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The remains of Mrs. Mary C. Heathorn were laid at rest this afternoon.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from Hayward's undertaking parlors, and at 2.30 at the Reformed Episcopal church. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. Impressive services were conducted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, assisted by Rev. H. J. Wood. A number of appropriate musical selections were rendered by members of the choir, who attended. There were many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Capt. W. Grant, M. Young, W. Dalby, E. Dickinson, W. Anderson and H. D. Heineken.

RAILROAD DEAL COMPLETED TO-DAY

The Necessary Papers Signed--Formal Act of Ratification by Dominion Government Will Be Applied For.

The sale of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway to the C. P. R. was completed to-day, and upon the passage of a formal act of ratification by the Dominion parliament, the transcontinental corporation will enter into possession of their new property. This morning the final requisite details of the actual deal were disposed of by B. P. Davis, K. C., representing the C. P. R., and R. T. Elliott on behalf of Mr. Dunsmuir, the necessary papers having arrived from the purchasing company's headquarters at Montreal. The documents relating to Mr. Dunsmuir's side of the transaction have been ready for several days, in fact were lying in the bank in readiness for the final process, and the representatives of the two parties have been awaiting the arrival of those bearing the signature of President Shaughnessy.

Although ever since the exclusive announcement in the Times that negotiations were in progress in this connection it was generally believed that the deal would go through, there was doubt expressed in some quarters regarding the actual facts of the case. There were a lot of "knowing ones" who wisely nodded their heads and volunteered the opinion that the whole thing was a blind, and that some colossal conspiracy was in the wind which would shake the prosperity of the city to its very foundations. But the Times has learned the indisputable fact that in consequence of to-day's transaction the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway will henceforth belong to the C. P. R. Company, who will operate it in the business-like and profitable manner for which they have earned a world-wide reputation.

What the plans of the new purchasers are one may only speculate. It has been surmised on the strength of certain well-defined indications that in the Island system, Esquimalt will be a focal centre. That a harbor possessing the unsurpassed facilities and possibilities of the late naval base will be taken advantage of to the fullest extent seems both

natural and inevitable, and it is a safe prediction that before long it will be the centre of shipping, commercial and railroad activity never before dreamed of. The C. P. R. Company, like most corporations which do things, never sends heralds ahead with a fanfare of trumpets to announce their plans, so that it is only possible to indulge in speculation based on indications. It has been reported quite persistently that the company had bonded, or was about to bond, a large area of land on the other side of Esquimalt harbor, extending generally from the Indian reserve to the Naval hospital. However, inquiry by the Times at the local offices of the Hudson's Bay Company, to whom the land belongs, elicited the reply that the report was incorrect.

It will be necessary for the Dominion parliament to pass an act confirming the sale before the company can enter into actual possession, and consequently notice of an application has been made. In to-day's Times over the name of James Creelman, solicitor for the C. P. R., Montreal, there appears the announcement that this application will be made at the present session. The act is to declare the Island railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and authorizing the C. P. R. to acquire and operate the same, issue bonds, debentures, consolidated debenture stock or other securities to aid in such acquisition, with such other powers as may be necessary and expedient in order to carry out the purposes and objects of the agreement.

The property involved in the transfer, as already stated in the Times, involves the railroad from Victoria to Wellington, including of course the right-of-way extending for a hundred feet on each side of the line, the necessary appurtenances, such as sheds, stations, etc., etc., and the steamship system, which comprises the steamers Joan and City of Nanaimo, the Mags Enterprise and the King Can, both of which are employed in the ferry service between Ladysmith and the Mainland. It is believed that the amount required to purchase these holdings aggregates in the neighborhood of a million and a quarter dollars. It is probable that the Canadian Pacific railway will take active charge of the road about the first of April.

HAS NOT ALTERED TARIFF ON CEDAR

C.P.R. STILL CHARGING DISCRIMINATORY RATE

The Commission Will Draw Company's Attention to Fact That Its Decision is Being Ignored.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The railway commission intends calling the attention of the C. P. R. that the company has not yet ceased charging its discriminatory rate on cedar in British Columbia, although the decision of the commission was that this should be done.

The New Capital. The Edmonton delegation waited on the government to-day and asked that Edmonton be made the capital of the western provinces to be cut out of the Territories. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to give the matter consideration.

Conservative Whips. The following whips were elected at the Conservative caucus to-day: Mr. Taylor, chief whip, and Messrs. Ingram and Lancaster for Ontario; Messrs. Worthington and Leonard for Quebec; Messrs. Gannon and Lefurgy for the Maritime Provinces, and Dr. Roche, for the West.

The Yukon Case. Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated in the House that the secretary of state received a telegram from the returning officer of the Yukon yesterday asking if he were to hand over the poll books, voters' list and all other papers, which were wanted in court in the conspiracy case. Hon. R. W. Scott replied that if there was any demand for a recount under section 90, then he was to conform with the same, but if not the papers were to be forwarded to the clerk of the crown in Chancery prescribed by section 92 of the act.

The back of the axe may be a good thing to break up your coal, but a coal hammer is better. We have them at 25c each. Weller Bros.

VALENTINE SOCIAL. Three Splendid Entertainments Held Last Evening at Local Churches.

Yesterday was Valentine Day, and the occasion was appropriately celebrated. Besides the usual exchange of "compliments," several most enjoyable concerts were held at local churches. One took place at the Metropolitan and the King Can, both of which are employed in the ferry service between Ladysmith and the Mainland. It is believed that the amount required to purchase these holdings aggregates in the neighborhood of a million and a quarter dollars. It is probable that the Canadian Pacific railway will take active charge of the road about the first of April.

The former was very largely attended. Rev. G. K. B. Adams occupied the chair. After a few introductory remarks, he called for the first selection of an excellent musical programme. This was followed by club singing by a class of young ladies, and other interesting performances. Games of various kinds were indulged in afterwards, and a pleasant social time spent by everyone in attendance. The entertainment concluded with refreshments. It was conducted under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

At St. John's church the first part of the evening was spent in listening to a meritorious programme, which included the following: Tableaux, quartette, vocal duet, the Misses Lugin; piano-forte duet, the Misses Winnie and Elsie Redfern; vocal solo, W. Ives. A booth where valentines were sold at a nominal figure was well patronized. Refreshments were dispensed during the evening and the social was voted an unequalled success.

The lecture room of St. Andrew's church was crowded last evening. R. B. McMicking acted as chairman, and the fine programme was in charge of Miss Spring, to whom is due the credit of the arrangement of a really splendid entertainment. There were recitations, songs and tableaux, and, of course, refreshments. Nothing was omitted likely to contribute to the enjoyment of those attending.

THE PHOENIX FIRE. Phoenix, B. C., Feb. 15.—The worst fire in the history of Phoenix occurred this morning when the Brooklyn and Phoenix hotels went up in smoke, with an approximate loss of \$15,000. Considerable damage was sustained to the Migt hotel, near the Phoenix, and to goods moved from the zone of the fire. The Brooklyn hotel was owned by James Marshall and E. P. Shea. It was a three story structure and cost them about \$7,000. They had \$2,000 insurance. The Phoenix hotel was owned by Mayor Robinson, now in the East, and was partially insured. It was occupied by W. L. Dunn and Mrs. S. A. McCormack, whose loss on contents is total. J. H. Graham has \$1,000 insurance on the Migt hotel.

The reserve water tanks of the Granby works were drawn on, and the firemen had a hard time confining the flames to the corner where the fire started. There were some narrow escapes, as a dozen men were asleep in the burning building when the flames broke out at 10 o'clock.

COCOS ISLAND TREASURE HUNTERS

THEIR RETURN HOME FROM PACIFIC COAST

Report That Earl Fitzwilliam Has Requested Capt. Hackett to Join Second Expedition.

Capt. Fred Hackett, formerly of Victoria, but now of Vancouver, is reported to have received a cablegram from Earl Fitzwilliam requesting him to leave for England at once to join a second expedition to be headed by the British nobleman, in search of the world-famed buried treasure on Cocos Island. The earl, as has been told in telegraphic advices, has just returned from a fruitless quest for the countless millions of Peruvian wealth, and, though disappointed, has not given up hope.

He is said to be more eager than ever on finding the secret of the mysterious little island, and with a view of further investigating has communicated with Capt. Hackett to accompany him on his second expedition. The latter, as is well known to Victorians, has had charge of a number of local expeditions to the island, and he possesses information about the buried treasure which few others have. His last venture, that of the Blakeley, interested hundreds of residents of this city, who freely brought stock in the enterprise. But the people of this city have been disappointed more than once in speculations of the kind, and they are now content to see English aristocracy take the matter up.

Capt. Hackett was in the city to-day. Seen by a Times man he denied the report generally current that Earl Fitzwilliam had communicated with him. "I am done with Cocos Island," he said, "and I am not going to England."

According to the London Daily News the earl was the most hunted man in England when he returned there last month from Cocos Island. The Chronicle tells of the extraordinary precautions taken by the agents, on behalf of the noble passenger, to prevent anyone going on board. Continuing, the paper says: "The tender drew alongside, a rope ladder was dropped over, only to be quickly pulled on board when the last of the officers had gained the satisfactory basis. A number of packages, including the mails and the shoe-going passengers' luggage, was slung on to the tender over the port side. The Press launches immediately made a demonstration on the starboard side, their occupants hoping to clamber aboard. There they were met by a concerted fire of rifles from the ship's officers and crews, who appeared to act the part of special bodyguard for the earl.

"Prepare to repel boarders, starboard side," shouted someone in command facetiously. In obedience to the order all hands, including the cook, hurried to the threatened point of attack prepared to hurl back the would-be invaders at the point of the broomstick.

