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TAKE DEFEAT KEENLY.

Ottawa, May 22.—Promoters of the Shuswap and Thompson river bill take their defeat sorely. They have kept up an active lobby since the senate killed the measure and had succeeded in getting the bill back to the Senate railway committee, when it was killed.

BOTH LEGS SEVERED.

Hamilton, May 22.—Fred Sutton, employed on a gravel train, run over last night and both severed. Recovery is doubtful. He belonged to Burlington, Ont.

ARRESTED AFTER 7 YEARS

FORT WILLIAM, May 22.— After an absence of seven years in the United States and elsewhere, Andrew Kasak returned to Kevens. Today Magistrate O'Brien arrested him on a charge of stealing a letter belonging to the postal department, from the Fort William postoffice in November, 1900. Charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretences will also be laid.

There is an average of one leg or arm amputated in New York city each day in consequence of accidents caused by surface, elevated or subway cars.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE MARKET SQUARE

Suggestion Made at Meeting of Citizens' League That It Be Cleared and Converted Into a Park.

A meeting of the Citizen's League was held in the City Hall on Thursday night. The attendance was anything but good; but the members who were present were on the very best terms with themselves. It was the first meeting since the passing of the electric light by-law and congratulations were in order.

President Dier said they were all highly gratified with the results of their efforts in connection with the electric light question. They had worked hard on the subject and had been compensated for it in the result of the poll.

They and the city with them had taken their first really important step. The next business would be a sewerage system. Once they had their lights and possessed a sewerage system, they might feel proud of their city which, he was convinced, offered opportunities for development far ahead of any city twice its size. The immediate work now lay with the City Council and they could depend upon it doing its utmost for the benefit of the community.

Secretary Wilson had some flattering things to say of the work the Standard had done in connection with the lighting system. The editor had lost no opportunity of advancing the question without ever departing from the line of truth, and a hearty vote of thanks was due to him for the manner in which he had furthered the subject. The Mayor, also, had given his time and services unstintedly to the cause and the information he gave to the people after his return from the Municipal Convention in Nanaimo had carried more weight with the taxpayers than anything else. So far as the League was concerned they had only done their duty as citizens.

He was sorry, he went on to say, to see the business men of the town manifest so little interest in the League and its doings. They had the most to gain from anything it might do in promoting the interests of the town, and yet they could not take the trouble to attend the meetings. There were many questions which they could take hold of and work up for the advancement of the city if only their members would put in an appearance.

Mayor Nicholson was asked to state how far the Council had proceeded with the electric light question but was not in a position to give out any more information than what had already appeared in the Standard in the reports of the Council's proceedings. However, he outlined in detail the Council's plans in regard to street improvements. The road gang, he said, were now busy on Second Avenue making a road by which wagons would be able to approach the houses on that street. After finishing there, they intended opening out a road through behind the Presbyterian Church to the school. They would also grade a sidewalk along the greater part of Third Avenue, connecting with High Street, Roberts Street and Services Street, for the convenience of the school children. They also proposed to grade the sidewalk on High Street up to Fifth Avenue and to break a road from Methuen Street to Second and Third Avenues. Some of the streets between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, which were almost impassable in the winter would also be attended to. They had also a ditch to cut on Fifth Avenue, and after finishing there they meant, provided funds would permit it, to come back on to First Avenue and grade a sidewalk from Blair & Adam's store to Bickle's corner. Of course, there would be other jobs to do as they went along, but that was a rough outline of what they proposed to do.

Secretary Wilson then brought up a new scheme which, briefly, proposes the appropriation of the Market Square for Park purposes. The clearing operations now being carried out by the C.P.R., was baring all the land round the city. The Spit was no longer available, and he thought they should use the Market square as a sort of Park. It could be cleared easily enough, a few shade trees planted, and they would have a place central, and convenient of success, where women and children could slip in and rest during the heat of the day. It would serve as a play ground for the children. He thought the town should have something of the sort, and it would form a prominent landmark in the city, something they could show to their visitors with pride. As for the cost of clearing it and converting it into a park, he thought every man in town would be willing to subscribe a dollar and only very little would berequired from the city treasury,

The proposal was discussed at great length, and, on the whole, was very favorably taken up. Mayor Nicholson said he had not previously given the matter a thought, and had, indeed, contemplated making an endeavor to have the land released for building purposes. On the whole, however, he was favorably impressed with the proposal.

President Dier, Mr. Thornley and Mr. Bryant spoke in a similar strain the latter suggesting that a small piece could be cleared at the outset to see how the scheme worked out.

After an interesting discussion the meeting adjourned.

JURY IN RUEF CASE FAIL TO AGREE.

Fail to Agree and Are Discharged. Grafter May Escape.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—After being out nearly forty hours, the jury in the trial of Abraham Ruef, the central figure in the bribery and graft prosecution against whom numerous indictments were returned, failed to agree on a verdict, and was discharged last night by Judge Rolling.

