portions of his interim story of his financial operations and those of his associates before the interstate commerce commission, which is investigating the consolidation and bombardment of carriers, relations between carriers and communities of interests therein, their rates, fares and practices. The special counsel for the government attacked particularly the reorganization and financing of the Chicago & Alton railway by the Harriman syndicate, and their action and the challenge by counsel for the railroads of the right of the interstate commerce commission to inquire into the private transactions of an individual constituted the day's events in the proceedings.

By direction of counsel, Mr. Harriman declined to tell what proportion of the preferred stock of the Alton he held to the Union Pacific belonged to him individually, and by his declaration the way was paved for asking questions in the federal court. The point raised involves a limitation upon the inquisitorial powers of the commission and it is of serious importance as it raises the whole question of interstate corporation's investigation.

An effort was made to show by Mr. Harriman's testimony and the records of the company that there was an enormous inflation of the stock, securities and liabilities of the Alton; that the Harriman syndicate took unfair profits by declaring a dividend of 10 per cent on the proceeds of the first sale of bonds amounting to forty million dollars; that the syndicate itself sold the bonds at an unreasonably low figure, only to resell them at enormous profit; that in the Alton the Harriman syndicate capitalized the losses of the company was spent by the old management for betterments over a period of ten years and already charged to operating expenses; that the books of the company were "doctored" and that for an increase in the stock and liabilities from roughly forty millions to one hundred and sixteen millions, there was nothing to show except an expenditure of twenty-two millions in improvements on the property.

Mr. Harriman's testimony was a denial of all these charges, and towards the close of the afternoon he made an elaborate explanation and defence of the entire transaction, which he contended was fully justified by the conditions and circumstances of the time, and had been conducted entirely in the open. Harriman's examination lasted five hours and was carried on in good spirit unmarked by acrimony.

The testimony of Mr. Harriman began with the issuance of one hundred million in convertible bonds by the Union Pacific for the purpose of primary financing of the Southern Pacific in 1901 and then dealt with the purchase in connection with the Oregon Short Line of the Northern Pacific stock.

Mr. Harriman identified a statement showing that since the first day of last July the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line have purchased stocks at a cost of one hundred and thirty million dollars. Mr. Kellogg sought to show that figured by prices in the market today there has been a loss of seven millions on the investment.

Mr. Harriman said that this possibility was true and when further questioned asked permission to explain. The witness said if Northern Pacific and Great Northern stocks in the North Pacific investment will amount to about sixty-one million dollars.

The witness was taken over the total investments and sales made by the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, and in the end admitted that they were made for speculative purposes.

The money was invested, he averred, in a manner thought to be for the best interests of the company.

The witness then related the purchase of forty-five millions of Eastern Ohio stock, the payment for which more or less was completed in March and September next. He discussed the purchase of the Pennsylvania railroad, but nothing was said as to price, and no conditions were attached to the purchase.

"It was a speculative transaction," the witness declared, "and characterized it as a continuous line throughout other companies. The purchase by Union Pacific of Alton stock was then objection up, and this led to the first objection for Mr. Harriman to inquire as to the amount of stock witness held in the Alton.

Mr. Milburn said that his clients were ready to lend every possible assistance to the inquiry, and that they rejoiced that it gave them an opportunity to clear away many erroneous and unjustly published concerning the financial operations involved, but he did not consider that the question put to the witness had any bearing upon the question of interstate commerce. He said that the commission had great power, but that it was a point where those powers might be exceeded, and he thought it was to the interest of the commission to properly define its powers.

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DISASTROUS FIRES AND LOSS OF LIFE

Man Burned to Death in Jersey City—Narrow Escape of Laundry Employees.

New York, Feb. 25.—Anthony Picht, an Italian, lost his life in a fire which destroyed his home in Jersey City. His wife and several children, and the family of his brother, who also lived in the house, escaped.

Another Outbreak.

New York, Feb. 25.—Five thousand persons were driven into the snow covered streets today by a fire which destroyed the new Irving Music Hall in Brown street and spread to several big tenement houses at the rear and either side. No lives were lost. The response of the firemen and their apparatus to the four alarms was delayed as the streets were piled high with ice and rubbish which had not been cleared away after the last storm, to which was added the six inches of soft snow which fell yesterday. All the tenements in the neighborhood were quickly cleared, but two hundred policemen had the greatest difficulty in holding the excited people in check, and in preventing some of them from rushing back into the building for forgotten possessions. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Narrow Escapes.

Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Accumulated gas in the basement of the brick building at a three-story brick structure on MARKET STREET, in the heart of the city, exploded with terrific force today. The big stock of furniture of Dilgart and Bittner, retail dealers, is a total loss. Hundreds of dollars' worth of glass was shattered throughout the city by the explosion. Thirty girls employed in a laundry next door were thrown into a panic. Several of them fainted and had to be carried out. No lives were lost.

Fire at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Feb. 25.—A disastrous fire broke out in the Derby Desk Company building in Liberty Avenue today. The building was a seven-story brick structure, located in the heart of the downtown section. On the arrival of the firemen, it was seen that the building was doomed. Within 15 minutes a general alarm was sounded, calling out all the fire companies in the downtown section. The flames quickly spread to the six-story building, Nos. 185 and 187, and then the Grier Busch building, Nos. 183 and 185, filled with wholesale notions and toys, adjoining. At 1:15 o'clock the water tower collapsed, breaking the windows in the Academy of Music, and tearing down wires, but no one was hurt. The roof of the seventy-seventh street hotel began blazing fiercely, confusion prevailed in the hotel, but all the guests were taken out. The flames were soon well in hand.

PIONEER CATTLEMAN DEAD.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—James Gillespie, a pioneer resident and the first man to import cattle into the West for slaughtering purposes, died last night of heart failure. He was around as usual on Saturday. He was beef contractor for the C. P. R. from 1876 to the completion of the work, and was well known to all railway contractors.

The South American river Orinoco has more tributaries than any other river. The total number is put at 220, including 64 large streams.

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QUARREL OVER WAITRESS.

One Man Shot Dead and Another Seriously Injured.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—In a drunken fight to-night at the Hastings hotel, in Emeryville, Charles Logue, an iron worker, was shot through the heart and instantly killed, and Peter Noppe, a machinist, was badly wounded by a charge of shot which lodged in his head. The police arrested John Noppe, a brother of the wounded man, and Frank Kaiter, charging the former with the killing of Logue and the latter with the shooting of Noppe. The quarrel was over a waitress.

THE BUCKINGHAM RIOTS.

Alex. MacLaren, Charged With Manslaughter, Honorably Acquitted.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Alex. MacLaren, the millionaire lumberman charged with manslaughter in the killing of the strikers, Belanger and Theriault, in connection with the Buckingham affair last October, was honorably acquitted. Judge St. Julien strongly condemned the strikers for invading private property, and said it was a cardinal principle of British law that a man had the right to defend his property from aggressors.

In connection with the investigation into the granting of licenses in Toronto, it was learned on Saturday that a brewers' combine exists to fix the price of liquors.

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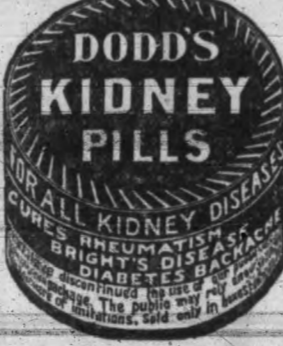
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THE DEARTH OF LABOR.

"This is not a country for comfort or enjoyment," writes an emigrant from the Isle of Man, who has settled in the Northwest. "It is a country of inspiration and opportunity, and money is being made hand over fist."

plenty of laborers of our own class eager to go to work in British Columbia. The experience of other sections of the Pacific coast justifies us in taking such a view and in appealing to the federal authorities...

RAIL CONNECTION.

The Times is not at all disposed to combat the proposition that the people of Victoria, including all the people of Liberal principles politically (who of course constitute a majority of the said people) are enthusiastic for direct rail connection with the Mainland.

At the same time there are certain facts to be taken into consideration in dealing, even in abstract terms, with the proposition. These facts, in brief, are that no railway likely to make its terminus on Vancouver Island, either on the west coast (which seems to be the point in highest favor with the Colonist) at Esquimalt or at Victoria, has as yet constructed a yard of line in British Columbia.

The Canadian Northern aims at reaching the Pacific Coast. But it is not as yet recognized as in the true sense of the word a transcontinental railway line.

The C. P. R. has explicitly stated that it has no intention of continuing its new line from Edmonton through to the Pacific Coast. It has a connection with Vancouver Island at the present time which seems to be perfectly satisfactory to it.

The foregoing are not mere abstractions. They are statements of fact. When we know with certainty what the programmes of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways are, as well as the purposes of the Great Northern, the situation may be materially altered.

The continued prosperity of Canada still appears to be the most impressive feature of the industrial situation in the world to-day to the eyes of writers for the British press.