"The hunted earl, who seemed to enjoy the proceedings immensely, showed himself at the saloon doorway for a couple of minutes, then as if apprehending danger he disappeared from view.

"Subsequently he condescended to send a message to the Press representatives by one of the ship's officers. The latter, standing on the bridge and using his hands as a speaking trumpet, shouted across the water that His Lordship did not wish to see anyone, and that he had nothing to say concerning the Cocos Island experiences. The whole of the passengers entered the spirit of the thing, and so did the crew of the neighboring warship, who crowding the forecastle laughed as they watched the manoeuvres of the tiny fleet of Press boats that circled round the big liner. The crew of the Orinoco were kept busy running from side to side. Posted at a strategic point was one of the vessel's quartermasters, with a hydrant attached to a line of hose to salute any venturesome journalist who showed a nose above the bulwarks.

"The Fitzwilliam party, including the earl himself, are understood to include Admiral Palliser, Capt. Bulkeley, Capt. North, Messrs. G. Yerborough and D. Smith. All these were passengers from Colon, while amongst those who travelled from Jamaica were Sir Arthur Stokes and W. J. Wilson.

"Two members of the expedition landed at Plymouth, the others, with the earl, went in the ship to Southampton, where His Lordship's yacht is lying.

"The members who disembarked at Plymouth said they were pledged to secrecy, and could not divulge anything about the fight on Treasure Island.

"You see," said one, "we may go out again, and we don't want to say anything at present. Besides, it is the earl's affair and not mine."

"This gentleman, who had one eye brown and the back of his neck scarred, as if by burning or by an explosion or something of that kind, did not deny that there had been a collision on the island between the followers of the earl and those of the rival claimant, Harold Gray. He admitted that several of the party had been injured by a premature explosion. It had occurred owing to a bad fuse in an explosive charge. Eight Costa Rican laborers were killed, and Captain Bulkeley and Earl Fitzwilliam slightly wounded. Admiral Palliser had a narrow escape, for he was close by at the time. The explosion dislodged an immense mass of rock. In the fall several of the crew of the Veronique were injured by the debris.

"I am glad that you at all events

were not seriously injured," said our representative. "Thank you," said the returned voyager, as, feeling further questioning, he fled into a railway carriage."

LAND BONUS SOUGHT.

Rumor That Grand Trunk Pacific Want 20,000 Acres Per Mile From Province.

On the authority of a member of the legislature, who is a supporter of the government, it is said that the Grand Trunk Pacific is seeking from the provincial legislature a bonus of 20,000 acres of land per mile for the road through British Columbia. The same member expressed the opinion that such a proposition would never be entertained by the legislature.

While it is generally believed that the visit of Mr. Morse, the general manager of the company, to the Coast at this particular time is in connection with arranging, if possible, for a bonus, yet it is very doubtful if any bona fide negotiations have yet been entered into between himself and the government. It is further very questionable if the Grand Trunk Pacific has made an absolute proposal for a land bonus of the proportions indicated.

In return for suitable aid from the province the Grand Trunk Pacific will, it is understood, agree to begin construction on the Pacific and build eastward to a certain point.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIGHTING PLANT

Committee of Council Recommend Purchase of Auxiliary Machinery and New Arc Lamps.

A short time ago the Times published an article dealing with the city lighting plant, emphasizing the danger of the place being suddenly plunged in darkness. It was shown that the machinery was taxed to its utmost capacity, and that therefore, it would be impossible to install another light, no matter how urgent might be the requirement; that the arcs were obsolete, and involved much more attention and care, as well as repair, than modern ones, and that it was necessary that something should be done. It was pointed out that there was no auxiliary plant, and therefore if anything went wrong with the present machinery the city would be in darkness until repairs were effected.

At the meeting of the council on Monday evening the electric light committee presented a report substantiating the article in every particular, and showing the improvements necessary in order to establish the system on a satisfactory basis. They recommended the purchase of the following: One new dynamo, 230 lights capacity, approximate cost \$2,940; one exciter, cost \$145; one switchboard, \$305; one belt, pulley and clutch and fitting same, \$500; three transformers of fifty lights capacity each, \$1,800; one hundred and fifty arc lamps, \$4,500; rearranging circuits, \$850. Total, \$11,000. If these improvements are installed the committee state that the savings of one trimmer can be dispensed with, effecting a saving of \$720 per annum. The report was laid over until the consideration of the estimates.

PAARBERG DAY. Outline of Programme Prepared by the Fifth Regiment for the Celebration.

Preparations for the Paarberg Day celebration are in full swing. The Fifth Regiment is arranging to hold an entertainment on the anniversary of that occasion on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the drill hall. Energetic committees have been at work for more than a month. They have outlined an exceptionally fine programme, and, if carried through as at present intended, the forthcoming affair will eclipse all previous regimental functions.

Accommodation will be provided for the general public in the two galleries and at other points of vantage available in different parts of the hall. Those who wish to secure seats will have to attend early. A large crowd is assured, and the Regiment and High school cadet corps—the latter having agreed to co-operate with the militia—will fall in at 7.45 o'clock. They will be drawn up in squares and advantage will be taken of this opportunity by the Lieut. Governor to present the different trophies won by the respective companies during the past few months. This ceremony concluded, Lieut. Col. Hall will dismiss the corps and the band will render an appropriate selection.

Following this the regular programme will be introduced by an exhibition of sword exercise by the cadets. The bicycle drill and Balalaeva marches will follow, after which members of No. 4 company will give a gun drill. A competition in dismounting 13 pounds between teams from Nos. 5 and 1 companies will be the next performance. A "take off" on Capt. Cullen's ball-bearing oration is expected to be presented at this juncture.

Bayonet drill will be given by members of No. 2 company. Following it will be a "ladies'" basketball match. The arrangements are in the hands of the sergeants' mess and an interesting exhibition is guaranteed. Physical drill with arms by Nos. 5 and 6 companies, tug-of-war between right and left halves of the regiment, and a sham fight consisting of an attack on a trench by members of No. 4, its defence being undertaken by No. 5 company, will be other features of the entertainment. They will be interspersed by band selections.

It is announced that members wishing to sell tickets may obtain them from Corp. Major, of Covent Gardens, Government street.

The King of the Belgians, who a few days ago completed the purchase of a finely situated estate on the Mediterranean shore at Cap d'Antibes, between Cannes and Nice, intends to build a winter palace on this beautiful spot.

IN INTERESTS OF BIG EXPOSITION

TWO GENTLEMEN FROM PORTLAND IN CITY

Interviewing Provincial Government and Civic Authorities - Want to See the Province Represented.

William R. Mackenzie, auditor of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, and his brother, Dr. Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, are in the city in the interests of the big fair which is to open at Portland in June. Their object is to interview the provincial government and civic authorities and associations in connection with the exposition. The auditor suggests that the cities of Victoria and Vancouver make a moderate grant in order to provide representation in the shape of a creditable exhibit, should the provincial government not be in a position to do so.

He estimates that at least two million people will take in the fair, while owing to the large number of conventions that will be held in Portland during its progress many representative people will be brought together. It is to the interests of this province generally, and the city in particular, that an effort be exerted to impress upon those people the attractions to be offered here in order that they may be induced to extend their trip north.

Mr. Mackenzie remarked yesterday that preparations for the big exposition were being pushed forward with marked dispatch, and already the fair grounds present the appearance of a small city. With almost four months remaining before the opening of the fair on June 1st, the demand for exhibit space by manufacturers and foreign governments has been so great that not only is every square foot of the original provision contracted for, but much additional space as well.

Some time ago it was found necessary to order an additional exposition structure, which is now being built. The new building, which bears the name of Palace of Manufacturers, Liberal Arts and Varied Industries, will contain 90,000 square feet of exhibit space, equaling in size the Agricultural Palace, at present the largest structure on the grounds.

It has now been found necessary to add to the space in the Palace of Machinery, Electricity and Transportation, by adding two wings, one at each end, each wing to be 100x100 feet. The building as it now stands is 100 feet wide by 500 feet long.

Work on the exposition structures is progressing rapidly. Ten of them are now completed, and the others will be finished in a few weeks. Only exhibits of unusual attractiveness are now being accepted, special attention being paid to working exhibits which show the process of manufacture rather than the manufactured products.

FOUR PEOPLE FOUND DEAD. (Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Four persons were found dead in a small house at 502 1/2 Central avenue to-day. It was at first supposed that the deaths had been caused by escaped natural gas, but the coroner upon viewing the bodies stated that he was not at all sure that was the case. The dead are: Chas. Heller, Josephine Heller, his wife, Geo. Nolan, a son-in-law; May Nolan, wife of George Nolan, and daughter of the Hellers.

According to the statement of the neighbors there had been much discord in the Heller house, and that Mrs. Heller had recently said: "If things don't get better, death will come to all of us."

The coroner will make postmortems to learn the exact cause of the deaths.

A sad accident occurred last Saturday on Peender Island, the victim of which was Mrs. Copeland, a well known resident. An immense tree standing near the barn in which she was working fell unexpectedly and crashed through the roof of the building. Mrs. Copeland was struck by a rafter on the back, receiving injuries which may prove fatal. At the time of the accident Mr. Copeland was away from home, and it appears that Mrs. Copeland set fire to the trunk of the tree in order to clear the property. The blaze made very rapid progress, as Mrs. Copeland did not expect the tree to fall without warning. She is receiving treatment at the Jubilee hospital.

