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COUNTIES IN FAVOR OF TARIFF REFORM

Results of Elections in Rural Constituencies Cause Dismay in Ranks of Supporters of Asquith Government.

(Special to the Times.)
London, Jan. 20.—(l. a. m.)—At this hour the Liberals are staggering under an unexpected series of reverses in the English counties. They went to bed happy in the knowledge that the Liberal-Labor alliance had repulsed the Unionist attack on the boroughs, and cherished high hopes of equally good issues in the English counties.

At dawn of the fifth day of polling, rural England was truly a sphinx, as before the polls opened nobody knew what the counties would do. The Liberals hoped, the Unionists feared when the first declarations of yesterday's polling showed that several Unionist gains. After the first twelve representatives, the Unionists from the depths of despair, rose to the seventh heaven of enthusiasm, which increased when Kirkcubrightshire reported the first Unionist gain in Scotland. The English counties elected 231 members.

The Unionists cheered each gain as a sign that the counties are the scene of a landslide in their favor.

The Liberals hope for increased strength from later declarations and to-day's polling, but admit that if rural England is going towards tariff reform at the rate indicated by yesterday's declarations, Asquith cannot hope for a majority independent of the Nationalist vote.

Trafalgar Square now holds a greater crowd than at any time since the first night's polling. Cheers are renewed as division after division in the counties report Unionist gains.

Unionists point an analogy to the 1885 election when Gladstone was beaten in the boroughs and saved by the counties. They declare that the counties of England may give Balfour a majority that will strengthen him so as to make the Asquith government impossible and force another election inside of six months.

CRUSADE AGAINST HIGH FOOD PRICES

MOVEMENT GAINS STRENGTH IN STATES

Commercial Bodies of New York Will Discuss Cause of Increase.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Denver, Col., Jan. 20.—Moving westward by leaps and bounds, the crusade started in Ohio against high food prices has reached this city, and next Sunday afternoon hundreds of Denver union labor men will assemble to sign a pledge to forswear meat and eggs for thirty days.

The leaders in the movement here confidently declared to-day their belief that they will be able to compel Colorado butchers to cut existing prices. They say that Sunday's meetings will launch a boycott that within a week will extend throughout the state.

Movement in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20.—More than five thousand persons in Omaha, already have signed an anti-meat pledge, and leaders of the local movement to break the high meat prices predict that before night an amazing proportion of the city's population will be "sixty-day vegetarians."

Reports from other Nebraska cities indicate that the crusade is finding hundreds of supporters. Mass meetings in many towns have been called. Labor unions are assuming a prominent place in the fight.

SEARCHING FOR BODIES OF FIRE VICTIMS

Remains of Number of Girls Believed to Be Buried in Ruins of Building.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—Insisting in his belief that a number of bodies are still buried in the debris of the Ellis building, where 300 factory girls were trapped in a fire yesterday afternoon, Fire Chief Naxter is to-day personally directing a search of the ruins.

Five bodies have already been taken out and reports from the hospitals, to which scores of the injured girls were taken, indicate that at least half a dozen fatalities will be added to the list.

During the night an attempt was made by the authorities to secure a pool of the missing girls. Owing to scattered locations of the refugees to which the injured were taken, this list has not yet been completed and it is believed that many of the girls who are still reported missing will be found later.

Shortly after noon Fire Chief Nagel declared on emerging from the ruins that he believed his figures of yesterday, when he estimated from 20 to 40 killed, were high, but that he feared that a number of bodies would be found under a collapsed stairway which had dropped into the basement of the building.

DECLARES ETERNAL VIGILANCE NECESSARY

Editor Macdonald on Danger of Private Interests Securing Natural Wealth.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 20.—At the annual dinner of the University of Toronto Engineering Society at the convention held last night, Editor Macdonald, of the Globe, stated that unless eternal vigilance were exercised the wealth of Canada would pass into the control of private interests. Canada, he said, was only at the beginning of a new era in which England were acute, the waste of land by its withdrawal from productive use, the waste of economic energy and the social waste which came from overcrowding. Principal Falconer emphasized the need of the conservation of natural resources.

FLOODS IN FRANCE

(Special to the Times.)
Rhodes, France, Jan. 20.—The lives of many persons are endangered by the floods that are sweeping Southern and Eastern France to-day.

The city of Avona has been isolated by the overflow of the river Marne. The property loss throughout the flooded district is enormous. Much live stock has been killed and hundreds of farms have been damaged.

PROMOTION FOR G. McL. BROWN

Appointed European Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 20.—The net profits of the Farmers' Bank of Canada last year were \$41,107.86.



WHAT'S IN IT?

UNIONISTS HAVE GAINED SIXTY-EIGHT SEATS

Liberals Continue Hopeful of Securing a Majority in Next Parliament, Independent of the Nationalist Members.

STANDING OF PARTIES.	
London, Jan. 20.—The standing of parties at 2 o'clock to-day is as follows:	
Unionists	129
Liberals	131
Labor	25
Nationalists	47
Unionist gains, 68; Liberal, 12; Labor, 2. The counts are returning more Unionists than expected.	

London, Jan. 20.—The Liberals profess contentment with the results of yesterday's pollings, and have full hope for a majority independent of the Nationalists.

The Liberal party having emerged with fairly satisfactory results from the conflict with tariff reformers, aided by all the strength of the liquor party in London and borough, now goes forward to meet the peers on their native heath, the county constituencies. The peers may prove a harder nut to crack than "beer and protection." In its final phases the battle reserves itself into a keen fight on the part of the Liberals to get a clear majority over a possible, though not probable combination in some future time after the budget is out of the way, of the Nationalists and Conservatives.

Gain in London.

In London where four boroughs polled yesterday, two remained true to the Liberals and one to Labor, while the fourth went over from the Liberal side to the Unionist.

In northern England the Liberals generally hold the seats won in 1906. This also is true of Scotland, but the Midlands continue to go over to the party of tariff reform. The London seat which the government lost was Hackney North, where Raymond E. Green, the Unionist candidate, defeated T. Hart Davies, C. W. Bowyer, Laborite, retains his Deptford seat, and Sir A. Spicer, president of the London Chamber of Commerce, and H. Bottomley were re-elected for the Central and South Hackney respectively.

Glasgow Tradesunion division goes over to the Liberals, A. Cameron Corbett, who was elected as a Unionist in 1905, but left the party on account of its opposition to the licensing bill, being elected as a Nationalist. The central division of Glasgow re-elected the Right Hon. C. Scott-Dickson, Unionist. The Blackfriars division of Glasgow is again in the labor column, G. N. Barnes winning with a majority. Camlachie, where A. Cross, who was elected as a Unionist in 1905, but went over to the government side soon after he was returned, suffered defeat through the intervention of a labor candidate. The Liberals and Laborites received together 5,145 votes, against 3,225 for

The successful Unionist, H. J. Macintosh. The other divisions of Glasgow, including St. Rollox, which was represented by T. McKinnon Wood, under-secretary for foreign affairs, gave increasing majorities for the government.

Favor Tariff Reform.

Nottingham, like all the Midland towns, shows a strong liking for tariff reform. Sir H. H. Cotton, Liberal, and A. Richardson, Laborite, losing in the fight to represent the East and South divisions respectively, although they had substantial majorities in 1906. Sir J. H. Yekall, however, retained the West division seat for the government with a decreased majority.

The Liberals were defeated in the Denbigh boroughs by eight votes. The Yorkshire, Lancashire and Scottish divisions from which returns have been received, continue their allegiance to the Liberal party. There returned two Nationalists unopposed, and Newry sent a prominent young Nationalist in the person of J. J. Mooney, one of John A. Redmond's lieutenants, with a large majority over the Unionist opponent.

Sir John Nicholson Barran was again elected to represent Harwick boroughs for the Liberals, with almost double the vote for the opposition candidate. C. P. Trevelyan, parliamentary secretary of education, is another of the prominent Liberals retaining their seats. He was successful in the Eiland division of Yorkshire.

Three-Cornered Fights.

The Liberals continue to lose through three-cornered fights, the Labor candidate invariably receiving just sufficient support to allow the Unionists to succeed. Already this has occurred in five constituencies, and there are 24 more thus threatened. The Unionists faced the same difficulty in Canterbury, J. Henniker Heaton being opposed by an Independent Conservative besides a Liberal.

The Unionist Gains.

Thus far the Unionists have a net gain of 68 seats. They must obtain at least 168 net gains to wipe out the Liberal majority in the last parliament. How closely the Unionists are fighting their opponents is shown by the following figures of the aggregate polling to date: Unionist vote, 1,350,598; Liberals, 1,224,878; Laborites, 263,456; Socialists, 16,271.

To-Day's Polling.

Polling is taking place to-day in the following constituencies:

London (Westminster).
English boroughs: Canterbury and Grantham.

England and Wales, counties: Brecknockshire; Cheshire (Hyde); Derbyshire (Chesterfield); Devonshire (Totnes); Essex (Harwick, Saffron, Walsingham); Hampshire (Basingstoke); Herefordshire (Leominster); Huntingdonshire (Huntingdon); Kent (Ashford); Lancashire North (Lancaster); Lancashire South (Eccles and West Houghton); Lancashire, Southwest

A call is being issued for a special general meeting of the B. C. Agricultural Association of Victoria on the occasion of the annual convention here of the B. C. Dairymen's Association and the B. C. Stock Breeders' Association. The dates for the convention are February 3rd and 4th, and it will be held in the women's building at the exhibition grounds.

Mayor Morley, who by virtue of his office is president of the B. C. Agricultural Association, said this morning that he thought there should be a general meeting of the association at the earliest possible date to discuss the situation in view of recent developments affecting that body, and as there will be many members of that organization present at the convention, he had advised seizing the occasion for a special meeting. The question of the expediency of holding a fair this year will be discussed and a decision arrived at.

The programme for the convention under the auspices of the dairymen and stock breeders is a very interesting one. On Thursday, February 3rd, addresses will be given by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor T. W. Paterson; Hon. W. J. Bowser, Minister of Agriculture; the Mayor of Victoria; A. C. Wells, of Sardis; Dr. A. Knight, provincial inspector of animals; Dr. S. Hadwen; W. J. Langdon, Sumner, Wash.; C. Marker, dairy commissioner, Calgary; and Hon. E. T. Judd, of Salem, Oregon.

On the following day Premier McBride is expected to be present and deliver an address. Other speakers will be A. D. Paterson, of Ladner; Jas. Roy, manager of the Vancouver Fair Association; Mr. Attkin, Duncan; and H. Webb, of Chilliwack.

A feature of the proceedings on the concluding day of the convention will be the presentation of an address to Capt. R. G. Tatlow, ex-minister of finance and agriculture in the McBride government, who did splendid work on behalf of the agricultural interests of the country.

ZEPPELIN PLANS MONSTER AIRSHIP

Will Be 949 Feet Long With Accommodation for 300 Passengers.

Cologne, Jan. 20.—Count Zeppelin, whose aerial flights in dirigible balloons have attracted world-wide attention, is planning a monster airship capable of carrying 300 persons, and which it is proposed to use in a passenger service to be established between Hamburg and London. It was said to-day: A service also will be maintained from Hamburg to Cologne and Baden Baden.

The craft will be 949 feet in length and about 85 feet in diameter. It will be driven by eight motors.

ARE TO DISCUSS THE FALL FAIR

CALL ISSUED FOR MEETING OF ASSOCIATION

Arrangements for Convention of Stock Breeders and Dairymen.

Election of Speaker.

Hon. D. M. Roberts was proposed as Speaker by A. F. McPhillips, K.C., and seconded by I. J. ... and the motion was carried unanimously. Thornton Fell, clerk of the House, declared the member for Saanich elected, and Mr. Speaker expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him. The name was then placed upon the table.

His Honor, returning to the chamber, took his seat again and Mr. Speaker Roberts, advancing, said:

"May I please your Honor, the House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of these duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your Honor's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from your Honor the most favorable interpretation."

The Premier, for His Honor, replied to this as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence he grants and upon your Honor will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honor upon all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction."

Speech From the Throne.

His Honor then read, in a clear and distinct voice, the speech from the throne, which was as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In assuming your duties at this, the first session of the twelfth parliament of British Columbia, you find the trade and industries of the province in an exceptionally satisfactory condition, a state of affairs upon which I am greatly pleased to congratulate you and the country at large. Healthy and substantial progress has been most marked, and it is gratifying to note the great and increasing development in the northern portion of British Columbia. I would impress upon you that the continuance of this prosperity will be materially aided by your efforts in the enactment of wise and progressive legislation.

During the past year the province was honored by an informal visit from His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, and I take this occasion to advert to the very favorable impression which he created through his urbane and cordial demeanour towards all and his marked interest in the industrial affairs and social life of the community.

The visit to this province last year of Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, evoked the great interest

LEGISLATURE OPENED BY LIEUT.-GOV. PATERSON

Brilliant Scene in the Chamber—Many Important Matters Dealt With in the Speech of His Honor.

Dignified and impressive were the ceremonies attending the opening of the first session of the twelfth legislature of British Columbia this afternoon. The occasion was further notable for the first appearance of the new lieutenant-governor of the province, Hon. T. W. Paterson.

The scene in the chamber was a brilliant one. Nearly every member was in his seat and all the available space was occupied by invited guests. The army, navy, judges of the several courts, clergymen of all the religious denominations and representatives of every section of the community were in attendance. There was an unusual large number of ladies present and some very fine costumes were in evidence.

At 3 o'clock his honor the lieutenant-governor arrived and was received in front of the building by a guard of honor from the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., in command of Captain Angus and Lieutenants P. T. Stern and J. G. Smith. The band played the National Anthem. His honor was accompanied by Major E. A. Tyrwhitt-Drake, A. D. C., and his private secretary, H. J. Musket. He moved on to the legislative chamber, with the staff among whom were Colonel Peters, D. G. C.; Captain Parry, H. M. S. Eggeria; Lt. Col. Currie, Fifth Regiment, C. G. A.; Major E. C. Hart, A. M. C.; Major W. Ridgway Wilson, C. G. A.; Captain Macdonald, R. A.; Captain Topley, C. P. C.; Lieut. Nares, R. N.; Lieut. Cockburn, R. A.; Captain Winsby, Captala; Major; Lieut. Wolfaston; Lieut. Selfe; Lieut. Parks.

His Honor, having entered the chamber, Premier McBride rose and, addressing the members, said he was commanded by the Lieut.-Governor to announce that His Honor did not see fit to declare the causes of his summing them at this time until they had chosen their Speaker. His Honor then retired.

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which he has always taken in this part of the Dominion.

Before proceeding to outline the various matters of business with which you will be asked to deal, I count it a privilege to testify to the sterling qualities of my esteemed predecessor, the Honorable James Dunsmuir, and to assure him of the respect in which he is held by the people of British Columbia as a result of the worthiness and dignity with which he discharged the duties of his high office.

It is eminently fitting to refer to the celebration at New Westminster during the month of October last, of the fiftieth anniversary of the landing in British Columbia of the Royal Engineers, a body of men whose remarkable pioneer work in opening up the province is most worthy of commemoration.

It is gratifying that I am enabled to inform you that the financial condition of the province is the most satisfactory in its history, showing such a substantial surplus as to permit of a considerable reduction in taxation, while not interfering with the expenditures necessary to the efficient administration of provincial affairs.

It is also a pleasure to note that the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, undertaken a year ago, is already producing gratifying results.

I am pleased to observe the honors won by British Columbia fruit at the exhibitions in Canada, Great Britain and the United States, and to congratulate our fruit-growers on the success which has crowned their efforts. The fruit exhibit from this province again won the highest honors and the gold medal at London, in competition with the whole Empire.

Several important measures will be submitted for your consideration, chief of which will be those relating to the construction of new railways and the extension of existing lines.

You will be asked to pass upon a contract providing for the building of some six hundred miles of trunk line, with provisions for branches and connections, by the Canadian Northern Railway Company, by means of which it is contemplated to furnish transportation facilities to a very extensive and valuable section of the province, and materially reduce the cost of freight and passenger traffic.

A bill will also be submitted to you to enable an extension of the Kettle River Valley railway from its present terminus to Nicola. This railway, as well as the Canadian Northern, will run through districts richly endowed with timber and minerals, and with agricultural resources.

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RESENTS ANY INTERFERENCE

ASQUITH ADDRESSES HIS CONSTITUENTS

Deprecates Introduction of Foreign Element Into Election Struggle.

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 20.—Premier Asquith, speaking at East Fife last night, deprecated the introduction into the domestic constitutional parliamentary struggle of the opinion of foreign countries. It was a novelty, dangerous and objectionable in character.

"It is still less legitimate to import the supposed opinion of the colonies," he continued. "We are agreed in our affection for the colonies, in our desire in every way compatible with the interests of the people of this country and the Empire to cement the fabric, tighten the bond, deepen common sense, attachment, loyalty and affection, but the colonies with the wise, prudent, far-sighted statesmen who govern their destinies, would be the first to deprecate any kind of pressure that should appear to be exercised by them on the free judgment of the people of this country." (Cheers.)

Mr. Asquith proceeded to say he remembered well at the colonial conference the premier of a great self-governing Dominion saying, when discussing the question of trade preference, that if he thought the granting of a preference would lead to any increase in the cost of living of the poor he would be the last person to advocate it.

Lloyd George at Conway said: "At the present moment the Liberals have a majority of votes which is quite out of proportion to anything we ever got in the matter of seats. Therefore we feel that our majority rests on a firm footing, and unless I am mistaken it is going to be a larger majority than the Tories got in the Ekkal election of 1905." (Cheers.) As that was powerful enough to do a lot of mischief, we shall be able to prove that our majority will be potent enough to do a lot of good."

Continuing, he said he believed the country had probably heard the end of protection for a generation.

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SUMMARY POWER FOR GOVERNMENT

Short Shift for Mafia, Black Hand, Highbinders and Such.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The immigration bills introduced by Hon. F. Oliver in the Commons yesterday give the government power, if deemed advisable, to absolutely prohibit the entrance of Asiatics and also to deal summarily with members of such organizations as Blackhand, Mafia, or Chinese Highbinders.
The accomplish the latter end provision is made for the deportation of any person, not a Canadian, who by common repute belongs to or may be suspected of belonging to a secret society organization which extorts money or attempts to control any one by blackmail.
It is understood that in order to prevent the rumored further influx of Hindus, the government contemplates raising present money qualifications of \$200 an entrance to \$500.

ATTENDANCE AT SHOW IS INCREASING

Large Numbers Were Present Last Evening—Cats Being Judged To-day.

There was a large attendance last night at the poultry show being held in the Broad street hall.
The judging of the cats, which was to have taken place yesterday, had to be postponed until to-day, owing to a misunderstanding in the date by which several of the exhibitors had not their cats ready. L. Large, the judge, was perfectly satisfied in leaving it over until to-day. The entries in this line are exceedingly large, and the owners who have entered their pets are standing by them, combing their hair, so as to have their pets in fine condition by the time the judge comes around.
The judging of the chickens has been finished, and Judge Elmer Dixon of Oregon City, who has been deciding the winners, stated that this show was as fine a one as he had seen. In the Black Orpingtons the judge was particularly pleased, some of which are high-class birds, having been imported here from other points. W. Mead, of Saanich, who captured many prizes in this class, exhibited a handsome cock bird, it being brought here from Dublin, where it was rated among the best.
The show closes on Saturday evening, and any who wish to see the show have no time to spare, as the day will slip swiftly by.

Captain Neouroutsos, who was taken to the hospital a short time ago with an injured knee-cap, is so far recovered that he has been removed to his home. The captain's many friends will be glad to receive further news in the near future that he is once more able to be out.

In County Court yesterday afternoon Judge Lampan dismissed the action of Alex. McIvride, who sought to recover a commission from James E. Elliott on the sale of a piece of property on the Gorge road. His honor held that plaintiff had rendered no services entitling him to a commission.