The external trade of the country increased by some sixteen millions over 1905, and the new year has opened well, the outlook being even more hopeful than at the commencement of 1906.

the various railway companies. The enormous output of grain was such that it monopolized the cars and hindered to a considerable extent the general carrying of other merchandise.

British Columbia is not unique in the fact that we have a domestic servant problem on our hands. A dispatch from New Zealand says: "Domestic servants here have formed a union under the Arbitration Act."

Lord Strathcona says that before the end of the century Canada will have a population twice that of Great Britain. In that case there ought to be some alive to-day who will see Canada with a population of forty millions.

Toronto Star: Unless St. Andrew's Society had mentioned it first, no one would have ever believed that there were any indigent Scots in this country.

GOVERNMENT ORGANS AND SUNDAY LAW.

The Sunday papers or some of them are growing apprehensive as the first of March approaches. The Sunday Observance Act, goes into force on that date, and it forbids the publication of newspapers on Sunday.

FATAL FIRE IN PROTESTANT SCHOOL.

Five Bodies Have Been Recovered—Twenty Children Imprisoned in Burning Building.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Que., Feb. 25.—Fire broke out in Hochelaga Protestant school on Prefontaine street this afternoon.

The bodies of five children were taken from the burning building, and it is feared that twenty more, together with the lady principal, are imprisoned, and will be dead before firemen can reach them.

FAST DAY APPOINTED.

Thursday Set Aside by Workers in the Down Town Mission.

At the weekly business meeting of the down town mission committee, Monday, it was decided to keep Thursday as a day of fasting and prayer for the work.

The afternoon session: 3 to 4, city mission work, by Mr. W. H. Gibson; 4 to 5, the children, by A. J. Braze.

At the Lewisham elementary schools last year 2,400 boys were trained to the rifle.

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A meeting of those interested in the preservation of game will be held in the Driard hotel on Thursday next, J. Musgrave, hon. secretary of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club, sets forth some of the business which will come up for discussion.

to get as many men as possible to gether to give their views on the subject of the better protection of fish and game. The meeting will appoint delegates to attend another meeting to be held at Vancouver on Saturday, March 2nd, at which meeting delegates will be present from all parts of the province.

It will be remembered that two years ago petitions were circulated throughout the province asking that a gun license be imposed. That petition was signed by about 1,700 persons who took an interest in shooting. The license was not imposed by the government, however, the amendment being defeated in the House.

Game reserves to be established in E. Kootenay, Lillooet, Vancouver Island. Bag limit of birds per day to be ten pheasants, ten grouse (both blue and willow), ten prairie chicken, ten quail and fifteen or twenty ducks.

Permits for trapping game birds and having same in possession for breeding and stocking purposes to be issued by provincial game warden. Game and sporting trophies seized to be sold and go towards game protection fund.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

A mass meeting of carpenters will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Labor Hall.

To-morrow evening Court Northern Light, A. O. F., will give a whist party, to which prizes will be given.

Several feet of plaster fell from the ceiling of the council chamber yesterday. Building Inspector Northcott thinks the fall was caused by a leak in the roof.

At the Christmas examination at the Toronto training school for kindergarten teachers, Victoria's pupils in attendance acquitted themselves well.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Pamphlet took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Victoria West, and later from the Victoria Methodist church.

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—Miss Wilson, dressmaker, room 11, Pioneer block, 46 Government street, Evening dresses a specialty.

—There was just one offender, a drunk, in the police court this morning. The usual fine was imposed.

—On the occasion of his departure for Ottawa, J. D. McEwen, ex-M. P. P., was presented with a handsome set of pipes by the composing room staff of the Times. The gift was accompanied by an address.

—Capt. Tooley, who leaves for Victoria to-day to assume the duties of paymaster for No. 11 district, was given a splendid send-off by his brother officers of the English Artillery Brigade, of Ottawa.

—A change in the official designation of J. A. Riddick has been made by the Dominion authorities. Instead of being known as dairy commissioner he will in future be called dairy and cold storage commissioner.

—There will be a meeting in the W. C. T. U. hall this evening of the Royal Templars of Temperance. All the members of the order are invited to be present.

—Special service will be held to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon, commencing at 7.30, at the Synagogue, to celebrate the feast of Purim. This feast is given in the Book of Esther, where it is recorded as the fourteenth day of the month of Adar.

—The steamer Princess Beatrice has brought news south of the rescue of John Mathers, of Alert Bay, by Capt. Oliver, of Skidegate, while the two men were navigating the Carlipe river in the Queen Charlotte Islands in a small launch. Mathers fell overboard from the stern, and it was only after the most strenuous efforts that the rescue was made.