There has never been a period in the history of the theatre in America when so great and so good a variety of legitimate dramas and comedies has been put before the people as during the past ten years. During that time also the mechanical resources of the theatre have been more than doubled in variety and efficacy. Antedating the period referred to, competing with all that was popular in 1886—and before that for that matter—and staying in the race up to the present time without losing hold on popular public favor, the two Irish plays, "Kerry Gow" and "Sham Rhué" are still in the front as profitable theatrical attractions. To do this in the face of the remarkable rivalry alluded to constitutes an argument in favor of Joseph Murphy's popularity as an actor. This is Mr. Murphy's twenty-eighth annual tour. To-night at the Victoria theatre the playgoers of this city will have an opportunity of seeing him as Dan O'Hara in the fine old drama "Kerry Gow."

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'Phone 28 Johnson Street.

EXHIBITION PUT OFF THIS YEAR

THIS WAS DECIDED BY LOCAL ASSOCIATION

At Meeting Held Yesterday Evening—Matter Was Vigorously Discussed—A Close Vote.

Victoria will have no exhibition this year. This was decided upon at a well-attended meeting of the B. C. Agricultural Association last evening at the city hall.

When the meeting was called to order His Worship Mayor Barnard explained its object. It was the outcome of a conference of members of the executive at which the advisability of holding an exhibition had been discussed.

M. Baker made some vigorous remarks against the proposal. His opinion was that a local show could be carried out successfully despite the fact that the Royal City Association had been granted the \$50,000 allowed by the Federal government for the Dominion exhibition.

committee might be appointed to interview local merchants and principal exhibitors for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the majority on the question.

Mr. Thompson inquired whether the council would be responsible for the deficit in a local show.

The Mayor explained that up to the present the corporation had met all exhibition over-expenditures.

Mr. Shakespeare observed that Westminster and Vancouver merchants were always a unit on important questions.

Mr. Baker suggested that a horse race meet might be held immediately after the Dominion exhibition.

Mr. Baker moved in amendment that the regular Victoria show be held, commencing about the 20th of September.

Ald. Fell asked that a vote be taken. He suggested that if it was found that a majority favored the holding of a show those voting for it take the places of the executive and manage the fair.

He understood that Mr. Clarke objected to the exclusion of "level-headed farmers" from the executive. He was quite willing to retire and give others an opportunity.

W. H. Price did not think those present could take upon themselves the deciding of so important a matter.

Mr. Clarke remarked that Ald. Fell did not take his remarks in the proper spirit. In the speaker's opinion, the alderman's suggestion that the executive resign was "pretty small."

This brought Ald. Fell to his feet. He was surprised at Mr. Clarke's attitude. He (the speaker) had been holding out the olive branch by offering to retire in favor of "level-headed farmers." (Laughter.) He thought his stand was very magnanimous.

The Mayor said that when he suggested that the Victoria exhibition be postponed he was considering the interests of the local association. He pointed out that those who attended both exhibitions would naturally make unfavorable comparisons.

On motion of Mr. Shakespeare it was made unanimous. The meeting then adjourned.

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Thousands of people throughout the country know that the ordinary remedies for piles—ointments, suppositories and appliances—will not cure.

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LAKE LUMBER RATES.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14.—The board of managers of the Lumber Carriers' Association of the Great Lakes, in session here to-day, voted to reduce carrying charges on pine lumber from Lake Superior to Chicago and Lake Erie ports 10 per cent, from \$2.50 per thousand feet to \$2.25 per thousand feet.

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KAI CHUNG & BRO., 158 Government St. Employment agency; servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123. Boot and shoe store.

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DRESSMAKING done by the day or at home. Apply 23 Quadra street.

WANTED—Chickens, for laying purposes. Apply J. R. Times Office.

C. M. COOKSON, plumber and seater. Jobbing work specialty. Estimates given on all kinds of plumbing and sewer work. Headquarters for up-to-date English washstands. Tel. 674. 97 Johnson street.

WANTED—Photo-engraving work from all parts of the province; satisfaction guaranteed; send for samples. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

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TO LET—Two well furnished rooms, at 170 Yates street.

TO RENT—Offices on Wharf street, at present occupied by Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Apply Hudson's Bay Company, Wharf street.

TO LET—Furnished cottage of 4 rooms, \$7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month. 8 Finch, 57 Government street.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentlemen, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 15.—3 a. m.—In the Northwest Territories a low pressure area has developed from the northwest and warmer weather has followed, but elsewhere a vast area of high pressure covers the entire region from the Pacific to the Lakes and southward to the Gulf of Mexico, the highest pressure being at Memphis, Tennessee. Light snow is falling at Barkerville, but at all other stations, both east and west of the Rockies, the weather is fair. Temperatures are higher on the Pacific slope, but extreme cold continues in Manitoba and the northern portions of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light northerly and easterly winds, continued fair and milder.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, continued fair and milder.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 34; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 24; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 6; minimum, 6; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; snow, 14.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

DEBATE ON ADDRESS HAS BEEN CONCLUDED

Both Leaders Discussed Questions—Premier's Reference to Railway Policy in His Speech.

Victoria, February 14th.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from His Honor closed today in the legislature, and the ordinary business will now have precedence on the order paper.

This afternoon the leader of the opposition and the Premier had the debate to themselves. J. A. Macdonald's address was a very clear one, and he dealt with the weakness of the government in its administration of the affairs of the province.

The Premier's reply was very weak, even for Hon. Mr. McBride. The subject to which special attention was drawn was that of railways. His remarks with reference to this subject were very indefinite. Profiting by the experience of last year, however, he was not so ready to risk promises respecting railway construction. He referred to plans being considered with respect to railway connection in Southeast Kootenay, the Boundary and the north end of Vancouver Island. While these may all be under consideration it is more than probable that the Premier is at the same time being forced in some way to consider other propositions, including the Coast Kootenay, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Pacific Northern & Omineca. With reference to these should any satisfactory arrangement be arrived at the Premier likely expects to spring a surprise on the House.

Prayers were read by Canon Beachlands.

Reports and Papers.

Hon. F. J. Fulton presented the report of the superintendent of police. He also presented the papers relating to certain acts passed by the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia during last session. These were with reference to the Federal government's attitude respecting the B. & N. Settlers Rights Act, the Coal Mines Regulation Act and the Immigration Act.

Petitions.

A petition was presented by Thos. Taylor praying for a private bill to incorporate the Golden Light, Power & Water Co.

Another petition presented by W. J. Boucher asked for a private bill to incorporate the Royal Trust Co.

These were laid on the table. The following petitions were received: From W. T. Stein and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Chartered Accountants' Institute.

From the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend their corporate act.

From the Kootenay, Cariboo & Pacific Railway Company, for leave to introduce a private bill to amend their corporate act.

From W. Herbert Evans and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Forthing Valley Railway Company.

Private Bills.

The Premier, before proceeding with the business of the sitting, announced that he had a request to make. It appeared that to-day was the last one, according to the rules, for receiving petitions for private bills. He asked that an adjournment be taken for a short time in order that the committee might be organized and the time extended for receiving petitions.

An adjournment of half an hour was accordingly taken. Upon resuming W. T. Ross presented the first report, which recommended the date for receiving petitions for private bills until February 20th.

The report was received, the rules suspended and the report adopted.

J. A. Macdonald.

J. A. Macdonald, speaking on the address in reply to the speech of His Honor, congratulated the mover and seconder upon their efforts. It was more creditable to them that they had pieced out such a garment from the shreds which had been given them by the speech. The speech was a model after the Premier's own heart. It was like a winding path about a mountain. It went on and on and on, and led to nowhere. One would have expected that at a time like this the speech would have dealt with the questions in a business-like way. The speech referred to the poor taxpayer and the burdens he bore, and informed him that two laymen had been appointed to probe his wounds.

One would have expected something definite with respect to railway legisla-

tion. This speech would indicate that all had been disposed of at the recent summer session.

The member for Fernie had described it as within the realm of speculation and hope. With the exception of the Assessment Act, could that member recall anything which had not been left by this government in the realm of speculation and hope.

With reference to the lumber trade Mr. Macdonald said that there was a depression, and the prosperity of the industry had been retarded by legislation of this government last session. He believed, however, that there were bright days ahead for the lumber industry. The opening up of the Northwest to the British Columbia lumbermen would do much he believed in this way. Both those who spoke on the question in moving and seconding the address had refrained from introducing party politics. In this respect they differed from the Premier, who had undertaken to introduce party feeling into this.

He had the greatest faith in the mineral industry in the province. There was nothing wrong with the miners, the prospectors and the operators, but there was something wrong with the mining laws and fiscal laws of the government. The Conservative party had come to the country on a platform pledged to the repeal of the 2 per cent. mineral tax. The finance minister of the present time, while in opposition during the days of the Prior administration, had described this as an infamous tax.

He was almost forced to say that with shame the Premier had last session asked to have the question of the 2 per cent. tax left over, promising to introduce legislation dealing with it later. Though repeatedly asked afterwards with respect to this promise, the Premier never redeemed his pledge. While a commission had been appointed to go into the subject of taxation this 2 per cent. tax had apparently been carefully excluded.

If there was any indication of prosperity in the mining industry today it was in spite of the acts of the government. The prosperity had been due to the Dominion government coming to the aid of the miners and giving a bounty on silver-lead production.

If the public accounts were consulted it would be shown that mining was not in as prosperous a condition as it should be. The accounts would show that free miners' certificates had fallen off \$8,000 during the year. The revenue from the 2 per cent. tax had fallen off by \$300,000. The tax was on the output. The return of revenue showed that the output had fallen off about \$1,000,000. This was surely not an evidence of increased prosperity. The general receipts from mining had fallen off about \$400,000. This surely did not indicate increasing prosperity.

The copper industry was moreover proposing to seek aid from the Dominion government. Aids did not show that prosperity was increasing, and aid was being looked to from the Liberal government at Ottawa.