A full-grown cat has thirty teeth, while a full-grown dog has forty-two.

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THE LOSSES.
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Gillespie & Hart, on building (insurance \$2,000) 2,000
J. M. Davies & Sons, on stock (insurance \$2,000) 15,000
Victoria Air, Light and Power Company, uninsured 2,000
Hick, Greenshaw, Matthews & Fox, on plant (insurance \$3,500) 3,500
Total \$25,500
A fire entailing a loss of \$28,500 broke out this morning on Fort street at 4:15 o'clock and entirely consumed the old Philharmonic hall, used latterly as a bowling alley and occupied for that purpose by Hick, Greenshaw, Fox & Matthews, also by the Victoria Air, Light and Power Company. The fire also destroyed the adjoining building owned by Gillespie & Hart and occupied by J. M. Davies & Sons, auctioneers. The bowling alley building was owned by Dr. G. L. Milne. It was entirely uninsured. Gillespie & Hart's building was insured for \$2,000, and J. M. Davies & Sons carried \$3,000 insurance. Hick, Greenshaw, Matthews & Fox carried about \$3,500 insurance.
The fire threatened the buildings on the south side of Fort street, a wooden dwelling on the west of the bowling alley, a number of wooden houses on View street at the rear of the destroyed buildings, and the stock of Richard Davenport, wood and coal merchant, on the right of Gillespie & Hart's building. All these buildings, however, by the work of the fire brigade were saved, although the houses facing on View street and the premises at either side of the destroyed building were on fire at the time of the arrival of the brigade.
The intensity of the fire is demonstrated by the fact that the windows of the stores on the south side of Fort street are cracked, the damage having been done by the heat of the flames on the other side of the street.

The scene this morning is a wreck of ruined buildings. The bowling alley is entirely destroyed, not an upright being left standing. The adjoining building is beyond repair, but is not entirely burnt out. Beyond a few dollars, however, the large stock of furniture held for private sale and auction purposes by Davies & Sons, is destroyed. The front of the building is badly damaged and the rear portion is consumed entirely. The building will have to be torn down. At the rear of the houses facing on View street are scorched and burnt on the surface; the windows are broken, having succumbed to the heat. The house on Fort street on the south of the bowling alley, about three feet from it is burnt on the outside, and sustains some damage.

The fire was leaping through the roof of the bowling alley when the brigade received the call this morning at about 4:15, and when the brigade arrived the alley and the adjoining buildings were doomed. To the inexperienced eye it appeared nothing could save the houses at the rear and facing on View street. The occupants made ready to fly and give their dwellings over to the flames, but owing to the work of the fire brigade these houses were saved beyond a little surface damage.
Fire Chief Thomas Davis had out the full equipment of the brigade and two engines working. Altogether nine streams of water were played on the flames. The fire chief this morning said the water pressure was good and perfectly satisfactory.
During the fire there were several explosions of gasoline, which helped to feed the flames, and make the heat more intense and the danger to the surrounding buildings greater. The gasoline, the fire chief says, was stored in the building owned by Dr. G. L. Milne. The Victoria Air, Light & Power Company occupied offices in the building, and had a storage warehouse at the rear of the premises, where they stored the stock and fittings of the firm. W. Oliphant, a member of the company, said this morning the firm's loss would be \$2,000 and that the stock was entirely uninsured.
The fire was seen at 4:15 a.m. by the clerk of the Vernon hotel, who saw flames coming through the roof. He turned in an alarm. Davies & Sons' insurance cannot be ascertained exactly, as their papers and policies were in the office and were burned in the fire. The firm will continue to do business, and will have a permanent location to-day, they expect. The losses sustained by clients of the firm whose goods were destroyed will be paid by Davies & Sons on a fair valuation. This announcement was made by a member of the firm this morning, who estimates the stock loss at \$15,000 and the insurance at \$3,000.
Fire Chief Davis spoke a word of credit for the Victoria police force, whose members were at the fire. He said the police were to be praised for the willing and able manner in which they turned to and helped out the brigade.

Dr. G. L. Milne and Mr. Gillespie, of Gillespie & Hart, asked this morning regarding the rebuilding of the premises, said they would probably wait until the widening of Fort street had been decided upon. Mr. Gillespie said his firm are agents for the owner, who is a brother of Mr. Hart, and he thought it likely that a substantial edifice would be erected in place of the frame building destroyed this morning.

WEDDED LAST NIGHT.
Miss Williams and Mr. Reid United in Marriage at Home of Bride's Parents.
A pretty home wedding took place last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, 2512 Third street, when their eldest daughter, Miss Mary Louise, was united in marriage with Mr. William George Reid, eldest son of Mr. Cross, Mr. Alfred Williams, brother of the bride, supported the groom, and Miss Mable Blake attended the bride. The Rev. T. W. Gladstone performed the ceremony.



SCENE AT FIRE ON FORT STREET EARLY THIS MORNING.

Several French schools are using machines which suck dust from the leaves of books, spray them with disinfectant and dry them with hot air.

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OHIO RIVER NOW NEARLY FREE OF ICE
Danger is Over and Traffic Will Be Resumed in a Few Days.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Evansville, Ind., Jan. 20.—It is believed to-day that the danger to navigation caused by the ice gorges that has been sweeping down the Ohio river since Monday is passed.
Thousands of tons of ice, have been forced upon the shores and the river is comparatively free to-day. Although the danger is apparently passed, little river shipping was attempted to-day. It is thought, however, that usual traffic will be resumed before the end of the week.
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PROGRESS OF COUNT IN LOCAL OPTION
Some Steady Gains Being Recorded—Recount Still in Progress.

The recount of the local option vote is still in progress and will not be finished to-day. Local optionists have gained since yesterday as follows: Cowichan 1, Island 1, Nanaimo 8, Alberni 11, Comox 10, Delta 2, Chilliwack 17, Richmond 6, Cariboo 1, Lillooet 1, Yale 25, Okanagan 28, Greenwood 1, Revelstoke 17, Ymir 7, Nelson 10, Cranbrook 14 and Fernie 6.
There are yet five constituencies to examine. The following gained 50 per cent with considerable votes over: Alberni, Chilliwack, Dewdney, Rich-

mond, Rosland, Kaslo, New Westminster, Okanagan and Grand Forks, to the present count. This gives a total of considerably over 300 added to the local option, with hundreds of ballots yet to be contested elsewhere.

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FACTS ABOUT THE RESERVOIR

OFFICIAL REPORT BY WATER COMMISSIONER

Though Leaking, Big Basin is Serving a Very Useful Purpose.

The facts about the Smith's Hill reservoir, insofar as information is obtainable by civic officials, are set forth by Water Commissioner Raymur in his annual report as follows:

The past year has seen the completion of the various works authorized by the Waterworks Loan By-law, 1908, and a statement of the expenditure under the various heads is enclosed herewith. The most important of these works is the much discussed and criticized Smith's Hill reservoir. The water was turned into the reservoir on the 20th of June last, but almost immediately signs of leakage began to develop. It was then emptied, and some defects being discovered, these were immediately repaired. The water was again turned in, but the leakage still continuing, it was again emptied, and the walls treated with a coating of neat cement. This was in August, and taking advantage of the presence in Victoria of Mr. John Galt, C. E., he was asked to make an examination of the structure. His opinion was that it was well built and strong, but that probably it would need further treatment before being perfectly watertight. The reservoir was again emptied in October, and some of the sagging joints in the bottom, having been found to have shrunk to a large extent, all the joints were made perfectly tight with new asphalt. The leakage, however, after passing the 3 feet level, still became excessive, so that we are now keeping from 7 to 8 feet of water in it, the leakage being from one-quarter inch to one-half inch over a two feet weir. Mr. Adams has been communicated with, and he has expressed his desire to come to Victoria, and do what he can to make good the defects, but the date of his coming is still uncertain. During the construction of the reservoir Mr. Adams, being the author of the plans, was in supreme charge as consulting engineer, the immediate charge being in the hands of the engineer in charge of the works, who reported direct to and received all orders from Mr. Adams. Mr. Icke was in charge until the 1st day of April, when he resigned. Mr. Kempky, who had just completed the high level tank, was then placed in charge, and continued until the reservoir was completed. At no time during the construction of the work did either the council, the city engineer, or any one connected with the water department in any way interfere with the carrying out of the work, or make the slightest alteration in any way of the plans, any alterations or suggestions being made in charge might have to make were referred to Mr. Adams direct, and if either of the engineers so failed to report to Mr. Adams any defects or had workmanship, the fault surely rests with them. The sole part played by the water department in connection with this matter was the procuring of supplies, and the paying of the men. No requisition for supplies was ever refused, and the foremen had full and complete control as to what workmen he employed, and the wages that he considered they were worth.

It must, however, be borne in mind that a structure that even partially fulfills the duty of which it was intended, cannot be called a "complete failure." The Smith's Hill reservoir was designed to fulfill three objects: To maintain an even pressure over all of the city; to provide better fire protection; and to maintain a reserve in case of an accident to the North Dairy pumping station. The first two are even under present conditions being carried out, the pressure at the city hill remaining steadily at 60 pounds whatever happens, while formerly 35 pounds was looked on as something wonderful, while 10 to 15 pounds was much more frequently the case. The fire at Brackman & Ker's mill proved the security for its matter how the firemen worked, without water they would have been helpless, as we had been, the case, prior to the reservoir being connected. The present level of from 7 to 8 feet provides for about a two days' supply in reserve under the drought at this time of the year. A full reservoir, of course, vastly improves all these conditions, but the present state of affairs is such a great improvement on former years that no comparison is possible.

PUPILS CARRIED FROM FLOOD SCHOOL

Volunteers Quickly Respond to Alarm and Rescue the Children.

Dayton, Wash., Jan. 20.—Volunteers yesterday carried the pupils of the Brookline school to safety while floodwaters gradually engulfed the building. The teacher did not notice the rising water until it was almost too late. An alarm was given and was responded to by male residents of Dayton. The children in the lower grades were first carried outside the flood zone, the older pupils awaiting their turn. There was no panic.

Several of Dayton's principal streets were flooded out, buildings, sidewalks, cordwood and debris floated in the current.

Hundreds of dollars damage is being done in Touchet valley by Rumpaging Patt and Touchet rivers. Water has risen four feet inundating the lower parts of the valley.

STATES MENACED BY YELLOW PERIL

A Building Trades Delegate Scores the Legislature of California.

Monterey, Cal., Jan. 20.—Declaring that the United States is menaced by an insidious yellow peril emanating from Japan, which first will "flood the Pacific coast with cheap labor and cheaper morals," Frank McGowan, of San Francisco, led the delegates of the annual convention of the State Building Trades Council in a significant anti-Japanese demonstration yesterday.

McGowan in an address before the convention, drew a picture of the tyranny with which the Japanese threaten the American laboring man, and after exhorting the last state legislature for its refusal to enact more rigorous anti-Japanese legislation, appealed for war if it is necessary to avert the impending industrial danger he said he could foresee.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Government Takes Steps to Hurry Through Business of Session.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave notice yesterday that next month, all the Wednesdays, now devoted to the business of private members, would be taken up by the government.

G. Gordon, of Nipissing, who has had for some time a public bill on the order paper regarding an amendment to the criminal code making it a crime to have silver ore which could not be accounted for in one's possession, secured the second reading of his measure, and the bill will now go to the private bills committee.

The debate on the budget was continued by Messrs. Wilson and Loggie. To Hon. G. E. Foster, Sir Wilfrid said an order in council had been passed on November 22nd last authorizing the purchase of a war vessel from the British Admiralty for fisheries protection on the Pacific.

Replying to Mr. Foster, Hon. F. Oliver said that there had been \$390 certificates for South African veterans issued regarding land claims.

STRIKES FAIL TO STRENGTHEN UNIONS

President Lewis Submits Report to Mine Workers' Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, in his annual report yesterday declared that strikes as a measure of strengthening organized labor have again proved a failure. He urged that they be resorted to only in extreme cases.

Lewis praised the joint conference methods of negotiating wage scales and advocated the creation of districts in which uniform wages shall prevail. One of these districts, he stated, should include Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Washington, while Canada should be permitted to carry on its wage negotiations without dictation or interference on the part of Mine Workers.

President Lewis condemned injunctions aimed to hamper union men and union operations. He also advocated a government bureau of mines to deal with the growing problem of the mining interests of the country.

CANADIAN INSURANCE BILL

Representatives of Companies Ask That a Number of Changes be Made.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—When the Senate sub-committee resumed consideration of the Insurance Bill yesterday, J. K. Macdonald, of the Life Officers' Association, informed the committee that British actuaries desired to be heard, and would send witnesses to Canada for the purpose.

Mr. Macdonald suggested a change in the clauses providing for a gain and loss exhibit, which would, he said, be

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BUTCHERS FORCED TO LOWER PRICES

Fifty Thousand Consumers in Cleveland Threatened Boycott.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 20.—With financial disaster facing them on one side because of the refusal of the public to purchase meat, and with ruin on the other because of the packing companies refusal in some instances to lower prices, the retail butchers of this city yesterday began a slashing of prices in order to keep up sales.

The desperate action of the butchers followed a pledge by 11,000 workmen representing 50,000 consumers, to remain on a vegetarian diet until meat prices are lowered.

Pork dropped two cents a pound yesterday from 15 cents. In some instances wholesalers made a cut in the prices of other meats to aid the butchers.

Reports from Akron, Berea and Martin's Ferry indicate that similar "meat boycotts" have been established, but the agitation is spreading through Ohio like wildfire.

The legislature, which is now in session, is expected to make the movement state wide by its influence in favor of the boycott.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Conservation of the natural resources, particularly with a view of unifying state laws affecting government domains, was the subject of discussion yesterday by the thirty governors of the various states, who are here attending the conference of governors.

A plan for a college of governors is expected to come before the conference before it adjourns, but it is reported that a majority of the governors are adverse to its formation.

SCHOOL ROOF COLLAPSES

Coffeyville, Kan., Jan. 20.—Fire drill here yesterday probably saved many lives when, following the collapse of the roof over a portion of the McKinley school building, 200 school children marched from their rooms to safety. None of them were hurt. Mackenzie were repairing the roof when it dropped. One was probably fatally hurt and three others less seriously injured.

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IN BRITAIN.

The returns received in this farthest west from the scene of the greatest and most momentous battle of the ballots ever waged in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland are not as explicit as they might be. But the published summaries of results of the four days' voting are probably approximately correct. These go to show that the pre-election estimates of neither of the great parties are being realized. The actual returns again prove the uncertainty of elections. The Conservatives expected to gain many seats in London and neighborhood, in the great cities and in the boroughs. They have made little headway in these places. They have not even succeeded in achieving that which they professed themselves confident of doing, restoring what they term the normal political balance. They anticipated that tariff reform would prove a most effective battery in the manufacturing centres. The actual results have just been the contrary of their anticipations. The great masters of industry may be favorable to tariff reform, as the Conservatives claim, which has yet to be proved, but the industrial population is against it.

counties, where the farmers hope to benefit by the exclusion of colonial and foreign products, and where the influence of the Lords and the great landowners is potent.

There is no question whatever about the continuance of the Asquith government in power. But neither is there any doubt that the majority of the Liberals will be greatly reduced. Lloyd George, in a statement issued to-day, professes his belief that the Prime Minister will have a majority irrespective of the support of the Nationalists. All who hope for political stability in the United Kingdom will pray for the realization of the prediction of the Chancellor. While the Nationalists are nominally at the present time ranged upon the side of the government, if the Home Rule measure promised by the Prime Minister did not meet with their approbation there is no question that given the balance of lower and realizing the advantage of their position on a division they would walk into the opposition lobbies, thus defeating the administration and precipitating chaos. This is a consummation no well-wisher of the Empire, whatever his views on the question of Home Rule, would regard without disquietude.

The union of the Liberals and the Nationalists may be said to be complete. Their political aspirations meet at practically all points. In nearly every constituency where the cause was not a common one the Liberal and Labor candidates have suffered defeat. This result emphasizes the necessity for unity of purpose and of action. It is to the credit of the chiefs of the cause of Labor that they have consistently placed themselves in the vanguard of the forces of social and political reform. One of the ablest of their leaders occupies a prominent place in the government, and has more than justified the action of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in marking him out for preferment. Rt. Hon. John Burns carries more than the guinea's stamp; he is of the true metal. His remarkable victory against the odds brought to bear against him proves that he has the confidence of all classes.

ADMONISHED.

Many thanks, dear "Well Wisher," for the kindly interest you appear to take in the immortal soul of the cynical editor. We do indeed trust that your prayer that the peace of God the Maker and Creator of the Universe may rest upon us, because we can assure you that the individual who has to do with the making of a newspaper can have little peace here below, where there is such diversity of opinion over many things, and where all views are expected to be aired in the press. We are all prone to error as the sparks fly upward, but to be the cause of error in others, especially in respect of the momentous matters to which you refer, carries with it a dreadful responsibility. Freely, therefore, we concede that it is given to no man under heaven to know or to prophesy when the end of this world shall come. We can quote Scriptural authorities for that dogma, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." There it is, taken from the very pamphlet you have furnished to put us to confusion. There is also something written about the Son of Man coming as a thief in the night. The only thing to do, apparently, is to be always ready and to pay no heed to those who set themselves up as prophets, deceiving themselves and attempting to deceive others.

Perhaps it may be well to explain to "Well Wisher" and a few others who dwell in the realms of theological speculation and anticipation that the issues they seek to raise are altogether outside the domain of newspaper-contractors. It is our business to deal with purely material and secular things, within which may be legitimately included everything that is calculated to uplift the moral, intellectual, and physical condition of the race. If the people use themselves kindly and honestly, mete out like treatment to their neighbors, and are diligent in their business, they may look forward to the end of this material world, which is at least at hand for all of us as individuals, with perfect equanimity.

Finally, it is safe to assume that if the great day of the coming should be postponed for a billion years, as one here materialist has suggested, there would probably arise at intervals during that time companies of men who professed to have correctly read the signs mentioned in Scripture, and subjected themselves to a special course of physical and spiritual treatment, only to find in the end that they had deceived themselves as many others had done before them.

The letter signed "Neutral" appeared in the Daily Times of January 12th of 1910, under the title "A Plea For the Lords."

We suppose the merchants, the supply houses and the manufacturers of Victoria know all there is to know from a business point of view of a place called Genoa Bay, situated between thirty-five and forty miles from this city. Doubtless wherever a considerable number of settlers are gathered together, with a large saw mill in the midst thereof, travellers representing Victoria houses are regularly found there also. It is the business of such

pushing persons to keep their eyes open for opportunities. But if they know all about what is going on at Genoa Bay, the Times is obliged to confess it had hitherto known very little about it, and it fancies the majority of its readers, if frank and candid, would be compelled to admit a like condition of mind. We call attention to this matter just to indicate what may be expected to take place in the development of Vancouver Island once the transportation projects at present under way or about to be undertaken have opened up the resources of the country to exploitation and the country itself to settlement. How many people in Victoria know that at Genoa Bay there is a saw mill plant of the most up-to-date kind which cost not less than two hundred thousand dollars, which gives employment to a large number of people directly and provides a livelihood for a considerable number indirectly? The point which was not so long ago only a name on the map has developed into a small village, with a public school, a store, a large boarding house and a considerable number of private residences. Vancouver Island is developing faster than most of us realize.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor of British Columbia, if he were a small man, might be jealous of the Colonist. The speech from the throne, which the Governor is supposed to be the first to read, outside of the members of the cabinet of course, was twice printed in the columns of our contemporary this morning. This singular thing would not have called for comment but for the coincidence mentioned, that the speech appeared in two places at once in the columns of the government organ. If it had been printed on the editorial page alone, the natural conclusion might have been that the myriad-minded one who outlines railway policies and numerous minor political programmes in advance, had anticipated the thoughts of his chiefs, or possibly had been called upon by the Premier to construct the speech for him. But for a subordinate also to anticipate the deliverance of His Honor is hardly conceivable. The only conclusion, therefore, is that the editor and the reporter both had copies of the speech placed before them by a confiding government, and that the publication in advance was under authority. The matter is of little consequence of course. Hon. T. W. Paterson does not care a button whether he speaks at first or second hand. Nor is there anything in his format discourse that is of great public importance. But some persons in high position might not relish such an obvious violation of the proprieties.