—Lieut. George W. Ward, a native of Victoria, has received promotion in the navy. He is now second in command of a fleet of torpedo boats, with headquarters at Devonport.

—W. McLeod, of Salmon Arm, one of the oldest residents of that part of the province, met his death on Saturday, February 16th, by the discharge of a rifle. Mr. McLeod was alone in the house at the time the accident occurred, and it is supposed that the butt of the rifle struck the floor, discharging the contents, which entered the unfortunate man's back.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. E. Hill and Miss B. Buckley left this morning by the Princess May and the North Coast Limited for New York, en route to England for a visit.

A. H. Haynes, the well-known purser of the British-Yukon Navigation Company, will leave for Skagway on the steamer Jefferson from Seattle to-morrow. Mr. Haynes has been in Victoria for some time past.

Alex. McDermott, of the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company, has left with his wife on a visit to San Francisco.

Mrs. G. A. Fraser has left for Woodstock, Ontario, travelling by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, on a visit to her mother, who is ill.

W. S. Bastard left by the Princess May this morning for New York en route for England.

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VICTORIA DAILY WEATHER

Sunday, Feb. 24. Highest... 52, Lowest... 42, Mean... 47. Rain, .29 inch; sunshine, 2 hours 54 minutes. Monday, Feb. 25. Highest... 49, Lowest... 42, Mean... 45.

SHAFT HOUSE DESTROYED.

Fire Broke Out Early To-Day at Richard III. Mine.

The shaft house at the Richard III. mine at Mount Sicker was destroyed by fire this morning, and a large quantity of tools and other implements lost with it.

At 6 o'clock this morning a woman on the hill side noticed flames proceeding from the shaft house. She rushed to the bunk house and aroused the men, who endeavored to combat the flames. The fire had gained such a start however that this was impossible, and everything proved a total loss.

The mine will be compelled to shut down until a new shaft house has been constructed.

DIES ABOARD VESSEL.

Fireman Hassen on Steamer Otter Stricken By Paralysis.

The victim of a fit, or of a sudden stroke of paralysis, Fireman Hassen died suddenly on board the steamer Otter as that vessel was making her way on Sunday afternoon to the whaling station at Sechart. A telegram to this effect has been received from Bamfield by Capt. Troup, the general manager of the C. P. R. coast steamship service.

The little steamer Otter was carrying a load of coal to the whaling station when the melancholy event happened. "Accidents" was written so suddenly that he expired before any assistance could be rendered. Experiencing very rough weather and continuous southeasterly gales, the steamer Otter, with the dead body of Fireman Hassen on board, is now on her way to Victoria, and is expected to arrive this afternoon.

CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

In Aid of Knox Church, Spring Ridge, Dept.

The following will be the programme at Knox church, Spring Ridge, this evening in aid of the church debt: Piano duo—"Coronation March"; Song—"Le Saran Rose"; Violin solo—"Faust Waltzes"; Gounod; Miss Nora McCoy; Song—"Adoration"; Telma; Song—"Carmen"; Bisset; Miss McCoy; Song—"In Old Madrid"; Trotere; Mrs. Stanaland; Violin duo—"Sonatin"; Brunner; Misses Greenhalgh and N. McCoy; Song—"The Flight of the Ages"; Bevan; Mr. McCoy; Violin solo—"Cavatina"; Raffit; Miss Greenhalgh; Song—"The Macgregor's Gathering"; Miss McCoy; God Save the King.

L. M. SHAW WILL RETIRE.

Secretary of United States Treasury to Become President of Carnegie Trust Company.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 25. The Herald says: Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, who will retire from the cabinet on March 4th, is to become the president of the newly opened Carnegie Trust Co. He will bring his family to New York and the future will disclose whether Mr. Shaw will relinquish his legal residence in Iowa. The board of directors of the Carnegie Trust Company, it is understood, will hold a meeting this week and elect Mr. Shaw president of the corporation.

Cleopatra's Needle weighs 185 tons.

REALTY ACTIVITY.

Many Investors Flocking to South Saanich, and Values Have Doubled There.

Advice from Saanich show that there is a decided interest in real estate being manifested in that locality. Many farms have passed through the market recently, and among others was that of Mr. Letchford, comprising 50 acres. The late owner of this property has gone to make his home in Australia. Since two years ago prices have nearly doubled, and present indications promise a property which is likely to be of lengthy endurance.