Referring to the surplus, Mr. Macdonald pointed out some peculiar features. He said the government took the credit of having had the first surplus in the history of the province. He refrained from doing in the report of the member for Richmond (Mr. Collier), the government of that gentleman he believed claimed a surplus.

Hon. Mr. Cotton rising said he thought the leader of the opposition did not quite understand. Mr. Macdonald said: "All right I will withdraw the charge against the member for Richmond." (Laughter.)

Continuing, Mr. Macdonald said the acreage tax on mining property for 1903 showed no receipts, but in 1904 there was shown \$28,000. He happened to know that the acreage tax for 1903 was not collected, but the arrears were collected in 1904. There was, therefore, about \$14,000 taxes which belonged to the year before.

There was probably about \$140,000 of that derived from the Chinese head tax creditable to the year previous. Then there was \$100,000 paid out of revenue, which was put to the overdraft in the bank, which now reached a quarter of a million.

He did not care whether there was a surplus or not. If a surplus were figured out it was raised by a system of taxation which was never equaled before in British Columbia or anywhere else in Canada.

The subject of better terms Mr. Macdonald said was not a new question. The agreement entered into with the Dominion was a binding one. He was glad to see that the Premier was changing his attitude on this question. Last session the Premier had threatened Sir Wilfrid Laurier that if better terms were not granted he would make this a party question. The Premier did make it a party question, and at the time of the late election he had spoken on scarcely any other subject. The people of this province had given its answer by returning seven Liberal members. The Premier had taken the answer to heart, and was now prepared to treat this as a non-political question. In doing so he would have the hearty support of the opposition members.

The member for Revelstoke had referred to the fact that a new sensation had been awakened last year. It was a new sensation, but one which the speaker believed the taxpayers did not wish to have reported. It was characterized by a vacancy in the pocket of the taxpayer rather than a feeling of admiration for the present government.

With reference to the McBride government as the first Conservative government in British Columbia, Mr. Macdonald wanted to know if the Davis government, the Carter-Cotton and the Prior governments were not Conservative governments. He wished to ask the Speaker if he was at liberty to refer to the member for Dewdney as the leader of the Socialists or the member for Nanaimo as the leader of the first Conservative government in British Columbia. He did not ask an immediate ruling as the Speaker might have to go into the rules or orders of the House and of the Imperial House, into the history of the nation and even national history to decide this. If he found it impossible to answer he would ask that it be referred to the member for Nelson.

Hon. R. McBride.

The Premier, replying, said that it was the usual thing to describe the speech as barren. The leader of the opposition was too anxious to get over to the other side of the House. If the

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leader would, instead of giving so much anxiety to this, do something to aid the government in meeting the serious conditions that it would be better. The province in the past two years had been placed in a trying position.

"Hear, hear," said Mr. Oliver. (Laughter.)

Referring to the Dominion elections, the Premier contended that he had just the same right to take a part in them as the opposition members had.

The leader of the opposition in general had a narrow majority for the government and without their aid it would have been impossible to put the affairs of the country on a substantial basis. These men had performed a duty to the province, and he had found them ever ready to aid in placing the country on a proper basis.

Did he understand that the members of the opposition would refuse the aid of these men if they came and offered to aid them? The Premier then went on to refer to attempts having been made to win these members over to the opposition.

John Oliver called for names. The Premier said that he (John Oliver) was meant.

"I demand a retraction or will ask the Premier to prove it," said Mr. Oliver. "Yes I retract it," said the Premier. No one would suspect that the member for Delta would be guilty of doing anything to win these men to his side.

These men, said the Premier, had through a trying time behaved themselves in a admirable way, and he was proud to have their names in connection with the British Columbia, the Premier said that at Washington, after going into the mining laws of various states and countries, those of the province had been recommended as the most suitable for the Philippine Islands. In the laws adopted, whole portions had been taken out of the laws of British Columbia.

"What was done with the other portion?" asked the leader of the opposition. "I don't know," replied the Premier. But this indicated that the leader of the opposition had no right to describe the mining laws as bad.

Mr. Macdonald, rising to a point of order, said he did not describe the laws in general as bad. With respect to the 2 per cent. tax, the Premier said that the government was prepared to accept any good substitute.

The leader of the opposition wanted to know if the mining industry was not a part of the Dominion's Association and the Mine Owners' Association had not been refused a hearing before the assessment commission.

The Premier said that the assessment commission was appointed simply to deal with the Assessment Act of last year.

The leader of the opposition asked if different substitutes had not been offered by the mine owners and others.

The Premier said that none of these had been considered suitable. When it was known that \$15,000,000 worth of ore was taken from the ground last year and only \$65,000 paid in taxation, one half of one per cent. the mining industry could not be said to be taxed very heavily. The mining industry was showing signs of improving throughout the various districts. The leader of the opposition had juggled with figures to indicate that the mining industry was not in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Macdonald, rising, insisted upon the withdrawal of the obnoxious expression that he "juggled" with figures. The Premier persisted that there had been "juggling."

Mr. Macdonald pressed his point, and asked for a single instance. The Premier squirmed, but finally was obliged to say that he was prepared to withdraw anything which the hon. gentleman regarded as objectionable.

Cariboo, the Premier believed, was about to enter upon a new era similar to that of the early days. Reports from various sections of the province showed that mining was in a prosperous condition. Vancouver Island's richness showed that it was perhaps the richest part of the province.

Despite the walls of the opposition of last session, the signs of the times pointed to increased prosperity in this province in all ways.

With reference to the case for better terms, he did not see how the Federal government could overlook the demand. The scheme of Confederation involved that every province should have enough to carry on the affairs of the province. The Federal government was at the present time apparently falling in its duty to the province. The Dominion government was pledged to do all it could to maintain the naval station at Esquimalt. Nothing, according to the evidence at hand, went to show that anything was being done in this matter.

Mr. Oliver wanted to know what had been done by the provincial government

in the matter of calling the attention of the Dominion government to this.

The Premier said the papers would be produced. He had himself in the first instance written to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the matter. Later he had called his cabinet together and forwarded a minute of council to Ottawa. He was justified to say that the Federal government had been guilty of a violation of the Terms of Union in this respect.

The Federal government, with the increased demands upon the treasury of the province, must aid the province by giving better terms. The only excuse which could be given for not granting better terms was that there was a Conservative government in power in the province. He hoped this was not entertained by any great extent.

On the subject of transportation, the Premier said that the giving of money to railways was one which had to be done carefully. The history of bonusing railways in British Columbia had taught him that it was a wise policy to proceed slowly in the matter.

He had hoped when the session closed last year that some terms might have been arranged for the construction of a Coast-Kootenay line, and a summer session might have been called to consider this. He had failed to get terms suitable. He had at the present time plans looking to a scheme for railway construction. This would include railway construction in Southeast Kootenay in the Boundary and in the northern part of Vancouver Island. If these plans matured he hoped within a few days to make known more fully these plans. He did not propose, however, to give any assets of this province beyond the ability of the province to bear. He hoped before long to submit a railway policy which would recommend itself to every member.

This closed the debate on the address, which was carried.

Returns Wanted.

Stuart Henderson moved the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence, contracts, agreements, or arrangements, between the provincial government and the Canadian Pacific railway, in regard to the old Cariboo wagon road, from Yale to Spence's Bridge. This was carried.

Questions and Answers.

John Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Has the government cancelled the reservation of land made for the purpose of allowing the Columbia & Western Railway Company to select its land grants?

2. If so, when was the reservation cancelled?

3. If not, why not?

Hon. R. Green replied:

1. No.

2. Answered by 1.

3. Because the purpose for which the reserve was established has only recently been accomplished. The cancellation will be made at an early date.

Parker Williams asked the Minister of Mines the following questions:

1. How many Mongolians hold certificates as miners under the Coal Mines Regulation Act?

2. Are all Mongolians holding such certificates able to speak English?

3. If not, were the examining boards granting such certificates able to converse in the respective Asiatic tongues?

4. If not, what was the method of examination?

The Premier replied:

1. 77.

2. The department has no information.

3. Answered by No. 2.

4. Either oral or written.

No certificates appear to have been issued to Mongolians since July, 1903.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite asked the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. How many applications have been made under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act?

2. Has the Dominion government officially notified the province that it does not intend to disallow the measure?

3. How many titles have been issued to date?

4. What are the names of the applicants for title under the act?

5. If there any valid reason why titles should not be issued to these applicants forthwith?

The Attorney-General replied:

1. 33.

2. Yes.

3. 2.

4. Names given.

5. If their applications are in order and approved; no.

Amended.

An act to amend the Act for the Protection of Breeders of Live Stock was committed with R. Hall in the chair. The bill was amended on motion of John Oliver so that the cost of registering of horses and cattle was reduced to \$3 instead of \$5, as proposed.

The bill was reported complete.

Bill Reported.

On the second reading of an Act to grant certain land to the corporation of the city of New Westminster, Hon. R. F. Green explained that this was intended to give a grant to the city of lands held for a long time along the river. The bill passed its second reading, and was committed, with Chas. Munro in the chair.

The bill was reported.

Second Reading.

An act to amend the Animals Act came up for its second reading.

John Oliver took exception to the following amendment: Said section 3 is hereby further amended by adding the following sub-section:

"(d) Any bull commonly known as a 'scrub bull', that is, any bull not pedigreed, certified, graded or classed for breeding purposes, to run at large at any time."

He contended that if an appeal was taken to the courts on such a clause as that it would be impossible to secure a conviction, as it would be impossible to prove a scrub bull under a description like that. He pressed for a division, and the second reading passed.

The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Notice of Motion.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite gives notice of a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Question.