Mr. Balfour has said he did not believe tariff reform would increase the price of food. The farmers of England are evidently not of the same opinion. They believe a duty on agricultural products would have the effect of increasing that which they have to sell, and they are voting in favor of higher prices. No one can blame them for taking advantage of such an opportunity. They cannot feed the population of Britain. A large part of the food products consumed is imported from Canada and from foreign countries. Anything that tended to exclude foreign food stuffs would inevitably increase the price of the domestic supply. The farmers see the point and will profit by it if they can. In Canada the conditions are just the reverse. The farmers are exporters. They are bound to be, because they produce millions upon millions of dollars' worth of farm products in excess of what can be consumed by our sparse population. Our agriculturists are free traders and our city dwellers protectionists for the most part. In Great Britain the condition from this time forward will be a rural population of protectionists and a city population of free traders. Where there were formerly a sufficient number of class distinctions and class antagonisms surely, a source of political bitterness has been introduced which will be fiercer, perhaps, than any of the others.

PERSONAL.

J. F. Bledsoe, well known as a newspaper man and in connection with mining enterprises in the province, is in the city at present.

W. Garland Foster, editor of the Nelson Daily News, is in the city for a few days. He reports that conditions in the interior are very bright.

A horse belonging to Henry Stanley, of Victoria West, was accidentally struck by a car this morning and had its leg broken. Dr. Brown arrived on the scene and ordered the animal shot. The horse had suddenly wheeled around and was hit by the car.

Ald. Humber has given notice that at the next meeting of the city council he will present a motion providing for the expenditure of the sum of approximately \$17,500 for three or more public conveniences in the business section of the city.

At the next meeting of the council the board of library commissioners will be appointed. The present commissioners are Ald. McKeown and J. H. Scholfield, provincial librarian. Canon Beaulieu was a commissioner last year, but after his departure for England the supervision of the library was left in the hands of the other two commissioners.

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Ladies' Kid Gloves, Special on Friday at 75c

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LADIES' GLACE KID GLOVES, two clasp. Colors black and tan. Per pair 75c
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Friday's Bargains in Umbrellas, \$1.25

MEN'S UMBRELLAS, with natural wood handles, good strong mercerized covers, fast black. Very useful umbrella. \$1.25
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Hosiery at Bargain Prices for Friday

CHILDREN'S PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, grey heel and toe. Sizes 4 and 4 1/2 only. Per pair 10c
BOYS' WORSTED HOSE, elastic leg. Size 6 only. Pair 15c
BOYS' WORSTED HOSE, heavy ribs, for school wear. Sizes 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2 only. Per pair 25c
LADIES' RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, black only. All sizes. Per pair 25c
LADIES' RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, double heel and toe. Black only. All sizes. Per pair 35c
LADIES' RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, colors black and tan. All sizes. 25c
LADIES' PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, three different weights, fine, medium and heavy. Fast black. All sizes. Pair 50c
LADIES' COLD LISLE THREAD HOSE, lace ankles. Colors are taupe, mole, myrtle, rose, reseda, amethyst. Pair 35c

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DUCHESS CLOTH, fine rich satin finish, in light navy, navy, marine, grey, taupe, myrtle, moss, seal brown, nut brown. Sale 75c
SELF-STRIPED SATIN CLOTH, in reseda, navy, marine, seal brown, myrtle, gendarme, grey, taupe, 52 inches wide. Sale \$1.00
SATIN SOLIEL, in navy, terra cotta, grey, brown. Sale 50c
PANAMA, navy, marine, light grey, brown, seal brown, myrtle and black. Sale 50c
DUCHESS CLOTH, in navy, tangerine, fawn, reseda, myrtle, sage, seal brown, light brown. Sale \$1.00
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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION Resolved—That I will have my photo taken at Foxall's studio, 1111 Government street. He has the latest styles.

The International Brotherhood of Firemen's Union will give a smoker to their friends on Saturday, January 22nd, at 8 p.m. in A. O. U. W. hall.

Ladies' Tweed Coats, some with the new Napoleon collars and high-fitting waist effects, others with velvet-trimmed collars and semi-fitting styles. All are splendidly tailored and the fit of every coat is guaranteed. Regular prices \$8.55, \$10.50 and \$11.75. January sale price, \$7.90. Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

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The Longshoremen's union will, on Saturday night, give a smoker in the A. O. U. W. hall, at 8 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Stanley avenue, will be held this evening, 30th inst., at 8 o'clock. Reports for the past year and election of church officers will be the principal business. All members and adherents are invited. Refreshments will be served.

The condition of the foreshore at Ross Bay cemetery is causing the attention of Assistant City Engineer Bryson. Yesterday he paid a visit to the cemetery and found the situation so serious that he will recommend immediate action at to-morrow night's meeting of the City Council. Mr. Bryson favors the building of a groin at right angles to the beach, such as is done at some points along the coast of England. As a result of the recent severe gales, the bank has washed away and in some cases graves have been exposed.

A press cable from London announces the appointment of George McL. Brown to the position of European manager of the C.P.R., succeeding the late Archer Baker, who died rather suddenly a few days ago. The news of Mr. Brown's promotion will be hailed with delight by his large number of friends in Victoria and throughout British Columbia. He spent many years here while acting as executive agent for the C.P.R. and was deservedly popular. For the past three years he has been general steamship agent of the C.P.R. in London. His new post is considered one of the most important in the gift of the company. He will have charge of all the company's business in the whole of Europe.

The following officers for the ensuing year were installed at last evening's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council: Bro. J. C. Walters, re-elected president; Bro. J. Douglas, re-elected secretary; Bro. C. Sivartz, re-elected corresponding secretary; Bro. T. Bell, recording and financial secretary; Bro. G. H. Tibbets, treasurer; Bro. A. Young, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee is composed of President J. C. Walters, Corresponding Secretary C. Sivartz, Treasurer G. Tibbets, Bro. J. Douglas, W. Clark and A. E. McEachern. The auditor's annual report showed that the finances of the council are in a flourishing condition. Credentials were received from the Street Railway Employees, Cigar-makers and Laborers' unions. Bro. W. Gibson, J. Davidson, George Gardiner, T. Bell and H. King, representing the Street Railway Employees; Bro. John Price, representing the Cigar-makers, and A. R. Sherk representing the Laborers' union.

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CARRYING FREIGHT OVER CITY STREETS

Court of Appeal Hears Argument on an Important Question.

Whether the B. C. Electric Railway Company shall or shall not carry freight over its city lines will be decided by the Court of Appeal, which heard argument yesterday afternoon from counsel for the city and the company.

The proceedings originated in an application by the city for a writ of injunction to restrain the company from running a spur from its Spring Ridge line near the terminus into the gravel pits, the argument of the city barrister on that being largely directed to the question of the right of carrying freight through the city streets. Mr. Justice Martin decided for the company and refused the injunction, whereupon the city appealed. Arguments were heard yesterday by Chief Justice Macdonald, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Gailther. W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, appeared for the city, and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for the company.

It was argued on behalf of the city that the special powers for the carriage of freight, express and mail only, stipulated on lines outside the city limits, Council for the company contended that it would be absurd to give power to carry freight to the limits and deny it there to be carried in by train, meaning a great additional expense. It was pointed out that citizens had for years been clamoring for a cheap and speedy means of transport for farm produce from the country districts about the city into town, and that their wishes would be defeated if the company was to be refused the right to bring freight in over the city streets. The court reserved judgment in the matter.

NEW TAX COLLECTOR.

E. A. Lewis is Expected to Succeed R. Carter in Government Service.

It is understood that the position of income tax collector for the city of Victoria, Spanish, Esquimalt and the Island, which has for years been held by E. Carter, is to be taken by A. E. Lewis. Mr. Lewis will assume office in a few days.

Mr. Lewis has been prominent in the educational, philanthropic and political life of the city for many years, having been a member of both the school and hospital boards, and of the Conservative Association. It is which he was for some time president. He is at present chairman of the hospital board. His appointment, while unobjectionable on personal grounds, is regarded, like that of Mr. Carson, as a purely political appointment, and out of harmony with the government's professed desire to make the civil service non-political.

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GEORGE JAY IS CHAIRMAN AGAIN

NOON RECESS WILL NOT BE EXTENDED

School Board Appoints the Committees and Starts Year's Work.

George Jay, who has served as chairman of the school board for several years, was again elected last night to sit at the head of the board's long table in the school board offices and preside again over the deliberations of the trustees for another year.

Mr. Jay's nomination was put by Trustee McIntosh and seconded by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins at last night's meeting, directly after Superintendent Paul had read the returns of the election and congratulated Trustees Mr. Jenkins, McIntosh, Christie and Riddell on their reelection to the board. The resolution appointing George Jay chairman was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jay shortly expressed his appreciation of the honor in being named the board's chairman again. He congratulated the four re-elected trustees and said he trusted the relations of the board would during the present year be as harmonious as in the past.

The chairman appointed the same standing committees to act this year as last. They are: Building and grounds, Trustees Riddell, Staneland and McNeill; Finance, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Christie and McIntosh.

From the vote taken at the board's instructions by the superintendent, from the parents of scholars attending the Victoria schools, it is expected that parents do not want any extension of the noon recess hour. It was suggested that half an hour be allowed additional in the noon time, and also in the afternoon recess. The total vote submitted by the superintendent last night was 1,225 against and 352 for. The various schools voted as follows:

Girls' Central 70 27 For. Against. Boys' Central 84 210 South Park 55 205 North Ward 32 130 Victoria West 16 120 Spring Ridge 25 74 Hillside 26 37 Kingston Street 44 110

Total 352 1,225

The above do not include the returns from Rock Bay school which have not been compiled, but which cannot affect the result. High School Principal S. J. Willis wrote the board asking the sum of \$248 to be put in this year's estimates to provide forty cadets' uniforms, and that an additional sum of \$40 be provided for keeping clean the arms. This latter amount brought Trustee McIntosh to his feet. He spoke strongly on the duties of a soldier, and said the boy who cannot clean his own gun and keep it perfectly clean will never make a soldier. That should be, he thought, one of the most important matters in the cadet corps, and he certainly would not support spending \$40 to pay a man to clean the arms of the cadets. The chairman appointed Trustees McIntosh and Staneland, with Superintendent Paul to wait on the city council and see how the matter would be received if placed on the estimates.

The North Ward pupils have subscribed \$26 towards a plan, and the principal broke last night asking that the board place \$50 on the estimates. He said they had a \$3000 instrument in view, and would raise the balance if the board allowed \$50. The request was laid over to be taken up next to the estimates.

Timmons Brothers complained that the contractors for the metal roofing of the Moss street school intended to bring in men from outside to do the work. The contractor for the Pacific Sheet Metal Company. The board held it could not dictate to the contractors and the letter was filed.

Hibben & Company were awarded the contract for drawing paper, being the second lowest tender. P. Smith to whom was awarded the tender in the first place, had failed to supply the goods and his contract is cancelled.

Several matters of routine were attended to, and the board then went into private committee to discuss the salary report.

—Mr. Geo. Murray has awarded the contract for a new bungalow residence to D. H. Bale, to be built on Irving street.

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Alexander D. Campbell. Deceased was born in Moose Jaw and was 29 years of age. He has been engaged as a teamster in this city for some time. The remains were forwarded last night by the Victoria undertaking parlors to Moose Jaw, where they will be interred. E. W. Thiel, a brother-in-law of the deceased, accompanied the body.

—The film, "The Heroine of Mafeking," will be shown at the Majestic theatre to-morrow afternoon and evening. The picture is one which should be seen by all, as it is an event of the history of the Boer war, and will prove very instructive to all school children.

—The annual local option convention of British Columbia will be held in Grand street hall on Thursday, February 10th, all day. Those attending from the mainland should leave by the boat from Vancouver at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9th. Single tickets and standard certificates should be taken. Arrangements for reduced rates are made on all railways. Matters of great importance will be discussed by able speakers, and it is hoped all men and women who are in favor of local option, and can come, will do so—that only is the qualification for a delegate. Leagues, ministers, churches, lodges and unions, all of whom are local optionists are most cordially invited to be present in Victoria. Headquarters will be at the Y. M.C.A., and no billenting.

MOTORING DISTANCES.

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LADIES' PATENT BLUCHER BOOTS, the Empress shoe, etc. Values up to \$6.00. Sacrifice Sale **\$2.95**

LADIES' FOUR-STRAP SLIPPERS, regular \$2.00. Sacrifice Sale **\$1.25**

BOYS' STRONG SCHOOL BOOTS, regular \$2.50. Sacrifice Sale **\$1.25**

CHILDREN'S 35c FELT SLIPPERS. Sacrifice Sale **10c**

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Government Street

WIDENING OF FORT STREET

PLANS FOR IMPROVING CENTRE OF THE CITY

When Work is Carried Out Important Business Thoroughfare Will Be Provided.

The preliminary work in connection with the widening and improvement of Fort street is proceeding apace, and it is altogether probable that at its next meeting the city council will have the property owners of the thoroughfare before them asking for the municipal sanction necessary to carry out the projected work.

The original plan has been modified and altered to some extent. This proposal was to widen the street from Douglas to Cook, already over half of the assessed value of the property affected is represented by the signatures of the owners, and in a few days the petition will embrace not only this proportion of values but of individuals as well.

The plan is to take eight feet off of each side of the street, to pave with some permanent material (the petitioners do not regard blocks as a material system of lights on each side of the street). Under the contemplated plan also it is expected that the B. C. Electric Railway Company will centre their tracks, leaving a good wide space on each side of the rails for the traffic. Fort street is now sixty feet in width, but under the new plan it will be seventy-six feet wide—broader than Government street.

The majority of the owners are enthusiastic over the possibilities of trade development which will follow, the consensus of opinion being that it will convert Fort into the longest continuous retail street in the city, and that within five years the business section will extend to Cook street, which cannot fail to become a magnificent thoroughfare.

It is intended to proceed with the work as soon as the council provides the machinery.

LEGISLATURE OPENED BY LIEUT.-GOV. PATERSON

(Continued from page 1.)

At the request of the Imperial government, and with a view of having uniform laws throughout the Empire relating to companies, your assistance will be invoked in simplifying and consolidating the various acts in relation to companies.

As some apprehension appears to exist among licensees of timber lands as to the effect of the terms upon which licenses are held, it is proposed to settle the question as to the continuity of tenure of these licenses by an amendment to the Land Act.

On account of the great increase in the work of the provincial courts, it has been deemed advisable to call into force by proclamation the "Court of Appeal Act, 1907." The establishment of this court will greatly facilitate the administration of justice and tend to lessen the costs and avoid the delays of litigation.

As questions have arisen as to the jurisdiction and privilege possessed by British Columbia in the fisheries, water rights within the Dominion railway belt, and as to title in the lands known as Indian reserves, my advisers have taken steps to bring about a determination of these matters.

the House had been cleared the business session was opened with prayer by Bishop Perrin. Routine business was transacted, some reports were presented and the House adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow, when the address in reply to the speech will be moved by Ernest Miller, Grand Forks, and seconded by Frank J. Mackenzie, the man who defeated John Oliver in Delta.

The government supporters met in caucus last evening and chose A. E. McPhillips, K. C., as permanent chairman of caucus, W. R. Ross, K. C., as chief whip, and H. B. Thomson as deputy whip.

This afternoon from 4 to 6 Premier McBride and Mrs. McBride are holding an "at home" at their residence.

This evening his honor the lieutenant-governor will entertain the members of the government, several of the members and other guests at dinner, following the custom in all Canadian legislative bodies on the evening of the opening.

INTERESTING CASE IN THE APPEAL COURT

Suit Over a Defective Oven in a Bakery Before Judges This Morning.

The Court of Appeal was this morning engaged in hearing arguments in the case of Baker vs. Atkins, an appeal from a judgment of Mr. Justice Martin. Plaintiff sued for damages for the loss of a bakery which was destroyed by fire, contending that the fire had been caused by reason of an oven, built by defendant, collapsing, and the action was dismissed.

J. A. Alkman is appearing for plaintiff and Frank Higgins for defendant. Mr. Alkman opened his argument this morning, but had not concluded when the court rose at noon. Mr. Alkman went very fully into the construction of the oven. It appears that while the oven was in course of construction, and after it had been put in use, it had been contended by plaintiff that the same was faulty in construction. Several attempts were made to remedy the defects, and ultimately it was accepted as satisfactory.

POPULAR VICTORIAN WEDDED YESTERDAY

Interesting Ceremony at St. James Church, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet Officiating.

A pretty but quiet church wedding took place last night at St. James' church, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet officiating, when Miss Emily Nicholles, third daughter of Major Nicholles, was united in marriage with Mr. M. English, of New Westminster. Miss Lilian Nicholles, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and the bride was given away by her father.

The church was very prettily decorated with ivy and chrysanthemums, and a full choral service was held. At the conclusion the bridal party adjourned to the home of the bride's father on Medina street, where the wedding supper was served.

For the ceremony the bride looked very beautiful, gowned in white moire watered silk over white taffeta, and with the usual yell and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid wore white crepe de chene, the bridal bouquet being roses and lilies.

Only the relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Boutbee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, the Misses Carr, Mrs. English, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. Winsby, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. D. York.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

The person who couldn't enjoy a succession of hearty laughs during a Pantages performance this week would have to be a natural born groucher. Comedy crops out all over the programme, and the offering of Torge and Danzel, German comedy characters, and Phil Le Toek, assisted by Arthur Elwell, keeps the audience in a continual chuckle. The balance of the show is very pleasing, and the whole bill a decided success.

The funeral of the late Oscar Gustafson took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors, where services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Drabb.

There passed away yesterday at the family residence, Feltham road, Gordon Head, Gudrum Postok, the beloved wife of B. B. Postok. Deceased was born in Finland, and had reached the advanced age of 84 years. For several years she has resided in this country. Her husband and one son, who live in this city, are left to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors, Rev. Mr. Garlick will officiate.

POLLING TO-DAY IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS

London, Jan. 20.—To-morrow will see the last of the borough polling. To-day there is a continuation of county pollings, leaving the fate of the government and budget in the hands of country electors. The Conservatives expect to win back some of the rural seats.

Keir Hardie, the British labor leader, was returned to parliament as the result of to-day's returns. He contested one of the seats in Merthyr Tydvil. Following are the results of a number of elections held yesterday:

Berkshire, Abingdon. Major A. C. Henderson, Unionist, 4,534; E. A. Strauss, Liberal, 2,778. Unionist gain.

Buckingham. G. W. Verney, Liberal, 6,065; Hon. T. F. Fremantle, Unionist, 5,944. No change.

Cheshire, Macclesfield. Col. W. B. Brocklehurst, Liberal, 4,825; Col. W. Bromley Dawsonport, 4,584. No change.

Edinburgh. H. Barnston, Unionist, 5,684; Hon. A. L. Stanley, Liberal, 4,978. Unionist gain.

Cumberland, Cockermouth. Sir F. Randles, Unionist, 4,579; Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Liberal, 3,623; Whitehead, Labor, 1,909. No change.

Devonshire, Tiverton. W. L. C. Walron, Unionist, 4,945; I. Heathcote, Amoy, Liberal, 4,195. No change.

Dorsetshire, Shaftsbury. Sir Randolph Baker, Unionist, 4,983; A. W. Willis, Liberal, 2,944. Unionist gain.