Local real estate speculators still show great activity, and during the week the H. C. Lord & Investment Agency has been responsible for some interesting transactions. Among others were several lots in the neighborhood of Oak Bay; a house and lot in Victoria West; a lot on James Bay, and one lot at Esquimalt.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

Time Extended For Receiving Notices From Those Who Will Give Evidence.

There was a meeting yesterday afternoon of the committee appointed by the board of trade to investigate into the labor problem in this province. In view of the fact that there had been a number of letters sent out to Boards of Trade, Farmers' Institutes, Trades and Labor Councils, etc., it was thought best to delay the time for the taking of evidence in this city. The time for receiving notices that evidence would be given was, therefore, extended to March 12th. Already there are many who have manifested a readiness to appear before the committee. The evidence will all be taken down by a stenographer, and every side of the question will be touched upon.

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WORLD'S STRONG MAN A Hindu Hercules has appeared in Calcutta. Ramamoorthy is only 30 years of age and possessed of splendid physique.

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SPORTING NEWS

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL A CHALLENGE CUP.

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DRAW WITH SEATTLE.

Before a crowd of 2,000 football enthusiasts, Ladysmith drew with Seattle on the grounds of the latter club on Sunday.

SUCCESSFUL SMOKER.

On Saturday night at Howard's hotel, Esquimalt, H. M. S. Egerton brought his football season to a close with a successful smoking concert.

RUGBY FOOTBALL "SPRINGBOK" RECEIPTS.

The South African Rugby Board has adopted a resolution congratulating the "Springboks" on the results of their tour in the British Isles, and paying a tribute to Mr. Carden, the manager, who reported that the board's share of the gates was \$48,000.

NANAIMO TO VISIT.

The Nanaimo football team will travel to Victoria on Saturday next and meet the local players in a rugby game at Oak Bay. This match should prove of exceptional interest, as it is the deciding game of a series.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TO CHESS ENTHUSIASTS.

The Victoria Chess Club, in conjunction with Vancouver chess players, is entering into communication with Magnus Smith, of Winnipeg, the Eastern Canada chess champion, who is shortly to visit Calgary and give an exhibition of simultaneous and blindfold chess in that city.

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COUNCIL CONSIDERS PROPOSED BY-LAWS

Repayment of Loan for Building of Incinerator Extends Over Twenty-five Years.

As indicated in yesterday's Times, a number of important by-laws along with the question of the increase of salary asked for by the civic employees who were overlooked in the late raise came up before the council last evening.

For a moment it looked as though the chamber sessions were to be abandoned. Ald. Fullerton proposed that the council resolve itself into a committee of the whole and deal with the applications serially.

The first application, that of the park caretaker, asking for a raise was under discussion, when Ald. Hall abruptly arose in his place and asked that this be laid over. All questions regarding salary should be dealt with in private.

The by-laws above mentioned now came under consideration. The incinerator by-law was first dealt with. Here Ald. Vincent objected. Fifty years was too long. And while his laws on the durability and use of such plants would not bear close inspection, his financial judgment was sound.

The surface drainage by-law asking for \$50,000 on the city's credit received its first and second readings.

It began to look as though Ald. Weston's by-law might not get beyond its second reading. At the outset last night, it was found to be defective, and after various fruitless attempts at amendment it was laid over for future consideration.

There came up also, last night a request for information as to what the city was willing to do for the assistance of new industries. The Puget Sound Wood Products Co. are looking for a location in one of the Sound cities, and of course seek the best possible terms.

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TRINITY OF ARTISTS IN GRAND CONCERT

Stender-Becker-Chew at Victoria—
Buster Brown To-night—The
Pringle Company.

The Stender-Becker concert at the Victoria theatre deserved a larger audience than it obtained last evening. The grouping of the three artists presented was with rare felicity, for all may be said to belong to the same school. Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, Schubert, with occasional excursions into Grieg, composed the programme, and voice, violin and piano touched the same chords in their audience. It is sufficient tribute to the trinity of artists to say that so much honey did not sicken, that the interest throughout was sustained, that the programme provided did not pall upon the taste.

Miss Chew is an artist for whom one is quite safe in predicting a brilliant future. Technically perfect, there is much feeling and some fire in her playing. Her first selection last evening, Grieg's "Sonata for Violin, Opus 42," displayed her ability admirably. Clear-cut in her performance, there is also an appreciation of her subject, a largeness in her treatment of it, that speak of greater triumphs for her in the future. An encore to the Mendelssohn number displayed her fingering to great advantage.