Among the notices of questions appears one in the name of J. R. Brown, who asks:

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But sometimes the kidneys fail. And sometimes, from some other cause, the blood gets so full of poison that they cannot absorb it all. This is the start of Rheumatism. The poison accumulates and crystallizes. The crystals look like little grains of sugar or of fine white sand. The blood carries them and they increase in size. Then, when it can carry them no longer, it deposits them in a joint—a bone—anywhere.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

May we be permitted to join the Colonist in congratulating the Premier on the laurels he won in the debate on the address yesterday and to express the hope that he may live long to wear the honorable circlet upon his manly brow? The honorable gentleman is certainly improving in manner. The dignified, quiet, and yet very effective and impressive, parliamentary style of the leader of the opposition is having its effect. Mr. McBride let his desk off very lightly yesterday. He aimed but one blow at it, and then the charge went off at half cock and there was no dull, sickening thud. Of course there was no material difference in the matter given forth by the gifted orator. No one, not even the most devoted, worshipful and sanguine of his followers expected anything of the kind. The Premier made no attempt whatever to reply to the searching criticisms of Mr. Macdonald. He congratulated the province on the resigned manner in which it had borne the admittedly great burdens of taxation that had been heaped upon it and upon the prosperity that had followed the advent of the first Conservative government British Columbia ever had. He admitted that he had broken all the promises that had been made to mining men. He conceded that his administration was completely and absolutely in the hands and at the mercy of the Socialistic elements, but he gloried in that fact, eulogized the Socialist leader and his following, congratulated the Conservative party on the alliance, paid a striking tribute to the liberality of mind and statesmanlike qualities of his useful and necessary auxiliaries, and congratulated the people on the bonifant results that were sure to follow the operations of the most extraordinary alliance. If the heartfelt tribute of the Premier did not mean that a permanent working agreement had been sealed and cemented, then words coming from such a source have no meaning at all. What the real Conservatives in the House and in the country who pride themselves in their adherence to genuine Conservative principles think of the confession the future alone can determine.

The leader of the opposition pointed to the broken pledges, to the claimed surplus upon an overdraft at the bank of close upon a quarter of a million of dollars, and to the manipulation of the public accounts for the evident purpose of deceiving the people. But the gifted orator soared too high to notice any such charges. His mind was fixed upon the remarkable qualities of his government, upon the magnanimity and highmindedness of his Socialistic allies, upon the obduracy of the Dominion government, and upon the grievances from which British Columbia suffers as the result of the bad bargain that was made on her behalf when she was persuaded to enter confederation. His mind is of the lofty order that despises petty details.

Mr. McBride, like his local organ, affects to believe that the opposition is hungering and thirsting for office. As we have already said, the opposition as a party must be quite well satisfied with conditions as they exist. It is not well for the province that the McBride government should maintain itself in power. But from a party point of view nothing could be more desirable. Every day the government administers the affairs of British Columbia strengthens the case against it. The day of judgment will come, and it will not be a tolerable day for the first Conservative government British Columbia has ever had or for Conservatism generally.

DO NOT ACT HASTILY.

There is a momentous question before the Legislature. In the light of the experience of British Columbia with the statutory enactment declaring that eight hours shall constitute a day's work in metalliferous mines, is it expedient at the present time to enter upon the doubtful experiment of extending the provisions of the eight hour law to the smelters of the province? It will be remembered that the public sentiment of the country at the time the shortening by statute of the hours of labor in metalliferous mines was under consideration seemed to be very generally favorable to the measure. And yet the result was a long period of contention, stagnation, strife and industrial depression. We are only, after the lapse of some years, beginning to recover from the effects of that war of contending interests. The business of metalliferous mining, it is hoped and believed, is just beginning to exhibit indications of the life and activity which promise to develop into the conditions of prosperity which, with the maintenance of reasonable relations between the two great interests involved, we may with confidence expect to see permanently established in British Columbia. And just when we have arrived at such a satisfactory stage in our industrial development it is proposed to try another doubtful experiment and to raise an issue the outcome of which no legislator, however farsighted, can possibly comprehend.

Smelters working on metalliferous ores, as doubtless all people understand, are kept in operation continuously once the furnaces are "blown-in." They cannot run for eight or ten hours and then shut down to give their employees the periods of rest Nature seems to have ordained her creatures must have. Generally the works employ two shifts of twelve hours each. There is no questioning the fact that twelve hours is considered a long period of toil in these days of applied altruism. But the conditions which exist in competitive industries in contiguous countries must be taken into consideration in dealing with matters of such importance as those affecting not only the smelting industry, but all kindred and mutually related businesses.

Let us take the concrete case of the smelters of the British Columbia coast. There are three of these, only one of which is in operation at the present time. The Tyee smelter in conducting its business must be influenced to a large extent by the competition of the works operated at Tacoma. As far as the products of its own mine are concerned, the Tyee smelter will be entirely independent of the Tacoma concern as long as the conditions remain as they are at present. The wages paid by the Tyee smelter are on the average fifty cents per day higher than those of its competitor, and the hours of labor are the same. The ore products of the Tyee mine are of a high grade, but they cannot be taken out in sufficient quantities to keep the furnaces in constant operation. Forty per cent of the ore handled is contributed by customers of the company. It is for this ore that the Tacoma people are in a position to compete. If a compulsory eight hour law went into force the cost of treating that custom ore would be increased to the Tyee smelter by from twenty to thirty per cent. The contributory mines would not submit to any such increase while there was an institution at hand ready and willing to undertake the work at the lower figure. It is this feature in the situation that should cause our legislators to exercise great caution and judgment and discretion when the subject of the proposed eight hour law comes before them for consideration. No doubt they all recognize the claims of smelter employees to relief from the intolerable burden of excessive hours of labor. But they must also recognize that British Columbia cannot break away industrially from her environment. There are the competing smelters on the other side of the line. There are absolutely no restrictive provisions in the laws of the United States such as are proposed to be imposed here. If the industrial enterprises on this side of the line are to be handicapped, the necessity of our mines securing the treatment of their ores at the cheapest rate possible—at rates under which progress and development are possible—must inevitably result in an important industry being carried to the other side of the line or in the employment of the cheapest grade of labor that can be secured on this side.

Nor are we sure that this is all that is involved. It is well known that the great problem with which capital has had to contend in its operations upon British Columbia mining investments is the cheap treatment of our low grade ores. In the case of the Granby Company as the result of an outlay of about thirteen millions of dollars in experiments on smelting machinery and in the perfection of ingenious devices for the expeditious and economical handling of ores that range in value from four dollars a ton up, it is reported that at last there is a prospect of dividends being earned. In fact we believe during the past year the profits have been sufficient to justify the declaration of a dividend of two per cent. But observe the infinitesimal breadth of the margin and consider what the effect would be of the slightest increase in the cost of handling

the immense bodies of low grade ore that are said to exist in the Boundary Country. In this case the increase of the cost of smelting beyond the profitable point could not be followed by the export of the ore to Northport for treatment because transportation charges would forbid it. The mines would simply have to shut down, and the disastrous effect thereof would be reflected in the coal mining industry and in every business throughout the province. It must not be forgotten that the smelters of the interior consume at least 122,000 tons of coke annually, which implies the mining of double that amount of coal.

In regard to the general principle of legislatures interfering with and attempting to overstep the laws which govern the economic forces that have been in operation for centuries there may be legitimate differences of opinion. The old method of leaving employer and employee to mutually adjust the relationship may be obsolete in the opinion of some of the advanced legislators of British Columbia. But it has some advantages. It is not apt to result in the arbitrary creation of a grievance where no real cause for complaint exists. The improvement in the condition of the worker has been steady and continuous. He occupies a position to-day enviable in comparison with that of his forefathers. He has worked up to it through his own efforts. He is rapidly elevating himself to a plane of worldly comfort which is the envy of the so-called "rented" classes—to which level some have already been induced to come down and compete with him.

The chief point for our legislators to remember is that we cannot dissociate ourselves industrially from the "continent to which we belong." Smelting is not an industry indigenous to this province. It is possible to close it up or drive it out by ill-considered labor laws, and to inflict at the same time a grievous stroke upon the general business of the province.

A correspondent of a London newspaper furnishes a succinct sketch of the career of the Russian popular leader, Eather Gapon. He is, it appears, about thirty-five years of age, and, by blood, a Ruthenian, not a Russian. He was educated at a theological seminary in the government of Poltava. After leaving the seminary, he remained in that province, and it was not until the death of his wife that he determined to complete his studies at the theological academy in St. Petersburg. While a student at the academy he took a very active part in the work of an institution which has for its object the dissemination of religious knowledge and ethical teaching among the working classes. He acted as head of one of the branches, and having frequent occasion to enter factories and address the operatives, he was appalled by the conditions of life which he found there, and determined to do all that lay in his power to improve them. He conceived the idea of founding the Workmen's Union, in order to give effect to his schemes. His career at the academy lasted six instead of the normal four years, as illness compelled him to return to Poltava for a prolonged period. On concluding his course at the academy, he determined, as it was impossible for him as a widower to obtain a position as a parish priest, to remain in St. Petersburg. Since 1898, without having any

definite care of souls, he has preached and taught in the suburbs of St. Petersburg, and labored in the interest of the Workmen's Union. He is not a professed Socialist, nor does he lay any special stress on the grant of a constitution, but has argued that reforms can be carried out without interfering with traditional supremacy of the Czar, and his energies are not devoted to political ends. There is reason to believe that a large number of the younger Russian priests share his views.

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—The street renaming committee of the city council held their first meeting last evening. They have a big undertaking ahead of them, but they intend to restore order out of the chaos in which the street names in many parts of the city have been for years.