Durham, Chester-le-Street. J. W. Taylor, Labor, 12,684; S. Duncomb Shatto, Unionist, 9,491. No change.

Hampshire, Fareham. A. H. Lea, Unionist, 10,117; J. Handy, Liberal, 5,762. No change.

Hertfordshire, Hertford. S. J. Rolleston, Unionist, 8,147; E. B. Barnard, Liberal, 4,475. A Unionist gain.

Kenil, Tonbridge. Capt. H. Spencer Clay, Unionist, 5,240; A. F. Redge, Liberal, 5,000. A Unionist gain.

Lilly, Liberal, 6,351. No change. Lancashire North, Chorley. Lord Balcarras, Unionist, 7,735; W. L. Blease, Liberal, 6,522. No change.

Lincolnshire, Spalding. F. McLaren, Liberal, 5,527; W. S. Royle, Unionist, 5,148. No change.

Norfolk, Dereham. W. L. Boyle, Unionist, 4,724; W. L. Lester, Liberal, 4,285. Unionist gain.

Northamptonshire, Mellingboro. Sir F. Channing, Liberal, 3,672; Sir A. Brooke, Unionist, 682. No change.

Northumberland, Berwick-on-Tweed. Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Liberal, 5,497; T. W. H. Inskip, Unionist, 3,227. No change.

Oxfordshire, Henley. V. Fleming, Unionist, 5,440; F. Morrell, Liberal, 4,946. Unionist gain.

Radnorshire. C. T. Venables-Lloyd, Unionist, 2,222; S. F. Edwards, Liberal, 2,298. Unionist gain.

GEORGIAN BAY RAILWAY. Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The railway committee of the Commons to-day put through the bill extending by two years the charter of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Railroad Company.

MONTREAL CIVIC ELECTIONS. Montreal, Jan. 20.—Nominations were held to-day for mayor, board of control and aldermen.

Judge Lampman handed down judgment this morning in the case of Alan vs. MacEachern, which was tried in the County court a short time ago. Plaintiff claimed \$100 damages for the detention of a launch by defendant. The plaintiff claimed that the launch had been built by contract, and the defendant that it had been built by day labor. Owing to a delay in construction, due to disputes, plaintiff found it necessary to hire a launch for a period of two months. The plaintiff was awarded \$25 damages.

The British Columbia Union of Municipalities will assemble in Victoria in convention on February 1st at the city hall, Dr. Lewis Hall, who is a member of the executive committee, will handle the business which was forwarded to the union during the regime of the last city council in Victoria.

Reeve Bell, of Enderby, is chairman of the union, and Reeve Rose, of Surrey, is secretary. A conference has been arranged with the attorney-general for Wednesday, February 2nd.

The monthly social of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, was held on Wednesday evening at the residence of Fred Peatt, Russell street. There was a large turnout of young people and their friends. A very enjoyable evening was spent with vocal and instrumental music, and a recitation by A. Sample. Miss Beatrice Bell conducted a musical contest, which was most entertaining. Mrs. Maclean and Miss McKenzie carried off the prizes. Delightful refreshments were served and a hearty vote of thanks accorded Mr. and Mrs. Peatt for their kindness and hospitality.

TRADE COMMISSION.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Hon. W. Paterson and Hon. W. S. Fielding left for New York this afternoon, where they will to-morrow meet the British members of the Imperial West Indian trade commission. After a conference in New York Mr. Fielding will return to Ottawa and Hon. Mr. Paterson will accompany the other commissioners to Jamaica. He will be absent about six weeks inquiring into reciprocal trade possibilities between Canada and the West Indies and British Guiana. Meanwhile Hon. W. Templeman will be acting minister of customs.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT. Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—George Wilson, 14 years of age, died in the California hospital to-day from the effects of a shot fired by Howard Grandis, another lad, while scuffling with a negro boy named Lemuel Grant.

Following a fight with Grant late yesterday, Grandis ran away, returning later with a rifle, which witnesses allege he pointed at the negro. Grant grappled with him, and the gun was discharged.

The bullet from the weapon struck the pavement and shattered. Four pieces of metal entered Wilson's body.

The standard height for recruits for the British Grenadier Guards is to be reduced to 5 ft. 6 in.

TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned until noon, January 23rd, for the excavation and sewer connection for the proposed Y.M.C.A. Building at the corner of View and Blanchard streets.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 15 years of age, may homestead a quarter section (25 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made by any agent, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.
DUTIES - Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead or farm of at least 30 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING RIGHTS.

COAL - Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1.00 per acre. Not more than 2500 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.
QUARTZ - A person eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim 1500 feet by 1500 feet. Fee, \$50. All claims must be expensed on the claim each year. Must be filed in Mining Recorder. When \$50 has been expended or paid, the requirements complied with, the claim may be purchased at \$1.00 an acre.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS.

Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of ten years. Rental, \$10 a mile per annum. Royalty, 1 per cent, after the output exceeds \$10,000.

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N.B. - Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable:
1. To grade, rock surface and drain Edward street, from Russell street to the Songhees Indian Reserve, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of said street, with curbs, gutters and boulevards including maintenance;
2. To grade, rock surface and drain Manchester road, to provide a road to Gorge road, and to construct permanent sidewalks, of concrete, on both sides thereof, with curbs, gutters and boulevards including maintenance;
3. To construct a permanent sidewalk, of concrete, on the south side of McClure street, between Vancouver street and Cook street, and to construct curbs, gutters and boulevards including maintenance on both sides of said street between Vancouver street and Cook street;
And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works, showing the amount of estimated charges to be levied in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the council,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be benefited for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the council may by by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C.,
30-3097 31th, 1910.

ON CAPACITY OF ELK LAKE STATEMENT BY THE WATER COMMISSIONER

No Fear of a Shortage During the Next Five Years, He Declares.

In his annual report Water Commissioner Raymur makes a reference to ability of Elk lake to supply the needs of the city for the next five years and now that the new council will hold a special meeting to-morrow evening to deal with the whole question of water supply in the light of recent developments, it is of special interest. Mr. Raymur says:

A good deal of misapprehension seems to be abroad as to Elk lake being able to supply the city during the five years that the Sooke lake scheme will take to complete, and it has been suggested that the city will in that case be forced to buy water from the Esquimalt waterworks, and pay for it by the gallon. Elk lake is from thirty to ninety feet deep, and if it were finally decided that the Sooke lake water would be in the city in five years, there could be no objection to drawing on the reserve in Elk lake and lowering it if necessary ten feet, and after the Sooke lake system is completed, allowing it to recover itself by degrees. A pump capable of delivering from three to four million gallons per day could be installed for probably \$15,000 and the annual cost of running would probably be \$10,000 per annum, making the cost of three million gallons per day for five years \$45,000. To connect with the Esquimalt system would probably cost \$50,000, and at the rate of 6 per cent, per one thousand gallons the annual charge for one million per day would be \$21,500, added to the cost of connecting would make the cost of one million gallons per day for five years, \$107,500 for two million gallons per day, \$215,000, and for three million gallons per day \$322,500, as against \$65,000, by pumping from Elk lake.

The cost for water alone, taking three million gallons per day from the Esquimalt Waterworks Co., would be \$45,000 per annum, which is almost exactly the annual cost per fifty years of the Sooke lake project, with this difference, however, that in one case the works would be the property of the city, and at the end of fifty years would be entirely paid for. In the other case we would be exactly where we are to-day, and have nothing to show for the money expended. Were the quantity water increased to ten million gallons per day it would be before many years, the disadvantage to the city of buying water by the gallon is more strongly marked.

Unfortunately the precipitation has not been sufficient to enable the work in raising the dams at Elk and Beaver lakes to be utilized. The level of the lakes on January 1st, 1909, was forty-eight inches below high water mark and the highest level reached was twenty-four inches below high water mark on the 24th of February. The lowest level was on the 15th November, 79 inches below high water mark, the heavy rains at the end of November raised the water two feet and the level at the end of the season was forty inches below high water mark. The heavy rains at the end of November raised the hope that not only would the old level of the lakes be reached, but some surplus storage would be obtained. It was only natural to suppose, that December of the year, that the heavy rain at Beaver lake had not been one-quarter inch. There is still, however, a possible chance of heavy rains during the next three months. The low level of the water necessitated the use of a pump to pump the water over the filter beds. We were fortunately able to hire a wrecking pumping plant from the B. S. S. S. Co., with a capacity of about 300,000 gallons per day. This pump was installed on September 1st and returned on the 5th of December. Should this condition of things continue for some time it may be cheaper to buy a pump outright than to hire one.

The difference in the levels of the lakes from the extreme lowest to the highest was in 1908, 53 1/2 inches, and in 1909 55 inches, showing that although the demand has been very much higher it has been materially checked by metering of the entire system, which was completed by the end of June. The contract for meters was awarded to the Neptune Meter Co. for their "resident" meter, and so far they have given every satisfaction.

In Mr. Adams' first report he estimated that by the use of meters, Elk lake could be utilized until the population reached 35,000, which he estimated, taking the average of the former years, would be reached by 1913, the rapid increase of the last three years, had somewhat upset these calculations, and I think that the saving to be made from the meters has also been over-estimated. In the lower part of the town this saving has no doubt been made, but there is a portion of the city with large grounds that has all metered system does not affect. However, in the business portion of the city, and in the smaller houses, the effect is quite marked, and leaks are now promptly stopped, and waste that was formerly enormous is now carefully looked after.

WINS NEWSPAPER.

Wallace, Ida, Jan. 20.-L. W. Brooks owns a newspaper which he won in a game of pinocle from Harry Moore. Both Moore and Brooks are pinocle "fiends." Tuesday the two friends met and decided to engage in a game of their favorite pastime. To increase their interest in the game, Moore suggested that they make a wager on the result and offered to put his newspaper, "The Dividend," a weekly mining paper, against a box of cigars. Moore lost and, living up to his reputation as a true sport, yesterday turned his paper over to Brooks.

BANKER WALSH IN PRISON.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 20.-Banker John R. Walsh arrived here yesterday and was taken to his cell after the customary preliminary of entry. His number is 6861.

LET US ADVISE What is Best For the Eyes

The Hand of Time cannot be stayed: People grow old, as years advance, the eyes grow weaker. To preserve the sight means to help the eyes do the work, to help the eyes means to wear glasses—not any glasses, but scientifically fitted glasses.

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BROKERS BANKRUPT.

Forced to Suspend After Breaking of Coal and Iron Pool.

New York, Jan. 20.—There was an episode of the stock exchanges yesterday more spectacular in many respects than the Rock Island fiasco. With a break of more than 60 points, the so-called "Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron pool" was smashed, two stock exchange houses were forced to suspend and the market generally underwent a severe decline, involving the heaviest trading since the day of E. H. Harriman's death. Total sales aggregated 1,634,500.

An inquiry by the governors of the exchange will probably be the result. The firms involved are J. M. Fiske & Co., of 42 Broadway, and Lathrop, Haskins & Co., of 90 Broadway. The failure of both was caused by the collapse of the pool, and involuntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed against both companies yesterday.

Fiske & Co.'s liabilities are placed by creditors at \$750,000, with assets of \$100,000. Colmsel for the firm, however, estimated the firm's liabilities at \$2,500,000 at the close of business on Tuesday afternoon, with assets of \$2,000,000. He did not estimate the firm's financial resources after yesterday's developments.

In the bankruptcy petition, creditors allege the preferential transfer of property to one or more creditors, and further charge that the alleged bankruptcy firm permitted a considerable portion of its property to be concealed or removed with intent to hinder, delay and defraud creditors. Federal Judge Hand appointed a receiver last night. Assets and liabilities are not stated in the petition filed against Lathrop, Haskins & Co., although it is alleged that the claims of creditors in stock accounts aggregate \$14,200. Admission of insolvency is also alleged. No receiver has been appointed for this firm. The collapse in the pool was brought about primarily by the refusal of banks to make further advances on stock as collateral, and the inability or failure of those who were long of it to make good on their margins. The suspension of the two firms most vitally concerned was therefore a natural result. Several individuals are also said to have lost heavily. In all about 45,000 shares of Columbus and Hocking changed hands at a range from 88 1/2 to 25. The stock closed at 33 at a net loss of 54 1/2 points.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—Rabbi Elias Berman, of San Francisco, died here as a result of a stroke of apoplexy. The rabbi was stricken at the depot in this city while waiting for the train for his home city. He was hurried to the hospital where he expired several hours later without regaining consciousness. Rabbi Berman was pastor of the Orthodox Jewish congregation of San Francisco and was one of the best known rabbis in the west. He was on route from Manitoba and had come here from Seattle, where he had been visiting a daughter.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The shake-up of the Intercolonial board of management consequent upon the resignation of M. J. Butler, the chairman of that body, and deputy minister of railways, is likely to lead to a re-arrangement of the board. David Pottinger is said to be the government's choice for manager. Mr. Pottinger is now a member of the board. It is understood that Mr. Herbert, the general traffic manager of the C. P. R., is in line for a position on the board.

CHILDREN IN SLAVERY.

Italian Authorities Arouse to Flight Odious Traffic of Glassmakers. The Italian government is enforcing stringent measures for the suppression of the traffic in children under age by the glass-working industry in France. The minister of the interior states that official inquiry has shown appalling conditions. Agents of this odious sweating system tour Italian country districts, bargaining with poor parents and guardians for their children for a term of years.

ALLEGED "WHITE SLAVE" TRADER Former Officer of Spanish Navy is in Custody at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 20.—Francis de la Fronconia, formerly a captain in the Spanish army and a baritone singer, who has been heard in the opera houses of scores of South American and Mexican cities, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday on a charge of being engaged in the "white slave" traffic.

Francion was arrested at the Portola cafe, where he was engaged as a singer. Following his arrest, Senora Amalia Fernandez-Calderana, a Mexican actress, who is alleged to have left her husband to follow Francion into this country, was taken into custody.

The formal charge against Francion was filed upon orders from the federal authorities in New York. It is to the effect that he brought the woman to the United States "for immoral purposes."

Francion and Senora Calderon were placed in the Alameda county jail after their arrest, and their bail fixed at \$1,000. Tuesday evening it was raised to \$5,000 each upon the receipt of instructions from New York. Accompanying Senora Calderon when she came to San Francisco with Francion was her four-year-old daughter Anita. The woman declared that she had done no wrong in coming with Francion, and that her husband, whom the authorities say she deserted, is dead. Her arrest, she tearfully stated, was the result of a persecution to which she has been subjected by "refractory" minister in Mexico, who, she says, has influence with high government officials.

THE STRANGER IS KNOWN BY HIS TIE

Significance to Londoner of Male Headgear and Neckwear.

When, some years ago, says the London Mirror, one of the doorkeepers at a London theatre retired from his drafty calling, and was pensioned off by the management, it appeared that this old man, in all the years of his service, had never given a "pass out" check to any one of the thousands of men who must have passed his doorway.

But he never made a mistake. No one entitled to return was ever refused, and no one could pass in at the end of the interval who had not passed out at the beginning of it.

The secret of the old man's success was a curious one. He depended on his memory entirely, but he had trained his memory in a very curious way. He did not remember the men by their faces, their clothes, their hats, their boots, or by any peculiarity of gait or appearance. Manifestly such a feat would have been impossible for ordinary "pitties" are very much alike in these details.

He took the one detail on which men do differ, and remembered them by that—remembered them by their neckties.

Gaze around you in the railway carriage as you are reading this article and ask yourself if there is any one of your fellow-passengers that you would remember well enough to recognize again in, say, an hour's time. You will find there are very few people you could be sure of. There may be one with a large and conspicuous white beard, or a very young man with a pair of spectacles of unusual size; but nine out of ten have the same sort of hat, the same sort of clothes, and the same sort of figure.

The Londoner, in fact, seems to be standardized. He is built on a settled pattern. He is modelled to a type. His necktie is his sole bit of variety.

Into this world of standardized human beings comes, let us say, a colonial. Mighty London, with her vast crowds swarming over four continents, swallows him up. Yet, somehow, he preserves his individuality. He is conspicuous wherever he goes. He feels that all London is staring at him, and all London, as far as it has time, is staring at him.

CHILDREN IN SLAVERY.

Italian Authorities Arouse to Flight Odious Traffic of Glassmakers. The Italian government is enforcing stringent measures for the suppression of the traffic in children under age by the glass-working industry in France. The minister of the interior states that official inquiry has shown appalling conditions. Agents of this odious sweating system tour Italian country districts, bargaining with poor parents and guardians for their children for a term of years.

If successful, the children are packed off to the glass foundries, especially in Southern France, where they are utterly at the mercy of their captors. They are subjected to a life of heart-rending slavery and ill-treatment.

The ministerial decree severely censures the employers or local authorities, but for whose connivance or culpable negligence, it says, such acts on the part of the inhuman parents could not have been possible.

VACATING SALE! of Haberdashery and Men's Furnishings

During this sale the question of making a profit has been entirely lost sight of. Every dollar's worth of goods must be sold—hence the tremendous reductions. Careful shoppers will do well to avail themselves of this unusual opportunity of purchasing.

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There is nothing cheap or vulgar about these goods. Everything is exclusive and ultra fashionable—made by the best Canadian, European and American manufacturers. The styles are of the present day, and materials the best.

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Best quality English Oxford, Zephyr and Chambray Shirts, soft and stiff bosoms, beautiful patterns, guaranteed fast colors and durable wearers.
Regular \$2.00 for... \$1.15 Regular \$1.50 for... 95c
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WHITE STIFF BOSOM SHIRTS, open back, open front, or open back and front, full size. They are especially made for our own trade. Regularly sold at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Sale Price... 95c

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FORT GEORGE MAIL SERVICE.

Fort George, B. C., Jan. 19, via Blackwater, B. C., Jan. 19.—The people here petitioned the postmaster-general for a more frequent service and the petition was again ignored. Since the third Monday in December they have been paying half the cost of a fortnightly service and beginning next Monday they will send out a mail every Monday until steamboat navigation is resumed between Fort George and Soak Creek on May 1st. Even with a twice a month service it takes six weeks to get a reply from Victoria. Hereafter letters mailed in Victoria on or before Saturday will reach Fort George in eight days, as there will be no delay at Ashcroft or Quesnel.

POLICE TO LOSE CLUBS.

New York, Jan. 20.—Following the dismissal from the police department to-day of Patrolman John W. Mann on a charge of clubbing a prisoner, it was announced that Mayor Gaynor, who has taken an active part in the crusade against police "clubbers," is in favor of depriving policemen of clubs and revolvers. Police Commissioner Baker has been holding daily conferences with the mayor on the matter, and it is predicted that the city hall that an order will soon be issued disarming the police of their clubs, at least.