Miss Stender possesses a voice of good range and compass. Her method is admirable, and she attains a full sweet tone without seeming effort, yet rich in volume and unbroken in continuity. Her best effort last evening was perhaps her first number, Mozart's "Violin Concerto," followed by Gounod's "Spring" and Grieg's "Solveig's Song." In the last number also her rendering of Massenet's "Elgie" with a violin obligato by Miss Chew was magnificent. As an encore she rendered "The Last Rose of Summer," which excited tumultuous applause.

In Herr Becker, both artists have an accompanist of great sympathy and admirable technique. His instrumental selections show almost a great dangerous facility, with much appreciation of the subject. He is a pianist of the objective rather than the subjective school, and the selections he rendered last evening showed him at his best.

Mr. Gibbons is to be complimented upon his trinity of artists. The entire concert was a treat that is rarely equaled. It deserved better patronage.

Buster Brown.

This evening at the Victoria theatre Buster Brown will begin an engagement of two nights and a matinee. This ever popular musical comedy has always been an immense success here, and in its present form, it having undergone many changes all for its betterment, and this is largely attributed to the high medicinal qualities of the odor from the pines and balsam trees that so abundantly fill the air.

pany now engaged in the presentation of Buster Brown is made up of the best players, from among those who were members of the old Buster Brown companies, in addition to whom are several new players. Most notable of the latter is Master Helton, who plays Buster as though it were written especially for him. He is a natural born comedian, and is the first of those who have embodied the role, who, in the opinion of Mr. Outcault, the inventor of the character, has really grasped the full intention of the author. The distinction of being the smallest of the actors who have appeared as Buster also falls to Master Helton.

The Empire. Baseball and football are the lively themes which give zest to "The Empire," the long run musical comedy wonder, due at the Victoria theatre on Thursday, February 28th.

Besides possessing a rational and interesting story of certain dramatic episodes concerning a corporation "grafter," a United States diplomatic agent, a baseball umpire and other interesting persons, it contains amusing reflections on the national game. "The Empire" claims the virtue of modern ideas, worked out and set in a delightful background of music, dancing and comedy. In the company which Manager Askin will present here are Fred Mace, whom the Chicago critics say is funnier than Eddie Foy, Edly Yerrington, for three seasons prima donna with the original "Burgomaster" company; Guelma Baker, Harry Hanlon, Bradless Martin, Katherine Bunn, Geo. Damerel, Helene Salinger, Bert Young, Jessie Courtney and Jessie Huston.

At Watson's Theatre. At the present time, when statesmen, newspapers and periodicals are discussing questions involving the exposures made by Thomas W. Lawson, and the prosecutions waged by Theodore Roosevelt on illegal combinations, any demonstration of the methods involved by the "financial financiers" needs be of interest to the average citizen. In the drama now being offered by the Pringle company at the Watson theatre, an opportunity is offered the play-goers of Victoria to witness such a demonstration. It unfolds the scheme of a distinguished broker who is exerting every effort to inveigle an unsuspecting young man into deals in copper stock. By the timely intervention of a friend he is saved from ruin, and the broker is financially crushed instead. The play is well acted and much credit is due the company for their splendid effort. Mr. Pringle, who plays the part of the "Gilded Fool," gave a very intelligent and effective interpretation of the character. The supporting company fitted all requirements, and the result was an excellent evening's entertainment. The play will be offered again to-night and to-morrow evening, with a special matinee to-morrow afternoon.

THE CLOCK'S JOKE.

Owing to the erratic behaviour of the Steyning (Sussex) church clock the local fire brigade were called out. The church bell, which is also the fire alarm, persisted in tolling more than twelve, and villagers and firemen rushed up only to find that the clock had hoaxed them.

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Women certainly do neglect themselves. They work too hard—over-tax their strength—and then wonder why they suffer with diseases peculiar to their sex. Most cases of female trouble start when the bowels become inactive—the kidneys strained—and the skin not cared for. Poisons, which should leave the system by these organs, are taken up by the blood and inflame the delicate female organs.

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QUESTION OF NEW MAP FOR VICTORIA

Diverse Views as to Advisability—Necessity and Powers Held By Council.

Will there or will there not be an official map for Victoria? What is an official map anyway? How is it to be applied in actual practice to properties which have for long encroached on city or private rights? These are some of the questions which agitated the aldermanic mind last night.

This is one of the matters mooted by Ald. Hall, both for the city at large and especially for Victoria West.