—This evening members of Vancouver-Quadra lodge, A. F. & A. M., will receive an official visit from the Right Worshipful W. J. Bowser, K. C. M. P., of Vancouver, accompanied by the principal officers of the grand lodge. An invitation is extended visiting and resident brethren to attend.

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—Fred Mesher was yesterday awarded the contract for the erection of a residence on St. Charles street for C. H. Arundell, the cost of which will be about \$5,000. J. C. M. Keith is the architect.

—The municipal committee of the legislature met this morning with A. M. B. Macgowan as president, and W. G. Cameron acting as secretary. Reeve Gill, and Alex. Philip, clerk of the municipality of North Vancouver, were introduced and suggested a number of amendments to the Municipal Act. Another committee meeting will be held on Friday.

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—On Monday evening next the Watson Stock Company will open a stock engagement at the Redmond theatre, presenting a number of well known dramatic successes. The Watson company was for many months the favorite stock company at the People's theatre, Vancouver, where this excellent organization presented the foremost successes of the times.

—There is still good skating at Colwood lake. Yesterday a large crowd took advantage of the special trains which left the E. & N. depot. A number of enthusiasts left by the regular train at 3 o'clock this afternoon. If the ice continues good it is probable that a special service will be operated to-morrow. This morning W. Wales, on whose property Colwood lake is located, telephoned to the Times announcing that skating was good, and that special arrangements are being made for the comfort of those desiring to enjoy the sport during the evening.

PERSONAL

J. W. Phillips, of Spokane; A. Grant, of Texada Island; and H. W. M. Swann, of Duncan, are registered at the Victoria Hotel.

R. Callister, H. A. Duff, H. McLean, H. J. Abbott and S. Leiser were among the passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

R. Cunningham, the well known Port Essington canneryman, is in the city. He is a guest at the Douglas hotel.

Geo. S. B. Perry, representing the Pacific Coast Pipe Company, of Vancouver, is in the city.

Z. E. W. Macfarlane and A. McAllister, of Vancouver, are staying at the Vernon hotel.

Mrs. S. A. McLagan, proprietress of the Vancouver World, is in the city on business.

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It is a sad but true fact that every year brings an increase in the number of operations performed upon women in our hospitals. More than three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow white beds are women and girls who are awaiting or recovering from operations made necessary by neglect.

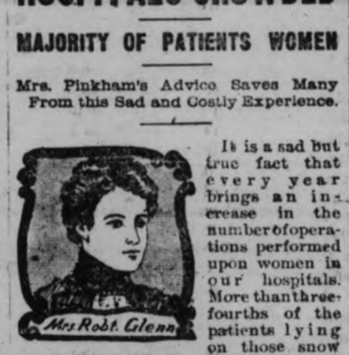
Every one of these patients had plenty of warning in that bearing down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, leucorrhoea, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the trouble will make headway until the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation, and a lifetime of impaired usefulness at best, while in many cases the results are fatal.

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COLLIE CLUB MEETING.

Considerable interest was manifested at the meeting of the B. C. Collie Club last evening in Sir William Wallace hall, when the by-laws were discussed and a number of complimentary letters received from similar clubs in other cities upon the steps being taken for the advancement of the breed. The executive committee was strengthened by adding to its number, thus making it a very energetic one.

Arrangements are being made to hold sheep dog trials throughout the province, and should the club be successful in completing dates some interesting sport is promised the public, something that has never before been undertaken by any club in British Columbia.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

INTER-CITY LEAGUE.

At a special meeting of the executive committee of the Mainland Association, held Monday night at Vancouver, an inter-city league was organized, consisting of teams from Vancouver and New Westminster. An intermediate league was also formed. The matches will be played under the constitution and by-laws of the Provincial League, as adopted by the Mainland Association, and each club has been furnished with a copy of the constitution. The age limit in the intermediate division has been set at 21, and no player who has played in two matches or more in the senior division will be eligible in the intermediate ranks. All players under 21 that have taken part in the Mainland series must be reinstated and registered by their names being forwarded to the secretary, R. W. Thomas, at once.

AT WORK POINT.

The Bonaventure and Garrison teams will try conclusions in an Island League match to-morrow afternoon at Work Point.

THE ISLAND LEAGUE.

To-morrow evening a meeting of the Island League will be held at the residence of J. G. Brown, North Chatham street, to consider matters of importance.

BASKETBALL.

HAVE WITHDRAWN TEAMS.

The James Bay Athletic Association has withdrawn from all local leagues. This important decision was reached at a meeting of the management committee held last evening at the club rooms. It resulted from a report submitted by the basketball committee, which recounted the protest made by the J. B. A. against the players having taken part in league games with two teams and the disallowance of the claim through the casting vote of the chairman. A lively discussion took place, during which it was pointed out that the stand taken by the league was in direct contravention to the constitution adopted for 1905.

The clause relating to the point in question reads as follows: "Any member of a team of any one athletic association in the league after playing in one league game is restricted from playing for any other team in the league games during the season. It is understood, however, that this rule does not prevent any intermediate player from entering and playing for any senior team in the league, being subject, however, to the above rules for intermediate standing. The same rule applies to junior players, with one exception."

After some consideration, it was agreed that the only course open was to withdraw from the league. A motion was introduced to that effect and carried unanimously. This means that the James Bay senior, intermediate and junior teams will take no further part in the competitions for the Victoria championships.

The basketball committee's report read as follows: "The protest arose by the Fernwoods using a player named Lorry in the league game played January 23rd between F. Y. M. A. and our junior team, and which resulted in a victory for the F. Y. M. A. team, the score being 95. Lorry first played in league games with the Fernwoods, then he played in a league game with the Fifth Regiment team against the Bays, and then returned and played for the Fernwoods in the protested game above mentioned.

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that team throughout the league games. If he played for any other team in any league games, the team that he played for was disqualified for each game in which Lorry played, this, however, having no effect on his standing with the Fernwood junior team.

"On the other hand, the J. B. A. claimed that Lorry by playing for another team in a league game disqualified himself from playing in league games. Mr. Northcott, representing the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Baker, of Victoria West, both coincided with Mr. Marchant, the Fernwood delegate, while our stand was upheld by Mr. Hancock, of the Cloverdale Athletic Association, and Mr. Sweeny, of the Fifth Regiment team. This resulted in a tie vote, and in his official capacity as chairman Mr. C. Fairall voted with the Fernwoods, taking the stand that the Fernwood team was not disqualified by Lorry's playing for any other team in league games.

The entire question hinges on the interpretation of the league rules, and reference to which shows a player is forbidden from playing for any other team in league games unless he advances from junior to intermediate, or intermediate to senior standing as the case may be. No penalty is, however, shown for such violation. It was of course unfortunate for our club that the league chairman is a member of the Victoria West Athletic Association, as at the time the protest was considered, had it resulted favorably for our club, the Victoria West and our junior teams would have been even for first place, whereas by losing the protest the Victoria West team gain first place instead of having to play a deciding game with our team.

"In conclusion, I might add that Mr. Hobbs, of our basketball committee, wrote to Seattle to the representative of the Amateur Athletic Union, governing basketball, for his opinion on the question, giving him full particulars, but to date nothing has been heard from him. Should the opinion given be favorable to our team the matter would of course be brought before the league again for reconsideration, and with an unbiased opinion in our favor the protest should be upheld."

New members were elected as follows: S. J. Winsby, C. B. Daniel and F. E. Iakman.

The following sub-committees were appointed: Boating Committee—D. O'Sullivan (capt.), W. W. Wilson, D. Leeming, T. A. Ker, W. T. Andrews.

House Committee—F. W. Thomas, J. A. McTavish, J. Sutherland, H. E. Hobbs, E. Browne.

Tennis Committee—J. Leeming, D. Leeming, E. W. Carr-Hilton, F. A. Macrae, with power to add.

Basketball—H. E. Hobbs, B. C. Pettigrew, J. Stanley Porter.

Handball—D. Leeming, J. Sutherland, W. T. Andrews.

Whist—J. H. McTavish, Chas. Wark, J. Scott.

Finance—D. O'Sullivan, D. Leeming, J. A. McTavish.

Outdoor Sports—H. E. Hobbs, Thos. Watson, S. Jost.

Other matters of minor importance were considered, after which the meeting adjourned.

than Joe Bowker, and will fight in the lightweight class if he is compelled to.

HANDBALL.

FINAL MATCH.

Yesterday evening the final match of the Y. M. C. A. double tournament took place between E. M. Whyte and J. McKittrick and W. W. Northcott and R. Dunn. The latter pair won after a close struggle. It was a two-set game, the score being 21-12, 21-15.

SINGLE TOURNEY.

Appended are the results of the Y. M. C. A. single tournament to date:

Played.	Won.	Lost.	
E. M. Whyte	4	2	2
W. W. Northcott	4	4	0
N. Gowen	1	0	1
C. Holden	3	2	1
T. Neeland	3	0	3
T. E. Fisher	1	0	1
F. Carne	4	4	0
C. H. Mason	1	0	1
P. Sheret	3	2	1
T. Noot	2	0	2
D. Walker	2	0	2
J. Renfree	2	0	2
R. Dunn	4	3	1
F. Rome	1	0	1

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Premier Balfour Replies to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman—First Division.

London, Feb. 14.—The first day's proceedings in parliament left rather a decided impression with the lobbyists that the government will manage to hold out until the end of the session. Its executive programme, devoted mainly to social reforms, will be fairly popular, while the avoidance of difficult questions, such as that of the redistribution of seats, and Premier Balfour's firmness in trusting aside the fiscal problem, all will tend in the same direction. On the other hand, the Liberals appear to be as distant as ever from any approach to unanimity on the vexed question of the leadership.