The specific charge against Ruef in the trial just closed was the offer of a bribe of $1,000 to former supervisor Phillips to influence his vote favorably on the electric road franchise applied for by the Parkside Realty Co.

The jury stood six to six on the thirteen ballots taken. There are eleven indictments still pending against Ruef.

AN INOPPORTUNE SUMMONS

Young Groom Called Away as Witness on Night of His Marriage.

A subphoena is always an aggravation, the more so as there is no dodging its peremptory orders. Clothed in the majesty of the law, it exacts obedience no matter how distastesful the business to which it calls one. It has no regard for the proprieties and mocks at one's convenience.

Mr. J. Hatfield can subscribe to all this and a heap more which no ink would print. Married at seven o'clock in the evening he was summoned to appear as a crown witness in a murder charge at Michel. That was on Wednesday evening, and, on Thursday morning he was whirled away on the Victoria train, leaving a disconsolate bride behind him.

The affair at Michel concerns the shooting of an Italian at a dance. Hatfield and Jack Howells were along with the man who is alleged to have shot the Italian. Howells left on Thursday morning, too, in charge of Constable Stephenson, their first business being to report to Superintendent Hussey.

THE CLEVELAND OUTRAGES CONTINUE.

CLEVELAND, May 22.—The near approach of peace in the local street car war did not prevent dynamiters from following out their usual operations last night, no less than half a dozen cars being damaged, while several persons received injuries.

The most serious outrage was the blowing up of a car carrying ten passengers at the corner of Euclid avenue and East 116th street. The car was wrecked and two of the ten passengers were badly hurt. A section of track five feet long was blown to atoms. Five other cars were dynamited in various sections of the city during the night, but no one was seriously injured.

Since daylight this morning no disorder of any kind has been reported.

The men who are trying to bring about a settlement of the strike, again resumed their labors today. It is said they are deadlocked in the choice of a third arbitrator. Two arbitrators have already been named.

OPEN AIR CONCERT

City Band Will Play at Bandstand This Evening.

The City Band will open out its open air concerts at the bandstand tonight. There is no doubt that, as the season progresses, these entertainments will be vastly appreciated. All that is needed tonight for an auspicious beginning is fine weather. The following programme will be rendered, beginning at 6 p. m. sharp:

March—Triumphant Banner. ... Paul
Overture—Star of the Sea. ... Bleger
Medley—Carl Rossa. .... Round
Waltz.—Day Dreams ..... Lampe
Two Step—Merry Widow. ..... Mahl
Fantasie.—Jubilation ... . Pearson
Selection—Bohemian Girl. ..... Balfe
March—O Zozo. ..... Losey
"God Save the King,"

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Band Master.

NEVADA'S GOVERNOR DEAD.

Reno, Nev., May 22.—Gov. John Sparks of Nevada, who has been ill for some time, died at 9.30 this morning at his ranch near Reno. Gov. Sparks' term would have expired Dec. 31, 1910.

NANAIMO'S CELEBRATION

Monday Should See Record Crowds from Ladysmith and Other Places in the Coal City.

Nanaimopeople are keeping an anxious eye on the sky these days. The weather is anything but settled, and Nanaimo, in the worst way, want it settled and settled for good. Their annual celebration comes off on Monday. The Committee has put in weeks of arduous work and have prepared a programme which eclipses any previous performance. All that is wanted to make the day the success it deserves to be is good weather, and it is to be hoped that fortune will smile upon the city's efforts.

There will be the usual large crowd from Ladysmith. The towns very largely depend upon each other for the success of their demonstrations. If this were only borne more in mind by the citizens of each town, there would be less extreme talk recrimination and no sore feeling, a consummation most devoutly to be wished for. It is the duty of the town to support Nanaimo on the 25th if it wishes to make a success of its own celebration on the First of July.

A splendid list of attractions has been prepared, an adequate and convenient train service secured, and a good day's sport and enjoyment is assured to every visitor. Nanaimo expects a large crowd from here and she will not be disappointed if only the weather is fine.

SHIP GOES 30 MILES AN HOUR.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Somewhere out near the Sandy Hook lightship in the dense fog bank which has been hanging over the ocean since yesterday, the big liner Lusitania is swinging at anchor. When the giant turbiner shot past Fire Island at 1.05 this morning at a speed of nearly thirty miles an hour, and was enveloped in the mist, she was carrying a record of hours faster than ever made before by any ship on the trans-Atlantic route. Once, just before she was absolutely lost to view as if in mid ocean the wireless told that she continued her flight over at least most of the 27 miles which separated her from her goal. Just where she was when the wireless was sent even those on board the steamer did not know, but on shore it is taken for granted that captain Matles made certain he had passed the record line off the light ship before letting down his anchors.

Wherever she is there she must remain until the fog lifts sufficiently to permit her to work her way cautiously up through the narrow channels to the harbor and her dock.

BREAKS RECORD.