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TENDERS

TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned until 12 o'clock on Friday, Jan. 28th, 1910, for the purchase and removal of the houses and outbuildings on the M. C. A. property, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, 1329, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1339, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1347, 1349, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1363, 1365, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1373, 1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1391, 1393, 1395, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1423, 1425, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445, 1447, 1449, 1451, 1453, 1455, 1457, 1459, 1461, 1463, 1465, 1467, 1469, 1471, 1473, 1475, 1477, 1479, 1481, 1483, 1485, 1487, 1489, 1491, 1493, 1495, 1497, 1499, 1501, 1503, 1505, 1507, 1509, 1511, 1513, 1515, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1525, 1527, 1529, 1531, 1533, 1535, 1537, 1539, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1551, 1553, 1555, 1557, 1559, 1561, 1563, 1565, 1567, 1569, 1571, 1573, 1575, 1577, 1579, 1581, 1583, 1585, 1587, 1589, 1591, 1593, 1595, 1597, 1599, 1601, 1603, 1605, 1607, 1609, 1611, 1613, 1615, 1617, 1619, 1621, 1623, 1625, 1627, 1629, 1631, 1633, 1635, 1637, 1639, 1641, 1643, 1645, 1647, 1649, 1651, 1653, 1655, 1657, 1659, 1661, 1663, 1665, 1667, 1669, 1671, 1673, 1675, 1677, 1679, 1681, 1683, 1685, 1687, 1689, 1691, 1693, 1695, 1697, 1699, 1701, 1703, 1705, 1707, 1709, 1711, 1713, 1715, 1717, 1719, 1721, 1723, 1725, 1727, 1729, 1731, 1733, 1735, 1737, 1739, 1741, 1743, 1745, 1747, 1749, 1751, 1753, 1755, 1757, 1759, 1761, 1763, 1765, 1767, 1769, 1771, 1773, 1775, 1777, 1779, 1781, 1783, 1785, 1787, 1789, 1791, 1793, 1795, 1797, 1799, 1801, 1803, 1805, 1807, 1809, 1811, 1813, 1815, 1817, 1819, 1821, 1823, 1825, 1827, 1829, 1831, 1833, 1835, 1837, 1839, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1855, 1857, 1859, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1873, 1875, 1877, 1879, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025, 2027, 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, 2047, 2049, 2051, 2053, 2055, 2057, 2059, 2061, 2063, 2065, 2067, 2069, 2071, 2073, 2075, 2077, 2079, 2081, 2083, 2085, 2087, 2089, 2091, 2093, 2095, 2097, 2099, 2101, 2103, 2105, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2117, 2119, 2121, 2123, 2125, 2127, 2129, 2131, 2133, 2135, 2137, 2139, 2141, 2143, 2145, 2147, 2149, 2151, 2153, 2155, 2157, 2159, 2161, 2163, 2165, 2167, 2169, 2171, 2173, 2175, 2177, 2179, 2181, 2183, 2185, 2187, 2189, 2191, 2193, 2195, 2197, 2199, 2201, 2203, 2205, 2207, 2209, 2211, 2213, 2215, 2217, 2219, 2221, 2223, 2225, 2227, 2229, 2231, 2233, 2235, 2237, 2239, 2241, 2243, 2245, 2247

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RAN FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE SEVERE GALE
Steamer Sandon Shipped a Giant Sea Over Poop Deck.

Steamer Sandon, which arrived yesterday in command of Capt. Scott, on Mauritius with a cargo of sugar, had went on to Vancouver to discharge, reported having had a very strenuous voyage. She called at Moran for coal and from that time on experienced very bad weather. The voyage occupied 63 days. For two days he ran before a severe gale and shipped a tremendous sea over her poop, which lifted a big coil of steel wire as if it had been a piece of cord. Happily, there was no one on that part of the vessel at the time or they would undoubtedly have been killed.

VICTIM OF FEUD DIES FROM WOUNDS

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 20.—Arthur Shibley, who was shot in High Bridge park recently by an unknown assassin, died here today. In spite of a mother's heroic efforts to save her child by a transfusion of her blood to his veins, the lad failed to rally.

TRAGEDY OF HANDWRITING.

Illegible handwriting, which has given rise to so many comedies, led to a tragedy in the case of Bacher, a musical enthusiast of the last century, who devoted several years to the composition of a history of Viennese music. His task finished, he submitted the manuscript to the Austrian Imperial Academy, which he had been led to believe would defray the cost of its publication. After three months his manuscript was returned. Despite their best efforts, the members had been unable to decipher it. Bacher then endeavored to have his work copied, but every professional copyist who undertook the task had to confess himself baffled. He thereupon attempted dictating the work, only to find that even he could not decipher it, and, heartbroken at the discovery that his years of toil had proved fruitless, he attempted suicide, and finished his days in a lunatic asylum. Chicago News.

FOUR LOSE LIVES IN TRAIN WRECK

Denver, Colo., Jan. 20.—The wreck of a runaway freight train on the Mot-fatt road today killing three trainmen and injuring two, makes a total of ten trainmen killed and sixteen injured in the Rocky Mountain region in the last five days. Four were killed and three injured Sunday near Leadville. Three were killed and eleven injured at LeMay, Utah, Monday.

Train Derailled

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 20.—Louis Jackson was killed and several others were injured yesterday by the derailment of a passenger train on the Kentucky railroad, at its junction with the Lexington and Eastern railroad. The engine train rolled down an embankment.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Table listing Montreal stocks including Bell Telephone, Dominion Paper, and various banks.

ANOTHER FIRM OF BROKERS FAILS

Governors of New York Exchange Investigate Cause of Collapse of Pool.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 20.—The third failure succeeding the drop in Hocking Coal & Iron stock was announced today, when the firm of Roberts, Hall & Criss suspended operations on the stock exchange.

NEW YORK STOCKS

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 20.—The stock market suffered another setback during the early portion of the session today. After opening around the finals of yesterday, considerable short selling and unloading by frightened long broke Consolidated Gas 2 1/2 points, Rock Island common and American Consolidated Copper 2, Union Pacific and others one point.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

Table listing wholesale markets for various commodities like Lemons, Walnuts, and various oils.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing Victoria stock exchange prices for various companies like American Canadian Oil, B.C. Amalgamated Coal, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON

Table listing New York cotton prices for various grades and types.

LOCAL MARKETS

Table listing local market prices for various goods like Hams, Bacon, Butter, and various flours.

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GRAIN MARKET

Table listing grain market prices for various types of wheat, barley, and other grains.

San Francisco Markets

Table listing San Francisco market prices for various commodities like Wheat, Potatoes, and various oils.

MINING STOCKS

Table listing mining stock prices for various companies like Alameda, B.C. Copper, etc.

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Dr. McTaggart's tobacco remedy removes all desire for the weed in a few days. A vegetable medicine, and only requires touching the tongue with it occasionally. Price \$2.

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7 ROOM DWELLING, new, strictly modern, heated by furnace, paneled reception hall, with open fireplace, two LOTS with a beautiful view of the sea; good location; close to street car. This is a bargain at the price, \$4,500. Easy terms.

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PROVES CITY IS GROWING RAPIDLY AN INCREASED DEMAND ON THE WATER SYSTEM

Nearly Five Hundred New Services Were Installed During Last Year.

If any further evidence were needed that the city is growing with great rapidity it is furnished in that portion of the annual report of the water commissioner dealing with the installation of meters. He says:

During the year 1909, 487 new services were installed, which added to the additions for the last three years, makes the demands on the system and the cost of maintenance much higher than formerly. Formerly two meter readers working two weeks in the month were sufficient; now it requires four men working all the time, and an additional clerk in the office has had to be engaged. One inspector was formerly sufficient, now three are required. One for the city, one for the water, one for new buildings, and one for connections under paved streets and cement sidewalks. This is not counting the patrolmen who are engaged in the summer for sprinkling purposes. The pump at the filter beds was an additional expense last year, which I am afraid will be an annual charge with the new season completed. On the other hand, the cost of maintaining the pumping plants should be less during 1910 than it was in 1909. One of the heaviest items of expenditure comes under the head of "renewals" on all paved streets, before the work is commenced, all joints in the mains are caulked, all services and connections renewed, and services laid to the vacant lots. This entails a large expense, the amount of which for 1909 was \$10,286.36. That this was, however, money well spent is proved by the fact that since the paving of streets was commenced two years ago, in not one single instance has it been necessary to dig up the pavement to repair any leaks.

Owing, however, to the larger buildings that are being erected in the business portions of the city, and large pipes being put in for fire protection, it has been necessary to tear up the pavement to lay the new connections, the cost of this in all cases is borne by the owner of the property.

NEW RATES. The items that have appeared in the accounts for the last two years, under the heading "private bills," will not probably appear again for some time, owing to the increased charge for interest and sinking fund, the council raised the rates for water, the new rates coming into effect on the 1st of May. A sewage tax of two cents per foot on all pipes over four inches in diameter was also imposed, the estimated revenue for all sources for 1910 being \$146,000.

An agreement was entered into with the Oak Bay municipality to supply it with water in bulk at the rate of 18 cents per one thousand gallons, meters being installed at the corner of Foul Bay road and Oak Bay avenue, and at Cadboro Bay road and Foul Bay road. This arrangement came into force on July 1st, and the municipality is to pay for all pipes, meters, etc., in their district.

Statistics. The quantity of water (imperial gallons) pumped monthly during the year was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Amount. January: 65,954,592; February: 52,895,408; March: 51,494,432; April: 52,115,968; May: 55,774,982; June: 70,351,776; July: 67,192,396; August: 59,961,910; September: 56,472,290; October: 91,148,770; November: 75,355,812; December: 75,674,000.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total: \$28,328,208. Heaviest day's pumping, 22nd July, 5,600,000 gallons. Receipts for the year: \$1,571,000. Expenditure: \$1,276,691.47.

WOMAN MURDERED. Chicago, Jan. 20.—The body of a woman with the head covered was found at noon today in a flat on the South Side. The body was found by persons who lived in the same house. They identified it as that of Anna Purling. A part of the right ear and a portion of the scalp remained connected with the neck, evidently having been torn off when the head was covered.

STEAMER QUADRA IS IN PORT ONCE MORE

Long Cruise in Northern Waters Attending to Aids to Navigation.

After an absence of nearly three months' steady work in Northern waters, steamer Quadra, of the Dominion government marine department, arrived last evening, Christmas and New Year were spent aboard ship, the usual festive turkey having been secured in Prince Rupert. The evening following Christmas Day the officers of the vessel were entertained at Port Simpson by Hudson's Bay Factor Sharp, and the night was spent in dancing. This helped to pass away the monotony of the voyage. New Year's Day was not celebrated, the men working all day as usual.

A large amount of work was done in the North, all the buoys having been lifted and the beacons recharged. Between Cape Mudge and Port Simpson, as well as supplies landed at the lighthouses. Men are now covering the beacons, which last winter were frozen.

Just before the Quadra left Union Bay the Niaz Chow was there discharging rails and taking on bunker coal.

Word was brought by the steamer that Port Simpson is being cleaned out. The people are leaving for Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlottes, where it is claimed there are many more opportunities. At one time this place was the capital of the Northwest coast of importance no longer.

The steamer loaded material for a house at the new wireless station at Triangle Island, and this will be delivered as soon as the boilers, which have been blown down, are again in operation. She will probably leave on Monday next.

ROYAL NEARLY READY. Steamer Expected to Replace Princess Charlotte Middle of Next Week.

Steamer Princess Royal is expected to be ready for service once more by the middle of next week after being thoroughly overhauled in the yards of the B. C. Marine Railway Company at Esquimalt. She will then go on the ferry service in place of the Princess Charlotte which will also be overhauled at Esquimalt.

The business between this city and Vancouver has proved to be much greater than that between Victoria and Seattle, so it is thought that the Princess Victoria will take the Vancouver run, letting the Royal take the other.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE. Vessels to Ply Regularly Between San Francisco and Puget Sound.

A San Francisco dispatch to Tacoma says: The steamer Olsen & Mahony, which arrived today, will leave January 25th for Nanaimo, Seattle and Tacoma, inaugurating a new line of steamers plying between this port and Portland and the Sound, carrying freight and passengers. The line is called the Olsen & Mahony Steamship Line, and will include the vessels of the Olsen & Mahony Company, the Glas, R. McCormick Company and the Hoop Lumber Company.

It is not expected that these steamers will call at Victoria, as the Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s boats serve this port well.

TO LOAD LUMBER. Two Vessels Taken for Fraser Mills and Will Go to Australia.

The British steamer Sandown, which passed yesterday with sugar for the refinery, took a part cargo of lumber at the Fraser Mills and part at Chemainus for Australia for J. J. Moore.

The British steamer Sandown, which passed yesterday with sugar for the refinery, took a part cargo of lumber at the Fraser Mills for Australia. She is at present bound from the Atlantic with coal for the United States government to be delivered at San Francisco.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS. (Times Leased Wire.) Seattle—Arrived: Str. Col. E. L. Drake from San Francisco. Sailed: Victoria from Valdez. Fr. barque, Marechal, de Noailles from Tacoma.

Tacoma—Sailed: Str. City of Puebla for Vancouver.

Aberdeen—Arrived: Sch. O. R. Wilson from San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Fair Oaks for San Francisco. Str. Doris for San Francisco.

San Francisco—Arrived: Str. Western from Grays Harbor. Sailed: Str. Bayonne for Ipswich, str. Columbian for Honolulu. Los Angeles—Arrived: Str. Saginaw from Grays Harbor, str. Yellowstone from Grays Harbor, str. Thomas L. Ward from Aberdeen.

TUGS STAND BY DISABLED VESSEL

WILLIAM H. SMITH NOW OFF MACLIPS

It is Believed Ship Will Be Safely Towed Into Port.

(Times Leased Wire.) Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 20.—Tugs today are standing by the ship William H. Smith, which is disabled off Macclips in 25 fathoms of water. Although the vessel is leaking badly, it is believed that it can be towed safely into port this afternoon. Fourteen men and one woman are still aboard the ship, but they are in no immediate danger. It is also expected that the cargo of timbers will be saved.

Earlier Reports. Aberdeen, Wn., Jan. 20.—A special from Macclips, on the coast just north of the entrance of Grays Harbor, states that the ship William H. Smith was about six miles off shore, in distress. The tugs Daring and Cudahy tried all yesterday afternoon to cross out to her, but were held back by a very rough bar. The ship was dismantled at 400 west-south-west of Cape Blanco. Early yesterday Mate Moore and four sailors arrived at Point Gravelle in a small boat and were picked up by an Indian who conveyed them to Macclips. Mate Moore left the ship to seek aid for the 34 men and one woman who were still aboard.

The Smith was taken with heavy timbers from Chemainus, B. C., and was bound for Delagoa Bay, South Africa.

From the best information obtainable, the Smith is safe, but helpless, and lying some distance off shore between Point Gravelle and Macclips. The tug Goliah was left near Bay to pick up the distressed ship. A report from Port Townsend stated that the United States life-saving tug Snohomish had also gone to the aid of the Smith.

No reports have been received of the oil tank steamer Washneten, which had the Smith in tow the last time the distressed ship was reported. On Monday afternoon, after vainly trying to make an entrance to the Columbia river, the Washneten, towing the Smith, turned northward for the Strait of Fuca. Since that time the steamer has not been sighted.

ATTEMPT TO KILL REGENT OF CHINA

Slightly Wounded in Abdomen by Revolutionary From South.

Mail advices from Japan state that information has been received there that an attempt has been made upon the life of the Prince Regent of China. The regent has been pushing the work of reform since he had the reins of government and for that reason has made many enemies. The dispatch reads:

"At about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 21st, the regent left his residence for the palace at Peking. When he alighted outside the Toghwa gate, a man attempted to assassinate him with a short dagger. The regent was slightly wounded in the abdomen. The culprit was arrested on the spot. He was wearing ordinary costume and seems to be unknown at Peking. It is thought probable that he is a revolutionary from South China. 'Tranquillity prevails at Peking.' A peculiar sentiment prevails in China in regard to their ruler who is supposed to be the son of heaven and whose will is absolute. If the emperor rules unjustly the people consider that they are simply carrying out the will of the gods if they assassinate him. While the actions of the regent have been a movement along modern lines there are many fanatics of the old school who consider his actions anything but righteous. Especially is this the case in regard to the military and naval movement which the regent has initiated and fostered to the fullest possible extent.

Besides this feeling against him on the part of the reactionaries there is always the purely Chinese section, which hates anything a Manchus does, and considers the emperor or his regent bad simply because they are Manchus.

SLACK WATER, ACTIVE PASS, B. C.

Table with 4 columns: Date, H.W. Slack, L.W. Slack, and Time. Lists tide times for various dates in January 1910.

EASY TO LAUNCH WHEN BUILT ON ICE

Steamer Frame Being Constructed at Fraser Mills for Golden.

Captain Armstrong, of Golden, is in New Westminster superintending the construction of a steamer at the Fraser River Mills. The oak frame of the boat will be built there and then taken up to Golden where the upper works will be finished on the ice of the Columbia river.

Captain Armstrong states that the boat is being built for the Upper Columbia Transportation Company, which already owns two boats on the run from Golden to Windermere, a distance of one hundred miles. The new vessel will be designed to carry about thirty tons of freight and one hundred passengers. It is the intention of the company to fit the boat up luxuriantly in order to cater to the tourist trade.

The captain is a practical boat builder, having built several on the Yukon, the Sitkin and other northern rivers. The scheme he has for constructing the boat on the ice is original with him. The frame is blocked up off the ice, and when the vessel is ready for launching the ice is sawed all around her and she sinks into the river. By this system several hundred dollars are saved in the construction of the vessel. The frame will be completed within a few days.

THREE BIG LINERS COMING FROM ORIENT

Empress of Japan Should Be Here This Evening.

Royal Mail liner Empress of Japan is expected this afternoon from the Orient, bringing a rich cargo of silk and some passengers and general freight. She sent a wireless message yesterday, saying that she expected to dock here at 5 p. m.

On Sunday the Blue Funnel liner Antiochus should arrive with a very large cargo of freight and some oriental passengers from Hongkong. She is from Liverpool and Glasgow, from which ports all the bulk of her freight was taken. She will spend a month in these waters before returning by the same route.

Steamer Aymeric, of the Andrew Weir line, is expected here about Monday next with a good deal of cargo for British Columbia points.

SHIPPING GUIDE

Table with 3 columns: Vessel, Destination, and Date. Lists shipping schedules for various vessels including Amur, Aymeric, Empress of Japan, etc.

TIDE TABLE

Table with 4 columns: Date, Time, H.W., and L.W. Lists tide times for Victoria, January 1910.

B. C. Coast Service SAILINGS TO Northern B. C. Ports, Queen Charlotte Islands and Alaska

S. S. AMUR—Sails FRIDAY, JAN. 21st, calling at VANCOUVER, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Swanson Bay, Hartley Bay, Claxton, Port Eslington, PRINCE RUPERT, Port Simpson, KITCHIKAN, JAWA, SAGWAY, and every two weeks thereafter.

S. S. PRINCESS BEATRICE—Sails FRIDAY, JAN. 21st, calling at VANCOUVER, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Swanson Bay, Hartley Bay, Claxton, Port Eslington, Queen Charlotte, Tervess Cannery, PRINCE RUPERT Skidegate, QUEEN CHARLOTTE, Cumshewa, Paeoff, Locke Harbor, Jedway, Ikeda Bay, Collinson Bay, and every two weeks thereafter.

S. S. QUEEN CITY—Sails EVERY THURSDAY AT 11 A. M. from VANCOUVER for Harcy Bay and way ports.

Table with 2 columns: NORTH BOUND (Head Down) and SOUTH BOUND (Head Up). Lists sailing times for various routes.

1102 Government Street. L. D. CHETHAM, City Passenger Agent.

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Time Table NOW IN EFFECT

Manufacturers to Confer With Representatives of Railways.

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20.—Representatives of four transcontinental railroads and of at least six other railroads having transcontinental railroad connections, and a large number of the biggest men in the lumber and shingle industries of the Northwest, will meet in conference in this city tomorrow to discuss the transit shipment questions, now arising the shippers of forest products in the Northwest, and which are the subject of an interstate commerce investigation in the East and South.

The conference between carriers and shippers is called for the purpose of presenting to the railroads the objections of lumber and shingle interests of the Northwest against the storage, transit and diversion privileges allowed by the railroads in the distribution of forest products. The lumber and shingle manufacturers claim and will urge that the transit privilege, which means that loaded cars may be placed in transit without the destination being named, be subject to diversion or storage when the car arrives at the Minnesota transfer. The shippers will present the argument that this practice taken advantage of largely by wholesalers in the shingle department of the industry, demoralizes market conditions and keeps prices at a low level continuously. They will claim that the practice also throws a heavy burden upon the railroads in that they are at all times compelled to carry a large amount of uncollected freight charges.

Lumber men have received a telegram from Franklin K. Kane, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, stating that the commission is now making an investigation of the question of shipments in transit.