The House of Commons assembled for the dispatch of business at 4 p. m. The House was crowded. Joseph Chamberlain, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Arthur J. Balfour and other favorites were warmly greeted.

W. A. Mount (Con.) moved, and Samuel Robertson (Con.) seconded the address in reply to the King's speech.

The first division approaching party lines occurred in the House of Commons when Mr. Dalziel (Liberal) moved the House censure Lord Astington for breach of privileges by his action in the North Devon elections. Premier Balfour said nothing could be gained by continuing the discussion, and moved the previous question, which was carried by 257 to 191 votes.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, speaking of Mr. Mount's motion, assailed the government which, he said, was evading the fiscal question as shown by the failure of the new mover and seconder of the address to mention this important subject. He added that the opposition would shortly endeavor to secure a straight answer from Mr. Balfour showing whether or not he was in agreement with Joseph Chamberlain's proposals.

Sir Henry attacked the government's policy in Tibet and South Africa, and, in fact, at all points. He continued speaking almost up to 7.30 p. m., when Sir Edward Vincent (Con.) took up the debate and was speaking when the House suspended its sitting.

The first hour and a half of the night session was taken up with desultory speeches in the debate upon the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Premier Balfour arose at 10.30 o'clock to reply to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Mr. Balfour protested against bringing the fiscal question before parliament, and said it was entirely irrelevant. He was unable, he said, to make his position clearer than already he had done. He taunted the opposition on the existing confusion concerning its future programme. Mr. Balfour justified the government's action in Tibet, said it was the ministry's desire to maintain the friendliest relations with Afghanistan, and that negotiations to that end were proceeding satisfactorily; touched on Chinese labor in South Africa, and repeated Lord Lansdowne's pronouncement with regard to the future of the South African colonies. He also defended the sugar question.

Replying to Sir Henry's assertion that the government was too feeble to carry out an effective policy, Mr. Balfour said the decision lay entirely with the House whether effectively it would carry out the mandate of the people and the duties entrusted to it by the sovereign.

In conclusion Premier Balfour said Sir Henry's attack in some particulars, especially where he attributed improper motives to Mr. Lee, the civil lord of the admiralty, in his recent Eastleigh speech, was most unnecessary and ungenerous.

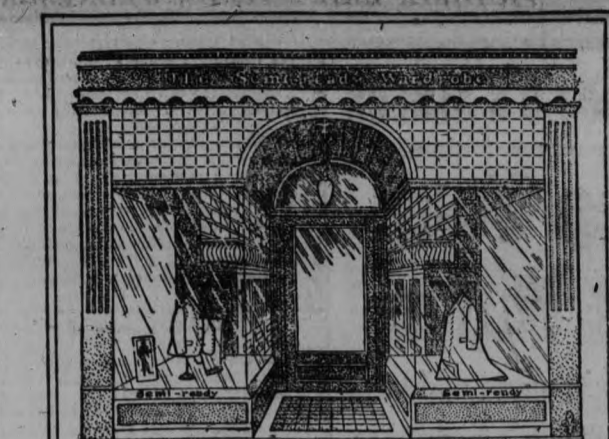
The House of Commons adjourned at 11.12 p. m.

H. H. Asquith to-morrow will move as the official opposition amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne the following: "We humbly present to Your Majesty that the various aspects of the fiscal question have been fully discussed in the country for nearly two years, and that the time has come for submitting the question to the people without further delay."

It is understood the leaders of the opposition to the government favor conclusion of debate on this resolution on February 16th.

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Duncan	11.00	14.02	Duncan	5.30	6.00
Ladysmith	11.57	14.50	Ladysmith	6.52	4.00
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to take no further steps until this end was accomplished.
At the last board of trade meeting Mr. Eberts, former attorney-general for the province and partner to the city barrister, stated that the Indian lands were held by them in perpetuity; that the Indian title had never been successfully asserted in Canada and those who advocated otherwise did not know what they were talking about. Now I would like to know who is right? If a confiscation is an impossibility and a moral wrong, what will be gained by further delay along that line?
It does seem to me, sir, that attempts to sidetrack the city's interest by our civil officials and the unusual activity of corporation agents, shows clearly that a muzzling process is going on, and our citizens not thoroughly awakened to the dangers of the situation. There is only one honest, clean and open way of restoring confidence in this matter with white and Indian alike. Let the city be represented at the onset in open negotiation and the unpleasant features to the Indian removed. This can be done, and very quickly, too, by giving them a certain amount in cash, the balance arranged, together with amounts standing to their credit, in form of an annuity. They are not satisfied with present arrangements, having their money tied up in trust; nor the attitude of certain public men who sooner or later will have to approach them and obtain their confidences.
PHIL R. SMITH.

NECESSITIES OF THE CASE.

To the Editor:—At the beginning of every session of our parliament the government should brace itself up anew to meet the wants of the next period of time, bearing always in mind that they are there solely on behalf of an intelligent and an increasing people.
If the present executive were true to itself all the weaklings and unfit of its members would be weeded out and new men taken in to fill their place.
The present government when left to themselves—that is during the time the representatives of the people were dismissed to their homes—are altogether too inexperienced, and therefore much to be expensively to work out the domestic destinies of this vast and aspiring province.
Their weakness they have lately acknowledged by calling to their aid Mr. Cotton, who can, it is believed, assist in monetary matters. Let whosoever may be entrusted with the management of our affairs, but he must call to his help that ever ready principle which single-minded statesmen use in managing the affairs of a nation, and that high quality or attribute is common-sense, and to such a behest he must adhere.
And also in administering the different departments which make up the whole of the government, it is absolutely necessary that each hired servant should be known to be capable of earning the salary he expects to receive for his services.
All governments in the British nation are placed in office and empowered by the free will of the people. This is where the nation's strength lies, and their representatives are placed in their respective offices for the express purpose to see that their patrimonial estate is in no way wasted or impaired, but administered to the best advantage. Then contentment will reign throughout the province.
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All persons having claims against the said deceased are notified to send full itemized particulars thereof, verified by statutory declaration, on or before the first day of April, 1905, to the undersigned for the executor, who will after that date proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims of which they shall have then received notice.
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Solicitors for the Executors.

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THE TREMONT HAD A ROUGH VOYAGE
VESSEL CAME INTO WHARF THIS MORNING
Explanation of the Losing of the Life- Preserver From Barkentine Makaweli.

The Boston Towboat Company's steamer Tremont, the first of the Oriental fleet to arrive since the disallowance of the B. C. Immigration Act, which called for an educational list of immigrants before they were allowed to land in the province, and was enforced against Japanese, was at the outer wharf all morning. She reached quarantine late last night, and came in to port at an early hour.
She brought comparatively few passengers, the list including H. F. McClure, a Seattle attorney, who with his wife has been over to Japan on a business trip; seven Chinese students from Shanghai who have been sent to Berkeley, Cal., to take a commercial course in the university of that city, and Mrs. Sherman and two sons, the wife and children of a wealthy business man of Manila. The Tremont left Yokohama on the 31st of last month. She would have been here before, but for very stormy weather encountered during the greater part of the voyage. The vessel brought over 200 tons of freight for Victoria.

HOW REPORT AROSE.
How the barkentine Makaweli came to lose the life buoy bearing her name, which was found on the Vancouver Island coast in November and gave rise to the widely circulated report that the vessel had been wrecked on the voyage from Tacoma to Mazatlan, is a question which caused much speculation among shipping men after the staunch barkentine arrived safely at her destination. The vessel is again on the Sound.
Capt. Nielsen, in telling of the incident, says that Nels Olson, a sailor, was drowned in a fierce gale off Cape Flattery on October 31st. This explains the incident of the life buoy. Olson was a young man, 20 years of age, and shipped on the barkentine at Tacoma for the voyage. He, with some other sailors, was working on a jibboom when he lost his hold and fell overboard. Capt. Nielsen himself threw to Olson the life buoy which was afterwards found on the Vancouver Island shore. Every effort was made to rescue the sailor, but he quickly sank from sight to a grave in the depths of the Pacific.
The Makaweli left Tacoma October 30th in tow, carrying a cargo of 1,604 tons of Roslyn coal for Mazatlan. The

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THE BRINKBURN WAITING.
The big steamship Brinkburn is still waiting for orders in the Royal Roads. She has been there for several days, a detention which if necessitated by an accident would be regarded as very serious and costly. The ship, according to report, was loaded at San Francisco with contraband for Vladivostok. Last week she went up to Comox for bunker coal, and in the Royal Roads was to complete her complement of men. These were ready on Friday or Saturday last, so that the delay of the Brinkburn has been solely due to the tardy arrival of orders. It is believed, however, that the recent seizure of contraband steamers by Japanese warships have been indirectly responsible for the detention of the steamer, and shipping men are asking now, in view of this, the vessel will attempt to run the blockade at Vladivostok.

MARINE NOTES.
Word has been received of the arrival at London on February 7th, of the well-known Blue Funnel liner Calchas, which sailed from Tacoma early last July. She was seized by Russian cruisers while in Oriental waters and taken to Vladivostok, where she was held for several months. Upon being released she proceeded to Manila and took on a cargo of hemp for London.
Advice from the whaling fleet in the frozen North states that the present winter is a severe one, and that not one whale has been captured since the ice shut them out from the rest of the world.
For the first time in 18 months there are seven sailing vessels loading lumber at the Mainland mills, five of which are to receive their cargoes at Hastings.
The C. P. R. steamship Tarfar should reach Victoria from Oriental ports on Saturday.
Steamer Umattilla will be due from San Francisco to-morrow.