These things are in a sad state. Two surveys are in use. One is a very old survey. The other is that made by Wm. Ralph, accepted by the government and for this the monuments are placed. If this was followed the residents would require to "push over" some sixteen feet. To do this they must encroach on the Indian reserve. When this was sold, the purchaser would want their land, and those next the reserve would come short.

In this connection Ald. Fullerton made a plea for Spring Ridge. The lines were five feet out there. And they needed a map as much as the people of Victoria West.

Ald. Pell thought this question of readjustment was more difficult than it seemed. To say that the readjustment of the street lines would mean no loss to anyone, was hardly true. On paper it looked all right to cut so many feet off the front of a man's lot and to compensate him by adding another ten feet at the rear. Should the city come to do it, however, it would find that many of the residents had occupied their lots for over twenty years and thus had a legal right to it. These it would be impossible to evict, and the consequence would be that if the pushing back process were indulged in, the old residents would remain in possession of more land than they were really entitled to, while their neighbors would be deprived of a portion of their lots.

As an example he pointed to certain lots on Quadra street, where it had been found that the street lines were not in the proper place, and where an attempt had been made to readjust them. One of the residents had been an possession more than twenty years, and to this day his fence stood five feet beyond where it really should.

He thought the only way to remedy the matter was by special legislation. This would give them power to evict or to levy a suitable penalty.

His Worship agreed with this, and instanced a case where the cement sidewalk had actually been built around buildings encroaching on the street.

Ald. Hanna thought that the section of the Municipal Clauses Act (sec. 11) allowing the council to decide such questions would cover the case. The consensus of opinion was, however, against this.

MR. BALFOUR'S PLEA.

Fiscal Reform Must Wait Its Opportunity.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at a Conservative demonstration, held in Hull, recently, said the defeat sustained a year ago might well all with the changes of the movements and that had public opinion in this country, and who at that moment were almost ready to assume that because the disaster was great it was going to be permanent. He never took a despairing view. He took a majority of 300 did not carry with it either united councils or a consistent policy, or any prospect of any dominant position in the councils of the Empire.

He did not think any party leader had been subjected to more than a fall to his lot. He had nothing to complain of. He had fared far better than any of his predecessors in similar circumstances. Therefore let it not be imagined for a moment that if he had been made with regard to his leadership he did it otherwise than in a spirit of cordial gratitude and loyalty to the party with which he had so long been connected.

It had been said that no party could be expected to entertain programmes, but when he thought of what happened to the "Newcastle Programme" brought forward by their opponents on a famous occasion it filled him with rejoicing, and he conceived that if he were to follow that example there would be corresponding jubilation in the ranks of his opponents.

It had been said, especially as regards fiscal reform, that he had maintained an ominous silence, or at all events a significant silence, since he assumed office. He had, however, twelve months ago to his friend, Mr. Chamberlain (cheers)—whose absence from the fighting-line during all these months they all deplored, and whose improvement in health they watched with thankfulness and rejoicing. Those who criticised his silence appeared to have forgotten how he was occupied. He was the leader of a party might be allowed the mournful privilege of going to bed when he was ill (laughter)—and he wished his friends to understand that so long as he was leader of the opposition he would consider his chief work to be in the House of Commons, of which he was a member, dealing with the government, which it was his business to criticize.

Opinions unchanged.

He did not know whether monthly bulletins were needed of his opinions on fiscal questions. He would assure them that his opinions upon great matters were not subject to monthly variations. (Cheers.)

Having spoken as much, and as clearly and consistently as he had done upon the fiscal question for many years past, he might have been credited with still retaining views to which he had given public utterance. They would not be surprised, at all events, to learn that he did retain them. They would not be surprised to learn that all the statements made in his letter of February 14th were statements which he had long believed, and he still held, not with diminishing but with increasing conviction, that this country greatly suffered through the self-imposed disabilities with which it had embarrassed its fiscal policy, that the canons laid down for many years had prevented us from dealing with foreign attacks upon our legitimate industries. Those self-imposed canons were prejudicial to the public interest, and ought to be removed.

What were our relations to our great trade rivals? That was the real question. He did not believe that any sane observer could look upon our international position and say that he regarded it with absolutely serene self-complacency. No man could look at the facts and do it, whether the trade reversed. If that were true—and he knew it was true—do not let us cherish dreams which could not be realized. Do not let us suppose that we among all the nations were so favored by Providence that we need not even consider the efforts made by those who desired to supplant our produce either in their own markets or in neutral markets, and who, by carrying on steadily, systematically, intelligently that policy, were doing incalculable harm to every industrial interest in this country. (Cheers.)

Relations with the Colonies.