S. S. St. Der Will Sail For Northern B. C. Ports

Calling at Bella Coola On Wednesday, Jan. 21. JNO. BARNESLEY, Agent. Phone 1925 534 YATES ST.

THE ORIGIN OF GOLF

One of the foremost of the games which we have adopted is the royal and ancient game of golf, goff, goff, or the last genuine old pronunciation—of golf, which, curiously enough, is the game most peculiar to Scotland, as characteristic as baseball in America or cricket in England. The word was derived from the Dutch kolf, a club, but the game is not of Dutch origin, though in early days golf balls were imported from Holland and perhaps the name came with them.

The date of the origin of golf, even approximately, like that of most sports, is unknown. Tradition has it that the game originated with the Scotch shepherds knocking a ball about the head with their crooks. But among the Romans a game called pamaqua was played with a ball stuffed with feathers. As early golf balls were made in the same way in Scotland it has been surmised that the Roman game was perhaps a forerunner. An early name in England was bandy-ball and in old prints reproduced by Strutt in his "Sports and Pastimes" the club, some four and a half feet long, had a curvature much like a crook. Later the heads of the golf sticks were affixed to ash shafts and were faced with horn and backed with lead.

Golf in the early days was a highly democratic game—laid and cobbler were competitors; everyone played, even the women. The links were the common land along the seashore. The prizes were simple—a golf club or a dozen balls, and only later the more elaborate medal and cup. Even the great national prize was a silver stick which never became the property of the winner—Arthur B. Reeve, in February Outing.

Steamer Amur gets away, north-bound, in command of Captain Robertson to-night. She is taking the place of the Princess May, at present being overhauled. The Beatrice, which ordinarily replaces the May, is at present on the way to Queen Charlotte islands.

Canadian-Mexican Line

Steamers call at San Pedro, providing sufficient inducement offers. Steamers will leave on or about the 21st of each month. Apply Head Office, Vancouver, or to the agents.

MESSRS. SHALLCROSS, MACAULAY & CO. VICTORIA.

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The Real Estate Mart—Some Offerings

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LL. BUT.-GOVERNOR ATTENDS FAIR

PRaises Work of POULTRY ASSOCIATION

Additional Prize Lists Awarded Yesterday Afternoon at Exhibition.

Yesterday afternoon the Poultry and Pet Stock show was honored with the presence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Mr. Patterson, who was attended by his secretary, Mr. Musket, delivered a short address in the acknowledgment of crowing cocks and cackling hens. His honor alluded to the excellent showing of poultry, and lamented the fact that the show was not better patronized as it deserved to be. He was pleased with all the arrangements, and gave the committee in charge credit for doing excellent work.

Yesterday afternoon additional prizes were awarded as follows:

Buff Orpingtons.
Cock-1, J. L. Smith; 2, J. Wood; 3, W. Harvey.
Cockerel-1 and 2, J. Wood; 3, Reid and Mitchell.
Hen-1 and 2, J. Wood; 3, Reid and Mitchell.
Pullet-1 and 2, J. Wood; 3, Reid and Mitchell.

Black Orpingtons.
Cock-1 and 2, Blackstock Bros.; 3, Reid and Mitchell.
Cockerel-1, E. Henderson; 2, W. H. B. Medd; 3, Reid and Mitchell.
Hen-1, W. H. B. Medd; 2, Reid and Mitchell; 3, Blackstock Bros.
Pullet-1, Blackstock Bros.; 2, W. H. B. Medd; 3, Reid and Mitchell.

S. C. Buff Leghorns.
Cock-1, R. Clark; 2 and 3, W. E. Nachtrieb.
Cockerel-1, F. Hepworth; 2, R. Menzies.
Hen-1, R. Clark; 2 and 3, W. E. Nachtrieb.
Pullet-1 and 2, W. E. Nachtrieb; 3, R. Menzies.

S. C. Black Minorcas.
Cock-1, Blackstock Bros.; 2, E. Greenwood.
Cockerel-1, Blackstock Bros.; 2, E. Sourerberg; 3, E. Greenwood.
Hen-1, 2 and 3, Blackstock Bros.
Pullet-1 and 2, E. Greenwood; 3, Blackstock Bros.

R. C. Black Minorcas.
Cock-2, J. Dixon.
Cockerel-1 and 2, J. Dixon; 3, A. Wood.
Hen-1 and 2, F. Middleton.
Pullet-2, F. Middleton; 3, J. Rixon.

S. C. White Minorcas.
Cock-1 and 2, F. Jamieson.
Cockerel-1 and 2, R. R. Watson.
Hen-1, 2 and 3, F. Jamieson.
Pullet-1, 2 and 3, R. R. Watson.

Blue Andalusians.
Cock-1, J. L. Smith; 2, Mittlestadt Bros.; 3, O. N. Jepsen.
Cockerel-2 and 3, J. L. Smith.
Hen-1, O. N. Jepsen; 2 and 3, J. L. Smith.
Pullet-1 and 2, O. N. Jepsen; 3, J. L. Smith.

Anconas.
Cock-1, W. M. Coats; 2, S. Percival.
Cockerel-1, J. L. Smith; 2, W. M. Coats; 3, J. L. Smith.
Hen-1, W. M. Coats; 2 and 3, J. L. Smith.
Pullet-1, J. L. Smith; 2, W. M. Coats; 3, J. L. Smith.

White-Crested Black Polish.
All awards to J. L. Smith.
Bearded Golden Polish.
All awards to Jones and Newberry.

Non-Bearded Golden Polish.
Cockerel-1, 2 and 3, Mrs. Ermer.
Pullet-1, J. L. Smith; 2 and 3, Mrs. Ermer.
Bearded Silver Polish.
Cockerel-2, Mrs. J. T. Smith.
Pullet-1, J. T. Smith; 2, Mrs. Ermer.

Fauenelles.
Hen-2, F. V. Hobbs.
Pullet-2 and 3, Mrs. Ermer.
Silver Grey Dorkings.
All awards to Mrs. K. Bradley Dyne.

White R. C.
Cock-2, A. Stewart.
Hen-1 and 2, A. Stewart.
White S. C.
Cock-1 and 2, J. J. Wilson; 3, E. Henderson.

Pigeons.
Cockerel-1, 2 and 3, J. J. Wilson.
Hen-1, Jones and Newberry; 2 and 3, J. J. Wilson.
Pullet-1, E. Henderson; 2 and 3, Jones and Newberry.

Helmetts.
Cock-1 and 2, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Jacobins-White.
Cock-1, J. H. Smith; 2, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.

Jacobins-Red.
Cock-1, Rolston Bros.; 2, Mrs. French.
Hen-4, Rolston Bros.; 2, Mrs. French.
Jacobins-A. O. C.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Magpies-Blue.
Cock-1, F. Errington; 2 and 3, Mrs. French.
Hen-1 and 2, Mrs. French.
Magpies-Red.
Cock-1, F. Errington; 2, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, F. Errington; 2, Mrs. French.
Magpies-Black.
Cock-1 and 2, Mrs. French; 3, F. Errington.
Hen-1, F. Errington; 2 and 3, Mrs. French.
Magpies-A. O. C.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French; 2, F. Errington.

Hen-1, Mrs. French.
M. L. Tumbler--Yellow.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
M. L. Tumbler--White.
Cock-1, J. Liddell.
Pouters--Blue Pied.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Pouters--Black Pied.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Pouters--Red Pied.
Cock-1, J. Liddell; 2, J. H. Smith.
Show Homer--Red Check.
Cock-1, Middlestalk Bros.
Show Homer--Silver Dun.
Cock-1, Middlestalk Bros.
Show Homer--Black Check.
Cock-4, 2 and 3, Middlestalk Bros.
Hen-1, 2 and 3, Middlestalk Bros.

Starlings.
Cock-1 and 2, Mrs. French.
Hen-1 and 2, Mrs. French.
Swallows--Blue.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Runt.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Maltese.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Satinettes.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.

Yellow Turbits.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Blue Turbits.
Cock-1, Mrs. French.
Hen-1, Mrs. French.
Russian Trumpeter.
Hen-1, J. Liddell.

Canaries.
Belgium.
Cock-1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Mrs. Hilton.
Harty Mrs. Rollers.
Cocks-1, 2 and 3, Richard Drake.

RABBITS.
Common.
Doe-1, W. Simmons; 2, E. H. Burton.
Belgian Hare.
Buck-1 and 2, J. P. Sylvester; 3, F. L. Sully.
Doe-1, 2 and 3, J. P. Sylvester.
Flemish Giants.
Buck-1 and 2, J. P. Sylvester.
Doe-1 and 2, J. P. Sylvester.

Angora.
Doe-1, A. Longland.

CONTRACTORS INCONVENIENCED BY THE NON-PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

As an aftermath of the fall-fair deficit disclosed, a story is going the rounds that it is possible complications may ensue in respect to the payment of certain accounts in connection with the exhibition. J. P. McDonald & Son, contractors of Pandora avenue, are parties very much interested in this situation.

Messrs. McDonald & Son were contractors for the women's building. Their account was \$1,232 of which amount they have not yet received one dollar, though the building was completed last September. They had been promised advances on account as the work proceeded, but this was never carried out by the Agricultural Association.

J. Ds McDonald, the senior member of the firm, made repeated efforts to get a settlement of his account prior to the old city council relinquishing office, but to no avail. Some three weeks before the elections, however, he was confronted with financial obligations which required to be met, and pressed Mayor Hall and Ald. Henderson for some acknowledgement of the city's amount of money owing to him.

The two city representatives, who were also members of the Agricultural Association, thereupon gave Mr. McDonald a letter, certifying to the fact that the association owed him the amount of money in question and that the account would likely be paid on or about the 15th of the present month.

What further complicates the matter is the fact that some members of the aldermanic board have now raised the question as to the liability of the city to become responsible for the huge deficit in connection with the late fall fair, which was reported to the council at the last meeting.

The City Council has ordered a thorough inquiry into the manner in which the fair was conducted, and have called for all accounts and minute-books, and the public will await the outcome of this investigation with the greatest interest.

CHIMES MUST CEASE.
Toronto, Jan. 20.—Alleging nervous collapse caused by the striking of the quarter hours, Catherine Jessie Fraser, of Stratford, has obtained at Osgoode hall, a week's injunction against the church, restraining them from allowing the chime of bells in the clock steeple to ring between 9 o'clock at night and 7 in the morning. A clock was installed about a month ago. Prior to that time, according to affidavits filed by a doctor and lawyer, Miss Fraser enjoyed good health.

FINED FOR IMPERSONATION.
Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Alfred Roberts, Joseph Covdillon and Mathias Couvillon, who pleaded guilty to impersonation in the recent municipal elections, were each fined \$12 in the police court yesterday. Alfred Rheum, charged with being an instigator, was acquitted.

R. J. A. BOWMAN DEAD.
Berlin, Ont., Jan. 20.—After 18 months' illness, death claimed Rev. Jacob H. Bowman yesterday, at the home of his son, A. O. Bowman, on Church street. The deceased was born near Prosper in 1827.

UNIONISTS HAVE GAINED SIXTY-EIGHT SEATS

(Continued from page 1)

(Newton); Lincolnshire (Louth and Bedford); Middlesex (Brentford); Somersetshire (Bridgewater); Staffordshire (Leek); Surrey (Epsom); Yorkshire North (Whitby); Yorkshire West (Come Valley, Hallamshire and Doncaster).

Scottish boroughs: Ayr, burghs, Kirkcaldy burghs and Montrose burghs.
Scotland, counties: West Aberdeenshire, Berwickshire, Dumfriesshire, Peebles and Selkirk, Perthshire West. Ireland: City of Londonderry and South Tyrone.

Details of Result.
Details of yesterday's results as far as known follow:
Money Nationalist, 1,679; Cusack, Unionist, 542.
Flint, Wales.
Sunmer, Liberal, 1,150; Tilby, Unionist, 1,123.
Glasgow, Bridgeton.
Cleland, Liberal, 5,338; Lang, Unionist, 3,528.
Glasgow College.
Watt, Liberal, 6,525; Maxwell, Unionist, 5,823.
Glasgow, Blackfriars.
Barnes, Labor, 4,496; Constable, Unionist, 2,295.
Birkenhead.
Vivian, Liberal, 8,120; Bigland, Unionist, 7,976.

Lancashire, N. E. Accrington.
Baker, Liberal, 8,968; Jessel, Unionist, 6,455.
Greenock.
Collins, Liberal, 4,323; Smith, Unionist, 2,622.
Hawick Burghs.
Barran, Liberal, 3,261; Graham, Unionist, 268.

Nottingham East.
Morrison, Unionist, 5,577; Cotton, Liberal, 5,725. Unionist gain.
Nottingham, Cavendish.
Bentick, Unionist, 6,434; Richardson, Labor, 6,050. Unionist gain.
Yorkshire, W. Riding, Elland Division.
Trevelyan, Liberal, 7,468; Ramsden, Unionist, 4,886.

Glasgow, Tradeston.
Corbett, Independent Liberal, 2,966; Main, Unionist, 2,773; Mason, Labor, 2,672. Liberal gain.
Nottingham West.
Yoxall, Liberal, 8,955; Lygon, Unionist, 6,652.
Cardiff.
Thomas, Liberal, 12,297; Stuart, Unionist, 11,652.
Hackney Central.
Spicer, Liberal, 4,429; Cassel, Unionist, 2,353.

Glasgow Central.
Scott-Dixon, Unionist, 6,712; Murlison, Liberal, 6,058.
Carmarthen Borough.
Williams, Liberal, 4,127; Tiverton, Unionist, 1,355.

Lancashire, S. E. Stretford.
Nuttall, Liberal, 12,917; Samuel, Unionist, 10,628.
Middlesex, Hornsey.
Lord Ronaldshay, Unionist, 12,014; Dummett, Liberal, 8,633.
Lancashire, S. E. Middleton.
Adkins, Liberal, 7,662; Rose-Innis, Unionist, 6,296.

Glasgow, Camlachie.
Mackinder, Unionist, 3,227; Cross, Liberal, 2,793; Kessack, Labor, 2,442. Unionist gain.
Glasgow, St. Rollox.
Wood, Liberal, 10,019; Chamberlain, Unionist, 6,821.

Deptford.
Wowerman, Labor, 6,880; Coates, Unionist, 6,658.
Hackney South.
Bottomley, Liberal, 7,299; Wertheimer, Unionist, 4,304.

Hackney North.
Greene, Unionist, 5,620; Hart-Davies, Liberal, 4,772. Unionist gain.
Middlesex, Ealing.
Neald, Unionist, 12,916; Hubert, Liberal, 8,210.
Yorkshire, W. Riding, Otley Division.
Duncan, Liberal, 6,911; Thompson, Unionist, 5,070.

Denbigh Boroughs.
Ormsby-Gora, Unionist, 2,433; Edwards, Liberal, 2,420. Unionist gain.

SEVEN MEN BURNED.
Narrowly Escape Death When Gas Explodes in Trench.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 20.—David Black lies at the Mission Emergency hospital to-day in a precarious condition suffering from burns that may prove fatal, and six other laborers are suffering from minor burns as the result of a sewer gas explosion in a trench where forty men were working.

More than an hour following the explosion flames raged in the trench. Black, who was overcome by gas, lay directly in the path of the fire and undoubtedly would have been burned to death but for the heroism of Patrol Driver Louis Holt and Foreman McGillivuddy, of the workmen, who rescued him at the risk of their own lives, each man being badly burned about the hands and arms.

Members of the fire companies that were rushed to the scene assisted the panic-stricken workmen from the ditch that threatened to become a death trap. Many of the men were painfully burned before they could be pulled from the excavation, which was from eight to ten feet deep.

WILLING TO COMPROMISE.
New York Central Railway Refuses to Grant Demand for Radical Increase of Wages.

New York, Jan. 20.—The New York Central railway to-day notified its employees that it is impossible to grant their demand for a radical increase of wages because the demands are excessive.

Muddy Weather

Means More Housework—if you Haven't These:

Muddy Weather is the worry of the housekeeper—floors and carpets get soiled so easily. Much of this trouble and extra work can easily be prevented by the use of proper door mats and convenient places to store dripping umbrellas, soaked wraps and muddy rubbers.

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One of the most useful furniture pieces for the muddy season—for any season—is a hall rack. Umbrella is soaking, there are extra wraps and muddy rubbers, and a place to put these is welcome. The hall rack solves the question.

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There are but a few pieces, so but a few people are going to share in these saving prices. Water jugs, water bottles, bowls, vases, rose bowls, decanters and nappies are included. These come from one of the best British makers, and a few pieces from the famous Libbey works. Come in to-day and choose a piece.

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WIND LOCOMOTION IS LATEST NOVELTY

Wonderful Sailing Vehicle Invented by a German.

The problem of harnessing the wind for road vehicles appears to have been tackled with moderate success by a German inventor, says the London Daily News. According to a report from Chemnitz he has patented a simple sail vehicle which makes fair progress over good roads and on sea beaches.

Constructed very lightly, the apparatus consists of a framework supporting a saddle and a mast for the sail, and resting upon four wheels, one wheel on either side and one before and one behind. The two latter are of a larger diameter than the former, and all are far apart.

The most notable peculiarity in the device is the connection of the wheels with one another. The rear wheel and the right side wheel are rigidly connected together, and the same is the case with the front wheel and the left side wheel. The two connecting bars are joined with each other by means

of an axle or cross-bar, the attachment at each end being of a hinged type. Sitting on the saddle, with his feet resting on the transverse axle, the driver or steersman can, it is said, by pressure on the axle alter the relation of the wheels to the main axis of the framework. In this way he has his hands free for adjusting the sail or applying a brake.

Whilst there do not yet seem to be many commercial possibilities for this type of vehicle, it has attractions for those of a sporting turn, and competitors in speed over suitable courses might be productive of some exciting events. Dexterity, coolness and quick decision would be necessary to avoid accidents, though even a "spill" could not do so much damage as the overturning of a racing motor.

LESSONS IN THRIFT.
Butler Left Estate of £3,028 and a Coal Miner £1,213.

The will has just been proved of William Fowler, a coal miner, of Pearson Field, Wombwell, Barnsley, Eng., who died last October, leaving estate of the value of £3,028. Probate of his will has been granted to George Fowler, also a coal miner.

The treasury will take £90 in the form of death duty on the estate of John Traxon, of Pattenon road, Norwich, lately a butler in the service of Lady Goldsmid. Mr. Traxon, who died last month, left estate of the value of £2,028, and probate of his will has been granted to his sister, Emily Wymer.

traffic was temporarily held up. When the three coffins were placed in the hearse, half a dozen schoolfellows of the deceased, carrying bouquets of white flowers, walked in on either side, and acted as bearers. The mother of the victims was led to the carriage in a semi-fainting condition, and their father was also deeply distressed.

BROTHERS SUFFOCATED.
Pathetic scenes were witnessed at the funeral at Yarmouth of the three little boys suffocated in their beds in a cottage. So great was the crowd when the procession started that street

Extensive deposits of asbestos, of fine quality and color recently were discovered in the Ureberg district of Russia.

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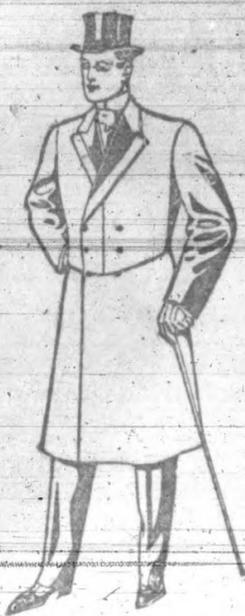
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A newspaper man recently spent some time inside the famous compressed air "boiler" in which Dr. Leonard Hill and his assistant at the London Hospital have been experimenting with the effects of high air pressure on the human system. The following communication was sent to his paper from the "boiler."