COMMUNICATIONS.
CONVENTIONS.
To the Editor:—A few weeks ago our school trustee board put its foot down. Teachers, who were willing to pay their own way, were not allowed to attend a convention of teachers at Vancouver—such meetings were of the Evil One.
Now we hear that our whole trustee board, male and female, with Mr. Eaton as chaperone, are on the wing to Vancouver to hob-nob with other trustees. Who pays?
MUTATION.
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor:—Would you allow me to present a few problems for our civic council to solve? Other councils have signally failed in respect to the first item—and why? Fumes from the chemical works. On Sunday afternoon last an English gentleman and lady, who were en route to California by the steamer Senator, landed to inspect the claims they had been published respecting Victoria being a desirable residential city. As soon as they landed they inquired from the writer the meaning of the vile sulphurous fumes that were making everyone on the wharf cough, and when told it came from the chemical works the gentleman expressed his surprise that the authorities of any British city should permit such a nuisance to be perpetrated upon its inhabitants. He wanted to know where the big chimney was situated that all chemical works are supposed, or compelled, to erect in order to carry the fumes into the higher strata of the atmosphere? And when shown the miserable apology for a chimney behind the big wooden erections, he expressed himself in unmeasured terms with respect to the city allowing such a thing to go on. The deserted and forlorn appearance of the district adjoining the outer wharf claimed his attention. What ought to be the most populous and busy part of Victoria, as everyone knows, is practically lying dead. No one will build with the prospect that some day another accident may happen at the chemical works similar to what happened a few years ago, when by a great stroke of luck the wind was blowing from the city, or half of Victoria would have been

sphyxiated. What the gentleman saw and felt on Sunday decided him not to locate here.
Lumber for Sidwalk.—In travelling through the city I have noticed that some very inferior wood is used for sidewalks. Just to give one instance that everybody can inspect. The sidewalk on Douglas street, east side, passing from View street to Yates street, about half way between View street and Hardaker's auction room, you will find a new plank all full of worm holes. Now it would be interesting to know who supplied the city with that lumber, and who accepted it for the city? Why was the ratepayer's money squandered for such lumber? And how much more there is in stock like it, of unfit for use?
Water Supply.—Over two years ago in a newspaper correspondence our genial water commissioner assured us that Elk lake was deep and that we had plenty of water for all time, and all that was necessary was a few more meters. He has got the meters, and we would like to know why he has gone back on Elk lake? Has there been a volcanic upheaval that has raised the bottom, or what?

VICTORIAN.
WHO IS TO BLAME?
To the Editor:—Breaking of law! Saloons open! Drinking freely! Drunken men on streets! Disgraceful sights! All on Sunday! Yes, all in Victoria, the beautiful city of the West. The residential city. There is something radically wrong in the working (?) machinery of our city when men are allowed to break the law as it is done in this place so freely. We have police commissioners, we have a chief of police, we have a number of able-bodied policemen (good men, too). We have a law behind them all, which means the majority of the citizens at least. We have also that strong body of men "the city council," who are pledged to do the right thing and see that the law is kept.
Some poor Indian gets drunk and then must face the magistrate. Why not get the whole council and police commissioners to face him some morning?
Occasionally we find a notice in the paper on Saturday that "all saloons must be 'closed tight' to-morrow." Does it work? No. Everyone knows it does not. Men can be found drinking, found lying on the street, taken home, but no policeman looks that way. Ask the members of the city police if there is drinking on Sunday. Ask the chief of police. Ask the commissioners. Ask the council. Ask the Mayor. Ask the people. They all know. Now, is there a conscience left in our authorities? Is there any regard for our laws or the enforcing of them? Where is the blame? Could the proper party? Why do the papers take up the question and agitate along this line until a reform takes place? As one interested in the city and its welfare I hope to see the law on the matter enforced, and that in the near future we shall have all places where liquor is sold "closed tight" on Sunday or during prohibited hours.
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to Okanagan Lake, which no one proposes to build. It ought not to be necessary to bolster up the useful and immediately feasible project by subsidies to others that have not even reached the stage of active promotion. In other words, members of the legislature ought to rise above the party conception of public duty which prevents them from supporting practical projects in other constituencies than their own without receiving a promise of aid for some inchoate scheme in their own section.

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A LARGE STOCK ON HAND OF CANNERY SUPPLIES, WHITE'S CEMENT, FIREBRICKS, FIRECLAY, BAR AND PIG IRON, LINSEED OIL, WIRE ROPE, ETC., ETC. First-class Storage Room for Merchandise, Furniture, Etc. Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., TEMPLE BUILDING, VICTORIA. RAZORS RAZORS 75c TO \$2.50 EACH Strops, Brushes, Shaving Soap, in Large Variety. at FOX'S, - 78 Government Street.

Naval Sale ON ACCOUNT OF CLOSING H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C. Under instructions from Mr. Gelpthorpe, Victualling Officer, I will sell at H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C., Thursday, February 16th, 1905, AT 11 A. M. Victualling Stores (ALL FINE NEW GOODS), including 9,000 lbs. of Salt Beef, WM. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

BRIEF LOCALS - The clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week amounted to \$565,522. - A sale of goods damaged at the recent fire at Lenz & Leiser's factory opened to-day at 23 Johnson street. There is \$20,000 worth of merchandise to dispose of, consisting of gentlemen's furnishings, boots and shoes, etc. The sale will be continued for several days, and many genuine bargains are assured.

Cured Cancer of the Stomach A lady, very well known in the locality in which she lives, has sent us a letter telling how she was cured of Cancer of the Stomach through the use of our Vegetable Cancer Cure. Send for particulars, also six cents for our booklet "Cancer, its Cause and Cure." Our constitutional remedy is safe, pleasant to take, and treatment can be carried on in the privacy of your home and without the knowledge even of your own family. Write to-day. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

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When you call upon Madame Darrell, to-day or to-morrow, you will find her information clear, concise and to the point in all affairs of life. This is an opportunity that you cannot afford to miss. Call at once. ROOMS 11 AND 12, GORDON HOTEL, YATES STREET.

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For Sale H. M. Torpedo Boats Nos. 39 and 40 On behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, tenders are invited for the purchase of H. M. Torpedo Boats, Nos. 39 and 40, with all fittings, as they now lie at H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C. DESCRIPTION: Hull, steel; length, 100 ft.; beam, 12 ft.; draught, 6 1/2 ft.; compound surface condensing engines; locomotive boiler, with steel tubes; brass condenser; steel propeller. These vessels have been rendered unfit for naval purposes, and the purchasers will be required to satisfy the Naval authorities that they will not be resold to belligerents. The vessels may be inspected between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be lodged not later than noon of Wednesday, 1st March, 1905, and to be in sealed covers and addressed to the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C.

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Those who attend the concert to be given by Madame Fried Grisdela in Institute hall next Friday evening are guaranteed a musical treat. The talented lady has flattering testimonials to her beautiful voice from Lady Curzon, Vicerine of India, Lord Kitchener and other notables of the Indian Empire, and other parts of the world whom she has charmed. A true artist, Madame Fried Grisdela will only give the best in art, and her programmes are therefore carefully selected. Describing her voice, the Bombay Advocate says: "She has a voice of tremendous compass, a delightful soprano that in the upper registers is as nearly perfect as it can be. Her method of voice production evidences that her naturally beautiful voice has received the best of training, she sings well because she cannot help doing so, the quality of the voice is of the best, and it is a real and sincere pleasure to listen to her." On Friday evening Miss Hilda Harris will act as accompanist.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company to the Parliament of Canada at its present session for the purpose of amending and confirming an agreement between the said Companies for the sale by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of the railway and properties in the said agreement described, declaring the said railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and authorizing the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to acquire and operate the same and issue bonds, debentures, consolidated debenture stock or other securities to aid in such acquisition; with such other powers as may be necessary and expedient in order to carry out the purposes and objects of the said agreement. Dated this 14th day of February, 1905. G. A. CREELMAN, General Offices, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, P. Q., Solicitor for Applicants.

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DO YOU KNOW There are some patterns of Pressed Glass that at first sight are very difficult to tell from real cut designs, so well are they reproduced. If you will visit our store we will show you some styles that fully bear out this statement. The prices are interesting, too. Here's a few: Fruit or Berry Bowls, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c. Small dishes to match, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c. Comports, footed, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, 95c. Celery Dishes, 35c, 40c, 50c ea. Oval Preserve Dishes, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c. Custard Cups, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00. Plates, 6-inch, 1.25 doz.; 6-inch, 1.00 doz.; 5-inch, 75c doz.; 4-inch, 50c doz. Sugars and Creams, individual, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00. Preserve Dishes, handled, 15c, 25c ea. Water Pitchers, 50c, 75c, 85c, 95c. Olive Dishes, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00. Pickle Trays, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00. Cake Plates, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00. Decanters, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00. Water Bottles, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00. Pickle Jars, covered, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00. Jelly Stands, on foot, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00. Pomades, plated tops, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00. Cake Stands, 40c, 60c, 75c, 85c ea. Toothpick Holders, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00. Salt Cellars or Celery Dips, 50c to 1.50 doz.

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RAILWAY SUBSIDIES. To the Editor: - I read with interest Mr. McBride's remarks made in the House yesterday on the matter of railway subsidies, and hope I am correct in interpreting them to mean that he intends to submit proposals on their individual merits, and not, as has been the custom in the past, to hang up subsidies, like prizes in a tournament, for all comers to tilt at. To illustrate what I mean, let us suppose that persons, financially able, wish to build a railway from, say, Barkerville to Hazelton, and produce satisfactory evidence to the government of their bona fides and ability, and demonstrate the necessity of such a road. Assistance to such a project ought to be considered without regard to the fact that certain people think it would be a good thing to offer a similar subsidy for a railway from, say, Pemberton Meadows

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