On all these questions further thought and study had confirmed opinions long held and often expressed. And so also it was with that other branch of the fiscal question which dealt with our relations with other portions of the Empire. Could any man, whatever his opinion on any abstract doctrine of political economy, be happy in view of this condition of things? Our great self-governing colonies had expressed a desire for a closer relation with the Mother Country. They believed this could be best attained by a closer commercial union. The last election had apparently shown that this country would have nothing to do with anything of that sort. Was it not a serious thing that our colonial ministers were coming here in a few weeks, and that the party in power had said not one single thing in public indicating that they sympathized with the means—

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CLAIMS CONSUMPTION HAS ITS ORIGIN IN THE CRADLE

According to the views of Professor Von Behring, as expressed by him in a paper read before the Society for the Care of Sick in the Colonies at Stuttgart, Germany, recently, the tubercular bacilli find their way into the human system through milk. This theory is in direct variance with the doctrine of Dr. Robert Koch, who says that tuberculous milk is not dangerous, but that consumption in most cases is contracted through the inhaling of germs. The theory of Dr. Koch appears to be the one most generally accepted by the medical profession, and by all those who have made a careful study of the problem of tuberculosis.

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What Other People Think

NOT A JAPANESE.

To the Editor:—With regard to your reports of the proceedings at the city police court yesterday, I wish to remind you that that David Sun whom you have reported as a wily Japanese who tried to evade Mr. Carter, the tax collector, is a Chinese. The Klondike restaurant at No. 30 Johnson street is kept by a Japanese, but the Montreal restaurant, at No. 46 on the same street, to which reporter you have referred to, is managed entirely by the Chinese. They have cut their eyes off and looked as the Japanese. However, whether that David Sun has claimed that he is a Japanese or not, it is very absurd of your reporter to report him as a Japanese. Since the reports appeared in the paper my friend in the Klondike restaurant has been questioned by his customers several times and has been much annoyed about the reports.

Cordially correct them in to-day's issue, and oblige. K. ISHII, 128 Government St., City, Feb. 26th, 1907.

SYMPOSIUM ON LABOR

To the Editor:—To read of this scarcity of labor would make one imagine there were immense factories or skyscrapers being erected in our midst. Who is short of laborers, or what do they want them for? Is it to clear the vacant lots that are scattered all over the city of the old tin cans and rubbish that they are littered with? If it is, cheap labor will do. Now that the Board of Trade has undertaken to solve the problem, let them obtain the names of those that are short of labor; let them state their business, the kind of labor they want, and the wages they are willing to pay. They might also inquire of those matrons who have lost their John the treatment they will accord and the wages they pay to

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white help, and they may be able to find out where the trouble lies. The Boards of Trade of Vancouver, Seattle and other Coast cities are not worried over scarcity of labor, for they are happy in the fact that they see their cities go ahead in leaps and bounds, but Victoria that ever lags behind cries scarcity of labor. To my mind, the people that are yelling for labor are the proprietors of some of our city's primitive establishments, who, because their places of business are not besieged with laborers, cry: "Can't get help." You moneyed men of Victoria wake up, get down to business, start in earnest, pay wages, and you will get all the labor you need. Don't let your city languish when others are forging ahead. The true there are a few, and only a few firms in Victoria that deserve credit for their enterprise. Do people imagine that labor will stay in Victoria when it can do so much better by travelling a few score miles? The government can assist all the labor they like to come here, but it won't stay until there is some inducement for it to stay, and that is the same wages that are paid in our neighboring cities. OBSERVER, Seventh St., Victoria, 22nd Feb. 1907.

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THE BURNING QUESTION.

To the Editor:—And now we learn through the Times that the ladies of Victoria are signing petitions that the bars be thrown down, and that the Chinese may pour into British Columbia. This is but one more instance proving that woman has never yet taken the correct stand upon any question of a public character in which she becomes interested through impulse or "just because." As a matter of fact, there are about 100,000 Chinese in Victoria already; and the proper steps to be taken in this question is the best means of freezing out those now here, instead of increasing the number. We of Victoria are pleased to consider that Princess Louise was quite right when she stated that "Victoria is half way between Balmoral and Heaven," but if these misguided ladies had their way in making it the dumping ground for the wily Chinese, it would soon be half way between Pekin and Heaven. The city is also famous and notorious, as the case may be, for the very large number of unmarried women and young ladies, who can be seen day after day upon parade, and many of the girl here, who can drive a golf ball three miles beyond or sling a tennis racket four straight hours, who hasn't a strong enough constitution to help mother dust

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