"I rest on a narrow but comfortable mattress, inside an iron construction, which reminds me of a section of a 'tube' railway tunnel. Outside, a gas engine is chugging away while the oval man-hole through which I have just wriggled is being stamped and screwed up with a dungon-like clangor of iron. Above my head is a small electric lamp and on my right a telephone. It has been arranged that the air pressure shall be raised to about 2-1/3 atmospheres, or 35 lbs. pressure to the square inch (including the 15 lbs. which we endure every moment of our lives)."

"Almost immediately after the man-hole is sealed, the ears begin to ring unpleasantly. Telephone instructions are given to hold my nose and blow hard and the trouble vanishes, though, as the pressure increases, this has to be repeated occasionally.

"Denser and denser grows the air without any apparent results until I answer a telephone call from the outer world. My voice has changed beyond recognition. It has a nasal phonographic quality which is positively startling, for with its increased density the resonating properties of the air cavities in the head have altered. Attempts to whistle a high note are a failure, and whispering an impossibility. In this pressure champagne or seltzer is as flat as pond water, the gas being unable to release itself from the liquid.

"I am now in the course of being reduced. Air is escaping through a small outlet near the head of the boiler, but were it allowed to escape instantaneously the nitrogen which has entered my system in minute bulk under compression would expand into bubbles in my arteries or veins, which on reaching the heart would cause death.

"These bubbles have recently loomed so largely in the thoughts of some of

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If you take several doses of Pape's Diuretic, all backache and distress from out-of-order kidneys or bladder trouble will vanish, and you will feel fine.

Lame back, painful stitches, rheumatism, nervous headache, dizziness, irritability, sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eyelids, worn-out, sick-looking and other symptoms of sluggish, inactive kidneys disappear.

Uncontrollable, smarting, frequent urination (especially at night) and all bladder misery ends.

This unusual preparation goes at once to the disordered kidneys, bladder and urinary system and distributes its healing, cleansing and vitalizing influence directly upon the organs and

the human occupants of the boiler, for amid algebraic problems and Greek and Latin quotations written on the walls around me stands the Shaker peasant phrase, "Like a hot-bath boil and bubble." "Shall I bubble" seems to have been the irrepressible thought of some of the experimenters.

"Dr. Leonard Hill, and his assistant are not conducting these experiments from idle curiosity. They have established a most valuable and definite fact with the London Hospital apparatus which was provided by Messrs. Sibley, Gorman & Co., Ltd., the well known firm of submarine engineers, divers, and caisson workers have hitherto been reduced from high to normal air-pressure in consecutive stages, with a long wait between each. Dr. Hill's work has now established the fact that pressure may be reduced suddenly to about 2 1/2 lbs. per square inch (the point at which the system yields its absorbed nitrogen in bubbles), and long pauses here allows the lungs to throw off the poison without the fatal 'bubbling'.

"A second and equally valuable point Dr. Hill claims to have proved is that carbonic acid gas is not the cause of anæsthesia disease. Much money was wasted, he thinks, when the Rotherhithe Tunnel was being built, in erecting a costly ventilating plant to get rid of carbonic acid gas, and in arranging for special medical attendance. It is nitrogen absorbed under pressure, which causes the trouble, and at the pressure the Rotherhithe workers were using (15 lb. to the square inch) bubbles of nitrogen do not form."

FUNERAL OF W. A. BAKER.

London, Jan. 20.—The funeral of the late W. Archer Baker, European manager for the Canadian Pacific railway, who died here on January 16th, took place at Eltham yesterday. It was attended by many prominent Canadians, shipping and railway men, including Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president, and other representatives of the Canadian Pacific, as well as deputations from the steamship alliance, the Hamburg-American, Allan and White Star steamship companies, the Grand Trunk and Southern Pacific railroads, Bank of Montreal, J. O. Smith, of the Canadian government offices, and B. M. Clarke, of the Ontario government. Baron Mountstephen and Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner to Great Britain, also attended. Over three hundred persons were present. The floral contributions were enormous. There were over 150 wreaths which had been sent by organizations and friends.

**SYSTEM OF
 REDISTRIBUTION**

INTERESTING FACTS FOR THE RATEPAYERS

All Outlying Districts Now Provided With an Ample Supply of Water.

Some interesting particulars respecting the redistribution system in connection with the water works are given in the annual report of the water commissioner as follows:

The whole of the redistribution system as contemplated by the by-law has been completed; in fact a little more, as the 8 inch main on Wharf and Store streets was increased to a 12 inch. The effect of the laying of the larger pipe taken in connection with the increased pressure obtained from the reservoir has been most marked. In former years there were several districts notably Niagara, Battery streets, near the park, portions of Oak Bay avenue and Church Hill, which were at certain portions of the day without water. It was not a question of a short supply, they had absolutely none, and there was no way to give it to them. This is all happily ended, and since the reservoir was connected there is no portion of the city that has no water at all times of the day. In addition to the new pipe erected 22 1/2 feet of old pipe in sizes from 4 inch to 12 inch was dug up, cleaned and relaid. Owing however, to the rapid increase in new buildings in the city and the opening up of new streets that when the by-law was passed were not even laid out, it was found necessary to borrow a further sum of \$125,000 for distribution purposes, the pipe under this by-law has been ordered and is due to arrive here by the 15th March.

Owing to the lower cost and the cheapness in handling, the council decided to buy Mannesman steel tubes in place of cast iron pipe which has been formerly in use. Laying pipe has this winter discontinued. At the beginning of November there was not sufficient pipe on hand to keep going the whole winter, and from last year's experiences the cost of laying is very much in excess of what it is in the dry weather, and it was found almost impossible to leave the roadway in the same condition as it was found.

The North Dairy pumping plant was ready for use in June, and works very satisfactorily, running the full 24 hours the cost of fuel is about \$5.00 per day less than the old plant, for six months in the year it is only necessary to operate it 16 hours in the day to keep the water level in the reservoir, thus saving the cost of one engineer's wages, and a corresponding reduction in the fuel bill. The old pump is in good order and is used as a reserve. There has been no trouble with the 16 inch steel pipe. Since taking up a portion of the old 16 inch main and relaying it on lower ground with 24 inch the full supply of water has been supplied to the pump.

The new Yates Street pump consists of two electric pumps each with a capacity of 100,000 gallons per day, which works automatically, being controlled by a starting device in the high level tank, the pumps can be run together or independently. When the plant was first completed the 12 inch main on Fort street was not finished there were over 100 services connected to the tank which property belonged to the other system, this necessitated the running of the steam pump in addition to the electric pumps. These services are not disconnected, and one pump working from twelve to fifteen hours per day keeps the supply up, one man only is required instead of three as formerly. The cost of running the steam plant for the seven months ending August for fuel and was \$2,644.75, for the five months ending 31st December, for electric power and wages was \$751.10. It may be pretty safely taken that the cost of operating this plant for the year 1910 will be a least fifty per cent less than for 1909. The district supplied is that bounded by Fort street, Oak Bay avenue, Rockland avenue and Moss street, and it was in this district that most of our troubles formerly came from, now there is a pressure of from 50 to 30 pounds all over it, according to elevation, with the corresponding increase in fire protection.

KILLED BY ENGINE.

One Man Crushed to Death and Another Injured at Nelson.

Nelson, Jan. 20.—A runaway engine which dashed into the C. P. R. round-house here, where mechanics were at work repairing an engine caused the death of W. H. Terry and the injury of George J. Heron yesterday.

The runaway engine had been left at the coal pits by Jack Cross when he went off duty. The engine was in readiness to start on its usual run to Slocan City, and before being left its wheels were blocked. For some at present unknown reason, the engine reversed and dashed toward the roundhouse. The turn-table was open and the runaway engine crashed through the doors and into the building. On the brick over the asphalt, Jack up against the door was engine No. 1282, on which a number of mechanics were at work. Into this engine the runaway crashed.

Terry at the moment was in the cab or working on the fire box. He was caught by the tender of the moving engine and terribly crushed; his left arm being smashed.

G. Jackson, who was taking down a wedge casting, dropped into the asphalt and escaped with a broken wrist.

The injured men were taken to the Knottens Lake hospital, where Terry succumbed to his injuries a few minutes after he had entered. His last moments were spent in the C. P. R. as a boiler-maker's helper. He was 33 years of age and leaves a widow and two small children.

The end of a lemon famine in New Orleans and other southern cities was marked Wednesday by the arrival of the steamship Marie Maxell, which was considerably overladen, and its cargo of 4,000 boxes of lemons from Sicily. During the last few weeks lemons have been sold as high as \$1 a box in the local market.

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FANATICS BLAMED FOR DEATH OF CHILD

Family Spends Hours on Roof of House and Baby Dies From Exposure.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 20.—Excitement reigns in the little town of Lynden as a result of the death Tuesday night of the 11 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Paschot, following a long session held by the entire family on their housetop at Lynden, a little town in the Nooksack valley, ten miles north of here, where they awaited the coming of the Lord. The little child died from the exposure and a two year old daughter is in a precarious condition.

As a result of the arrest of the father and mother with about 11 year old son and 3 year old daughter, no harm can come to them at the hands of the people of Lynden, but there is real danger for other members of the Holy Roller faith, followers of which cult are said to be living there.

Citizens of Lynden declare that it will be just as well for the officers to see that the Holy Rollers are ordered from the town.

When the Holy Rollers were discovered on the housetop and the condition of the children was made known people of Lynden force them to remove themselves, but this was not done until after a fierce battle in which the 11 year old boy and nine year old girl were the fiercest combatants. They fought like tigers for the faith that has been inculcated into their young heads and it was with the greatest difficulty that they were overpowered without injuring them. It is probable that the coroner will decide that the dead baby came to its end by starvation as much as from exposure for the entire family had fasted since Monday.

A cold wind was blowing when a Lynden man discovered the family on the roof of the little home going through the most insane antics, the mother hugging the dead babe to her breast, unmindful of the fact that its soul fled. Aid was quickly summoned and then the light began. It ended only when the Paschot family was landed in the county jail in this city. After the battle on the roof was ended, it was learned that the clothing of old and young alike had been destroyed and it was necessary for neighbors to donate articles before the family could be made presentable.

The hearing of the prisoners, probably on insanity charges, will be postponed until the case has been looked into. Later charges of a more serious nature will likely be made, in which other Holy Rollers and especially the leaders of the cult will be included.

Every year for the ten years ending 1908 the British mint turned out an average of 4,800,000 farthings. It is estimated that there are now 48,000,000 farthings in circulation.

HAS NO DESIRE FOR WEALTH.

Luther Burbank Rejoices Over Withdrawal of Grant of \$10,000 Yearly From Carnegie Institute.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Jan. 20.—Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, has a new claim to fame to-day. An annual grant of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Institute, awarded to the horticulturist, has been withdrawn and Burbank declares the action is a relief, maintaining that care and responsibilities accompanied the yearly gift.

"The action of the institutes officials based on the fact that the plant material is being exploited for commercial purposes. Another reason assigned is that Burbank is not the originator of the spineless edible cactus.

"I am exploited whether I am willing or not," declared Burbank. "Moreover I do not claim to have originated the spineless cactus, but I do claim to be the first man to make it commercially useful. But for the advice of friends, I would have dissolved my connection with the institute last year. Personally I have no desire for wealth or fame. I will say, though, that it was mutually agreed with the institute that I should have the privilege of supplementing their inadequate grant by the sale of my productions as before the contribution was offered."

ROOSEVELT'S RETURN

Will Arrive in the United States About Beginning of June.

New York, Jan. 20.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will leave the African hunting grounds for Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan, about March 1st. There he will meet Mrs. Roosevelt, and after a leisurely trip across Europe, will return to the United States, arriving here about June 1st.

Mrs. Roosevelt will sail for Naples on February 15th on the Hamburg-American liner Hamburg, and will go directly to Khartoum. Together Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt probably will visit Athens and Constantinople.

Roosevelt has consented to deliver lectures at Paris, Rome, and at Oxford university. This series he expects to conclude late in May. It is stated that there is no truth in the report that he will visit the Holy Land before his return.

At the butter making competition of the British Dairymaids' Association at Edinburgh the gold medal was won by Miss Mary Dairymple, Elliston.

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Indications point toward one of the biggest seasons in laces, nets and trimmings which we have had in years, according to authorities in the trade, says the Commercial. Many of the earliest spring styles show the use of these materials in some form or other. From the simplest chemisettes to the elaborate trimmings, flounces and corsage draperies, the new styles call for the employment of quantities of light laces and nets.

This tendency toward the use of light laces is due to the prominence of Louis styles in costumes. Chantillys, Herre, Val or Oriental laces, in large bold patterns, will be used for ruffles and various styles of draperies. The Spanish scarf will again be prominent. Chemisettes and sleeves will be made of Brussels-net, allover Oriental or octagonal nets, wash laces, and embroideries, the last mentioned in all-over forms later in the season.

Real Irish laces are again, and in fine gowns and robes, and, although the fashion movement is more toward light laces, the heavier Irish laces continue to be in strong vogue. One reason for the continued popularity of Irish is that this heavy form of lace can be more readily distinguished in the real and imitation forms than in the case with the lighter laces, such as Vals, Chantillys and point d'Alencon. The use of fine Vals in wider widths of bands, insertions and flouncings will be emphasized during the coming season.

Headed effects look to be richer than ever. They are used on everything and the new goods are shown in bolder and more open patterns on fiber, hair-like threads of gold, silver and other metals. This tendency for novelty laces and trimmings worked up in bold open patterns, thus letting the dress fabric show through, is noted in the new novelty goods for spring. These goods are, if anything, more elaborate than ever, and are shown in all combinations of color rather than in monotone effects. This changeable color scheme will no doubt characterize everything used in novelty accessories, this being in part the result of the movement toward glaze or changeable color tones in millinery trimmings.

Narrow lace flounces, also flounces over the shoulders and sleeves, are seen on the newest evening and dancing costumes. These lace flounces are also used as overgowns or for corsage drapery. Flit laces, point d'Alencon and spring laces are all used in these trimming features. The cream white laces are the most popular. Sail-collars, capes and berthas are shown in revivals of old laces, these sometimes called guipure thread and chunly. Some of the newest carriage and dinner gowns are draped with net octagonal mesh, Brussels and flit laces. Fancy gold, silver and iridescent and jet-allovers are also used. The newest fashions in the dull antique effect, white and delicate evening shades, and the various combinations of colors in-between, are more profusely beaded, spangled or tinsel than ever.

Scarves will no doubt continue to be highly favored. They are being made with everything from tailored suits to ball gowns—in fact, all dressy costumes. Those which are in highest favor are scarves of point Venise, Irish, Chantilly and Spanish, the latter being exceedingly popular. Both the Chantilly and the Spanish scarves are equally popular in slays and cream. The laboratory jet and bead embroidered silk tissue, and net scarves with fringed, as well as with hemmed ends, will continue to be much in evidence next season.

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LITTLE PROBLEMS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

ARE EARLY MARRIAGES ADVISABLE.
BY BARBARA BOYD.

A woman rather prominent in Washington society whose husband is a member of Congress, was married at the age of 18. Her husband is a happy family, she and her husband are still boy and girl lovers, and she seems a shining example of the advisability of early marriages. Yet she smilingly says she would not want her daughter to marry so young.

The consensus of opinion to-day seems against early marriages, and people are marrying later and later in life. Yet early marriages are not to be altogether disapproved. The heedless, thoughtless marriage of very young people who have no responsibilities—these are assuming to be the most strongly condemned. They learn this knowledge by the bitter road, and they often shirk the duties that have come upon them to the disaster of all concerned.

But when two young people have been trained properly by wise parents, when they know what is expected of them in marriage and are conscientious and honorable in their attitude toward life, an early marriage is often the happiest. They grow closer together with the years. Their tastes assimilate more easily. Youth is the plastic period. It is easier to conform to another's tastes when young than it is as one grows older. One's more strength and ambition and enthusiasm to shoulder the burdens of marriage when young than he has when age is creeping on. The period of stress, if it comes at all, is over before one is really old; the children are growing up and taking their share of the family burdens, and the middle-aged family on an assured and happy basis.

But this happy outcome of early marriage is possible only with those of careful bringing up and trained minds. The untrained, the unthinking had better wait until life has taught them a few needed lessons, something else has.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Bond is on a visit to Seattle.
G. H. Mowatt left last night for Vancouver.
J. Dennis was a passenger last night for Vancouver.
G. W. Gibson crossed over to the mainland last night.
C. H. Jennings was among yesterday's passengers from Seattle.

Miss Williams is spending several days in Seattle visiting friends.
S. A. Moore sailed for Vancouver on the Princess Charlotte last night.
Rev. A. Green went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mrs. Atkins left for the Terminal city last night on the Princess Charlotte.
Mr. D. E. Mackenzie is in the city to attend the opening of the parliamentary session.
R. E. Gosnell, who has been in Seattle on business, returned to the city yesterday afternoon.

H. A. Goward returned from a business trip to Seattle yesterday noon on the Princess Charlotte.
P. A. Allen and C. F. Lindmark were passengers for Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

R. G. McLaughlin was among last night's passengers for Vancouver on the Princess Charlotte.
E. P. Purvis arrived in this city yesterday afternoon from Seattle and left last night for Vancouver.
W. B. English, of New Westminster, who has been here for several days, left for Vancouver last night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis were passengers from Seattle yesterday afternoon on the Princess Victoria.
Frank J. Mackenzie, M. P. P.-elect for Delta, has arrived in the city to assume his parliamentary duties.
Mrs. Elwell, after spending several days in Seattle visiting friends, returned to Victoria yesterday afternoon.

William Manson, of Prince Rupert, the member elect for Cassiar, is accompanied by Mrs. Manson and family.
H. Donkin, of Vancouver, after spending several days in this city, left last night for his home in the Terminal city.
A. W. Seymour of Vancouver, who has been in this city several days on business, left last night on his return trip to the mainland.

Rev. F. H. Wimberly left for Ottawa last night accompanied by his wife and son. Rev. Mr. Wimberly will take charge of St. James' church at Ottawa.
St. John's senior and junior guilds intend holding a social evening on Tuesday, 25th of January, in St. John's hall, Herald street. All old friends and new ones will be most welcome.

On Tuesday the Garrison Concert Club gave a delightful entertainment. The following programme was rendered: Selection, orchestra; comic song, Pte. Mitten; selection, orchestra, song from the Merry Widow, Mrs. H. Pooley; comic song, Mr. Carlos; song, Mr. Davis; King of Handcuffs, Sapper Johnson and Mr. Godfrey; selection, orchestra; comic song, Sergeant Rondeau; comic song, Mrs. H. Pooley; selection, orchestra; duet from Country Girl, by the Penn-macean Twins; comic song, Sergeant Rondeau; God Save the King.

Arrangements for the fancy dress ball which is to take place next Tuesday evening at the Woman's building, exhibition grounds, under the auspices of the Empress Athletic Club, are well in hand. The hall is to be artistically decorated and every convenience is being provided for those attending. The management wish to correct the impression that the event is to be a masquerade. That is not the intention. One of the features, it is expected, will be the presence of athletes in their club colors. A prize is offered for the best of those costumes.

On Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Beta street, the Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Nathaniel P. Cadger and Miss Annie K. Torrance, both of Victoria. The groomsmen was Mr. Wishart of the city and the bridesmaid was Mrs. James Macintosh—the bridesmaid. The bridegroom was one of the Gordon Highlanders, 2nd regiment, who electrified the world by their heroic charge at Dargal Heights, cheered on by the martial strains of the pipes playing "The Cock of the North." The bridegroom, a powerfully built Aberdonian, although wounded, reached the Heights on that occasion.

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Fashion puts no limit upon the width of the muff or scarf. They are as huge as military dress wear them.

The scarcest new veils are of silk, fine as cobweb, and some of them woven in the cobweb designs.

With the long coat still leading, it is promised that the near future will see the short one again in style.

Some of the embroidered burnous wraps, so popular this season, have handsome knotted silk fringe.

Artificial roses upon house gowns have been revived. Some are of satin, in real colors; others of gold and silver.

The turban with wide fur brim and high full crown bulging over it is one of the leading shapes of the season.

Very effective are the chiffon waists made over the Persian silks. The volles are similarly used with satisfying effect.

Very popular are the all black hats in moire and satin, trimmed with the material of the hat and with buckles of jet or cut steel.

Turbans with high flat sides suggest the Napoleonic type and softly draped "growns" bulging over wide brims are varied endlessly from picturesque historic models.

Seed pearls, mixed in with embroidery, put on bodices of evening gowns and used for dainty floral patterns on the edges of tulle and sleeves are in style again.

If turbans continue their vogue until spring, one may confidently look for handsome models draped with soft staves and trimmed again with feathers or huge flowers.

Long tunics of fine net silk, more or less elaborately embroidered, are among the distinguishing features of the new evening dresses from the other side of the water.

They roses of silk or of the metal tissue are being used a great deal for evening gowns. The coiffure usually is adorned with flowers like those on the gown.

With black costumes there are straight garnitures of embroidered net that cover the front of the waist and then fall straight in panel or stole effect down the front of the gown.

The latest necklaces brought from the far east resemble flexible snakes. They are of antique or green gold-finished metal and have eyes and tongue of imitation rubies, sapphires and emeralds.

One of the most conspicuous features of afternoon gowns is their fur trimmings and the little heads, paws

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GOVERNMENT'S NAVAL POLICY

SIR WILFRID LAURIER OUTLINES MEASURE Navy to Consist of Five Cruisers and Six Destroyers.

The first field day over the naval policy of the government undoubtedly resulted in a tactical advantage for the ministry, says an Ottawa dispatch of January 12th. The bill itself was of so simple a nature that it might have been allowed by wise statesmen to have passed with the ordinary formalities of a first reading. But after the simple and perfectly frank explanation by the premier, in the regretted absence of the Hon. L. F. Brodeur, the leader of the opposition felt compelled to make an attempt to "square himself" with all the divergent wings of his party.

Mr. Borden was heard to poor advantage. In the first place he had a set speech before him and he found that some of his firewords had been spoiled by the government's simple measure, which has as its principle the safeguarding of Canadian autonomy.

Secondly, Mr. Borden sought to set himself square with those members of his party who want Dreadnoughts or nothing, and he succeeded in contenting the "Dreadnought" party, but left a loophole by which the Dominion could in case of emergency make a contribution.

Mr. Borden worked the German peril as effectively as if he had been a campaigner for the opposition in Great Britain, and he wound up with the declaration, half hearted, it seemed, that it was the duty of Canada to make a contribution at once in order to save the empire.

The "unity" of the Conservative party on the naval issue was strikingly illustrated just as soon as Mr. Monk, the leader from Quebec, took the floor. He laid bare certain party secrets, and told the country that he had been assured that Mr. Foster's resolution of last session would not be pressed and he practically accused his comrades of deception. Indeed he went so far as to intimate that they had been made the victims of a panic created in England for political purposes and made it quite clear that so far as he was concerned he was opposed to any Canadian navy at all.

Mr. Monk's speech was a veritable bombshell in the ranks of the Conservative party and it is difficult to see how it can escape complete disintegration on the issue. It is quite evident that the Quebec wing of the party is in open revolt, and it is also apparent that the Dreadnought-or-nothing wing is equally dissatisfied because the leader had not gone far enough.

The programme as enunciated by the premier contained one surprise. It was announced that the government had decided that Canada's initial navy shall consist of eleven vessels instead of seven vessels as was semi-officially announced some weeks ago. The eleven vessels will be made up of four cruisers of the Bristol class, one of the Bodeica type, a smaller class, and six destroyers of improved river class.

The annual expenditure for maintenance will be about \$2,000,000.

Sir Wilfrid expressed the hope that it would be possible to construct the navy in Canada, explaining that it would probably cost 25 per cent. more to build ships on this side of the Atlantic.

The bill which Sir Wilfrid introduced and which is entitled "An act respecting the naval service of Canada" follows the lines of the militia act, one radical difference being that Canadians are not compelled under any circumstances to serve in the navy.

The bill was given a first reading.

Premier introduces Bill.

In introducing the bill respecting the naval service of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: Mr. Speaker, it was understood when the house adjourned for Christmas recess that upon resuming our sitting my honorable friend, the minister of marine and fisheries L. F. Brodeur, would introduce the naval bill which was foreshadowed in the speech from the throne and explain the policy of the government in regard to it. Unfortunately my honorable friend is today in such a condition of health that he cannot be present, but with a view of not disappointing the house and of expediting its business he has asked me to introduce the measure for him to-day. He hopes and still more I hope that when the bill is brought up for a second reading early next week, he will be able to be in his place to move the second reading, and to then go into the whole question and all the details of the policy of administration connected with it. My object therefore to-day will be simply to introduce the bill and give the house its salient feature, reserving for the second reading the more general discussion of the navy.

Follows Lines of Militia Bill.

"The bill which was laid upon the table is entitled 'an Act respecting the Naval service of Canada.' It provides for the creation of a naval force to consist of a permanent corps, or a reserved force and a volunteer force following the same pattern absolutely as the present organization of the militia force. The bill I may say follows the Militia Act in many respects and does not materially depart from it except in one feature which I shall show presently. Under the Militia Act it is provided that the whole male population of Canada from the age of 15 to the age of 60 is liable to military service. Should an emergency arise the whole male population within these ages may be called upon for services. Some discretion is vested in the government under the law. The first class is composed of men from 15 to 20, the second class from 20 to 45, and the last class from 45 to 60 years of age, and should the volunteer force in its different classes be not sufficient there may be



an enrollment or balloting under the law.

"Nothing of that kind is to take place under the present bill. No man in this country, under the Naval Service Act or any other will be liable to military service on the sea. In this matter the present bill departs altogether from the Militia Act. Every man enrolled for naval service in Canada will be enrolled by volunteer engagement. There is no compulsion of any kind, no conscription and balloting. The bill provides that the naval force shall be under the control of the department of marine and fisheries.

"It further provides that there shall be a director of naval service who must be of the rank of rear-admiral, or at least of captain. The department shall be assisted by a naval board which will advise the department of the terms of the engagement to be determined by the governor-in-council. The commissions in Naval Militia will issue in the name of His Majesty.

"These are the general features so far as the re-organization of the force is concerned. Coming now to the service which will be required from the force, the active service or duty during an emergency, and 'emergency' means war, invasion or insurrection, real or apprehended. The Act provides also that at any time when the governor-in-council deems it advisable in the case of an invasion, war or insurrection the force may be called into active service.

Provision in Case of Emergency.

"There is also an important provision to which I at once call the attention of the house, that while the naval force is to be under the control and administration of the department of marine, yet in the case of an emergency the governor-in-council may place at the disposal of His Majesty for general services in the Royal Navy, the naval service or any part thereof, and any ships or vessels of the naval service, and any officers or men of naval service.

"There is a subsequent provision that if such action is taken by the governor-in-council at a time when parliament is not sitting, parliament shall immediately be called. This provision is taken from the Militia Act.

"Provision is made for pensions for the officers of the naval service, these provisions being closely akin to if not actually taken from the Militia Act now in force. Another important feature of the naval bill provides for the establishment of a Naval College on the pattern of the Military College now in existence at Kingston. It also declares that naval discipline shall be in the form of the King's regulations.

"These, Mr. Speaker, are the leading features of the bill. Of course the matter can be very largely elaborated but I do not think that any elaboration would make it more intelligible than what I have now stated."

"In resuming, it provides for the creation of a naval force. In this there are to be three classes as in the militia, the permanent force, the service and the volunteer force. The naval service may be placed at the disposal of His Majesty in case of war."

George E. Foster—"In that connection would the hon. gentleman explain the clause that defines 'emergency'."

Sir Wilfrid—"It is a clause taken from the Militia act. Emergency means war, invasion or insurrection, real or apprehended. And as I have already stated, in case of emergency, the governor-in-council may exercise the power of calling out the naval force to be placed at the disposal of His Majesty. The only restriction being that parliament is to be immediately summoned."

Applies to War Anywhere.

Dr. Sproule—"Is the war referred to, war in any part of the Empire or in Canada only?"

Sir Wilfrid—"War everywhere. When Britain is at war, Canada is at war; there is no distinction. If Great Britain, to which we are subject, is at war with any nation, Canada becomes liable to invasion and so Canada is at war."

"The question may be asked, 'What is to be the number of the permanent force?' Under the Militia Act the number of the permanent force is limited to five thousand men. There is no limit specified in this bill for the very obvious reason that the number of men cannot exceed the number required to man the ships we may have."

Contemplate Armament.

"These being the leading features of the bill, I come now to the question of what armament it is contemplated to have at this juncture. If the members of the house will look at the correspondence and notes of the conference which took place in London, and which have been published, they will see that at the conference the idea was entertained that it would not be advisable for Canada to have a fleet unit on the Pacific Ocean. I read from page 36 of the notes of the conference: 'The Canadian representatives explained in what respect they desired the advice of the admiralty in regard to a measure of naval defence which might be considered consistent with the resolution adopted by the Canadian parliament on March 29th, 1909.'

"While on naval strategical considerations, it was thought that a fleet

unit on the Pacific as outlined by the admiralty, might, in future, form an acceptable system of naval defence. It was recognized that Canada's double seaboard rendered the provision of such a fleet unsuitable for the present."

"Again at page 22 in the summary of the proceedings given by Premier Asquith after the conference had taken place, is the following: 'Separate meetings took place at the admiralty with the representatives of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and general statements were agreed to in each case for further consideration by their respective governments. As regards Australia, the suggestion is that with some temporary assistance from the Imperial funds, the Commonwealth government should provide and maintain the Australian unit of the Pacific fleet. The contribution of the New Zealand government would be applied toward the maintenance of the China unit, of which some of the smaller vessels would have New Zealand waters as their headquarters. The New Zealand armored cruisers would be stationed in China waters.'

"As regards Canada, it was considered that her double seaboard rendered the provision of a fleet unit of some kind unsuitable for the present. It was proposed, according to the amount of money that might be available, that Canada should make a start with cruisers of the Bristol class, and destroyers of an improved river class, a part to be stationed on the Atlantic seaboard and a part on the Pacific."

"In accordance with an arrangement already made, the Canadian government would undertake the maintenance of dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux, and it was part of the arrangement proposed with the Australian representatives that the Commonwealth government should eventually undertake the maintenance of dockyards at Sydney."

Want Strong Force on Pacific.

Sir Wilfrid continued: "Representatives of the Canadian government at the conference took the ground that it would not be advisable for Canada to have all her fleet on the Pacific ocean. Evidently, as I understand the conference, the British government was anxious to have a strong force on the Pacific. There are considerations, the discussion of which I may reserve for a future occasion. At present I am only outlining our policy. I think that everybody will agree that it would be very inadvisable that the whole of our force should be located on the Pacific and our representatives, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. Brodeur, and the Minister of Militia, Sir Frederick Borden, thought we should have two our force divided between the two oceans, partly on the Atlantic and partly on the Pacific."

"The question arose as to what should be the extent and character of the fleet to be created in the beginning. Two plans were proposed and discussed one involving the expenditure of \$2,000,000 a year and the other involving the expenditure of \$3,000,000 a year. The first one would have consisted of seven ships, and the second one would have consisted of eleven ships, namely four Bristols, one Bodeica and six destroyers.

Will Build Eleven Vessels.

"We have determined to accept the second proposition, that is to say, the larger one of 11 ships. That is the force which we intend to create to start with—four Bristols, one Bodeica and six destroyers."

"Perhaps it will be interesting to the house to understand what is meant by a fleet unit, what is understood by a Bristol, a Bodeica, and by a destroyer. The fleet unit which was suggested and which has been accepted by Australia, and to which the government contributes a certain sum per annum, is to be composed of one armored cruiser of the type of the Indomitable, three protected cruisers, six destroyers and three submarines."

Mr. Foster—"Is the definition of a unit given by the British government?"

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"That is the definition of a unit accepted by Australia, but there is more than one class of units, and this, I understand, is the unit which has been accepted for the Pacific ocean and which Australia has undertaken to maintain with the assistance of the home government. This was the unit proposed by the British government at first."

"Now the fleet which we have agreed with the British government to accept is to be composed, as I said a moment ago, of four Bristols, one Bodeica and six destroyers."

The Bristol Class.

"These terms are new to the House, as they were new to me, and perhaps it would be advisable to explain what is understood by them. A Bristol is a protected cruiser, which means that it has a steel deck, which protects all the vital parts of the ship. It is of 4,500 tons, with a speed of 25 knots. The number of guns is not yet determined upon, but the largest Indomitable carries eight guns. A Bodeica carries six guns. It is probable that the number of guns will be made eight. It has a crew of 351 men, of which 20 are officers."

Mr. Foster—"What is the capacity of the guns?"

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"I cannot speak as to that, because it has not yet been decided."

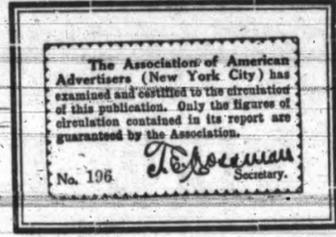
"The Bodeica is a non-armored cruiser, with a tonnage of 3,200, and carries six 4 inch guns. It has a crew of 278 men, of which 17 are officers."

"We are to build six destroyers of what is known as the improved River class. I will state what is meant by this. Until quite recently the destroyers were distinguished owing to lack of sea-keeping qualities, and were called after the rivers of India and spoken of as the River class. The first lord of the admiralty suggested that we should build a later development of destroyer, which he spoke of as an improved River class, and he suggested this class on account of its sea-keeping qualities. This is the class we have adopted."

"The total cost of these eleven ships will be, according to our figures, \$2,555,000 or a little more than \$1,000,000. According to the Canadian prices, supposing the ships were built in Canada, we would have to add at least 25 per cent. to the cost just given."

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FOR SALE—Good, clean earth filling, apply 1114 School street.

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FOR SALE—3,000 pool shares of the Band Creek Oil & Refining Co., Ltd. at 25c; hard pressed; need money. John Drader, Fincher Creek, Alberta. 121

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TO LET—Furnished housekeeping suite, 44 Menzies street. 122

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FROM HALLEY'S COMET

Has Gone Through Tail Before
—Some Mars Theories Shattered.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society in London photographs were shown of Mars, taken by Prof. Hale with his 60-inch at Mount Wilson observatory, California.

E. E. W. Maunder, of Greenwich observatory, said the photographs were an enormous improvement on any that had yet been shown them. There was no indication on them of the spider-like network, and in this connection he read the interim report of Monsieur Antoniadi, director of the Mars section, who adduced evidence to prove that the supposed "canals" were the effect on the eye of congregations of dark spots, and said that there was no doubt they had never seen a single genuine canal on Mars. He quoted other eminent astronomers in support of this view.

Mr. Maunder said he thought Monsieur Antoniadi's conclusion was a satisfactory one. There never was any real ground for supposing that they had in the marking of Mars any evidence of artificial action. He believed, if it had not been that it was a somewhat sensational idea, and was therefore taken up by the press with a view to sensational writing, they would never have heard of it. He thought it was the better for science that that idea had been completely dispensed of. They might, he thought, sleep quietly in their beds, without any fear of an invasion from Mars such as H. G. Wells wrote of.

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RUSSIA FEARS WAR WITH JAPAN IN 1912

An Alliance of Japan and Germany Would Ruin Russian Empire.

The most influential circles in Russia are again regarding the outlook in the Orient with the gravest concern. They are profoundly disturbed by the long confidential report prepared by M. Giesmer, a member of the industrial delegation in the council of the empire, who made a tour of investigation in Japan and Russia's eastern frontier territories, writes a St. Petersburg correspondent.

Mr. Giesmer went to the Orient some time before Finance Minister Kokovtsov for the purpose of acquiring independent information in case the government should launch a policy involving the interests of the Russian business world. A report which he wrote for a small number of friends in the council of the empire and the duma represented the situation as so dangerous that Premier Stolypin asked him to postpone its circulation until Foreign Minister Isvolsky could issue a reasoned note on the satisfactory state of the Russo-Japanese diplomatic relations, which was launched a fortnight ago.

The report of M. Giesmer, which comes from one of the most eminent and most successful business men of Russia, maintains the view that Japan is again bent on taking the aggressive. He says her economic position is perfectly sound. There will be no Japan loan in the coming year. She has an annual food supply enough for 50,000,000 population, although she has only 55,000,000.

She is preparing a military transport organization of 200,000 rickshaws and coolies, which will be much more efficient than horse transports. The spirit of the people is still resolute.

M. Giesmer was present at a fire in Japan where 20,000 houses were razed, yet he found that not one of the sufferers became a beggar or sought public help. He is convinced that the Japanese will use all their strength to drive Russia back from the Korean frontier. The Anglo-Japanese alliance will be of no avail to stop this.

Japanese statesmen are already turning their minds to an alliance with Germany. Their two young navies could co-operate on opposite sides of the world, the German fleet holding the English in European waters. The attitude taken by the United States, writes M. Giesmer, will be a decisive factor. He believes that the American government will adopt a passive role.

Given China's present position and the neutrality of America, an alliance between Japan and Germany would have such significance that it would change not only the political map of the Orient, but also of Europe. Russia's position, he maintains, is very unfavorable, even critical. In order to maintain effective connection with her European base she must begin immediately to double track the Trans-Siberian railroad, which will cost 175,000,000 roubles.

She must build a line through Russian territory to Chabarovsk, Blagovestchensk and Nicolalevsk, which will cost 25,000,000 roubles. Russia, further, must build docks and fortresses on her Pacific coast and maintain there a garrison of 300,000 men. Japan's only present weakness is the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods and Japanese shipping. If the boycott is persisted in, Mr. Giesmer admits that Japan will be seriously crippled.

All of Japan's new works that have a strategic purpose will be ready in 1911, when several of her international and commercial treaties will lapse. It is urgent that Russia should have China on her side by 1912. M. Giesmer found from intercourse with the Japanese that the results of the last war with Russia were so inadequate that a new war would be very popular. The Japanese see no sense in awaiting further political conjunctures or the regeneration of China.

She is most likely to attack in 1912. It is important and relevant to the contents of M. Giesmer's confidential report that it is in The St. Petersburg Zeitung which has regular relations with the German embassy here, and not in the national Russian newspapers it is first made public.

GOVERNMENT'S NAVAL POLICY

(Continued from page 18.)

Will Start Construction at Once.

"I may say that it is our intention to start at the earliest possible moment with the construction of this fleet and if possible to have the construction done in Canada."

"These Mr. Speaker, are the explanations I have to give upon this occasion in introducing this bill of which I now beg to move the first reading."

R. S. Lake, Qu'Appelle—"I would like to ask a question of the right honorable gentleman. When does he expect these ships will be ready to put in commission? Has he formed any estimate of that point?"

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"I am sorry to say I have not formed any estimate."

F. D. Monk, Jacques Cartier—"I would like to ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister a question. Is the object of this legislation to carry out an agreement or understanding arrived at, or reached at a conference of delegates last year, or is there anything in this legislation which in any way varies or tends to change the agreement arrived at thereof?"

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"There was no agreement arrived at, but the policy laid down by the conference is the policy which it is intended to carry out now."

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The shooting was carefully planned, according to the prisoner's statement. The brothers had been at odds for years over their sister's \$5,000 estate and believing that Patrick was demanding more than his share and squandering the estate, Michael awaited for him in the court room, where Patrick was to do janitor work, and shot him. Two bullets pierced Patrick's head and he died almost instantly.

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