Later—

The trans-Atlantic records for a voyage, average speed, and for the shortest trip over the long course, were broken by the Cunard liner Lusitania which arrived here today.

The big ship anchored off Sandy Hook lightship in a heavy fog at 2.55 this morning, just 4 days, 20 hours and 22 minutes after she passed Daunt's Rock. This beats the best previous time for the long course, made by her sister ship the Mauretania by three hours and thirty minutes, and is only one hour and 42 minutes longer than the Lusitania record over the short course.

The Lusitania's average speed for the voyage was 24.83 knots and this time goes far toward securing for her owners the British mails subsidy of $750,000 promised when the Lusitania shall have averaged 24.50 knots per hour or better for a round trip passage.

BIG BOXING CONTEST

Wynn and Brady Meet in Fifteen-Round Go Tonight.

Everything is now arranged for the big boxing contest in the opera house on Saturday evening. The principals are E. Wynn and Jimmy Brady, and they will box at catch weights for $100 a side. Wynn is said to be as clever with his hands as with his feet, and that he has grit, coolness, and resource he has shown many a time on the football field. His opponent is a colored boxer of some repute, and both men are in good condition. The bout, which is scheduled to go fifteen rounds, should produce some hard, fast milling.

Good preliminaries have been arranged. Charlie Thomas and Patsy Reynolds will put up an exhibition, and the two Smiths of Nanaimo, two clever boxers, are expected for a turn.

The doors will open at 8 o'clock, and the principal event of the evening will be pulled off as soon as possible after the conclusion of the preliminaries. Charges for admission are $1 and 75 cents.

BIG FEATURE FOR VICTORIA DAY

(Nanaimo Free Press.)

Gentle reader—you of the fair sex—what would you say if you saw your big brothers perambulating around a football field in long skirts, and petticoats, wearing the latest peekaboo waist, the kangaroo corset and all the rest of it?

That's what is going to happen on Victoria Day, however.

For something entirely original, something out of the beaten path, the stunt that will take place on the cricket field on Monday afternoon is the best ever.

Twenty-two able-bodied young athletes from Nanaimo are going to take on the burden of the gentler sex—petticoats—and sally forth into the football field in a desperate fray.

Shorty Graham and Paddy Hewitt are to lead the opposing Amazons, and all the best football talent of Nanaimo is to be in the melee of skirts and lingerie, that will ...take part in the masquerade football match.

Imagine the redoubtable Paddy Hewitt in the makeup of a coy, bashful ballet girl, or Peter Gilmour as a blushing maiden of just sweet sixteen, Shorty Graham as a dainty footed ball room queen, Blundell as a white-haired chaperon, Scott Harley and Cruicky as militant woman suffragists, Sawyers, Hooper and Farmer in the garb of young debutantes, and all the rest of the stalward members of the Nanaimo United and the reserves in other characterictic make ups.

The idea was sprung at the meeting of the Celebration Committee last night and at once adopted.

Ladysmith team cannot be here for the match as expected and something had to be done to get an attraction. The Nanaimo United were appealed to and endorsed the masquerade football match with enthusiasm. Six of the team stop at Lobbley's boarding house and reports from there this morning say that there is not a spare stitch of women's clothes in the house that has not been appropriated by the husky six to wear on Monday. The rest of the twenty-two who will take part in the affair have appealed to their friends among the fair sex, and it is expected that by Monday they will have secured enough clothing to cover their big frames.

Women linesmen will parade the side lines. Lockie McDonald is to appear in a wonderful costume and Riley Merrit will hold down the opposite line in a terrible array of finery.

Every spare copy of the Delineator, the Gentlewoman, La Mode, and other fashion journals has been bought up by the footballers who are now experiencing some of the torment of mind their sisters and wives evidence before selecting their street costumes. The Nanaimo United are now deploring the fact that they have not adopted the Yale habit of growing football hair, for they now find that they will be at a disadvantage in wearing becoming millinery. However, by the effusive use of "rats," large bandoes, and low set trimming, they hope to overcome the difficulty.

By the time the match is over it is believed that the disfigured 22 will have more than the usual manly sympathy for the women and will all endorse Ralph Smith and J. H. Hawthornthwaite in granting the franchise to them.

The usual jealousies among this wonderful "fair sex" is anticipated, and already the other players are casting envious eyes on Hurren, whose classic features and innocent expression lend themselves most readily to a woman's make-up. Handsome Hurren, it is said, will be the belle of the field, with Paddy, the winsome, a close second.

A success?—of course it's bound to be a success, and the whole town and the 500 strong who are coming from Vancouver will be there to see the great battle, as well as Ladysmith.

Following the masquerade match, will be two rattling five-a-side contests with the Fast Mail, Paddy Hewitt's team and Strang's team competing. Strang is the latest pillar of strength, direct from Calgary, to join the United team, as is also Mitchell, of Vancouver, who will appear on Strang's team. The five a side games will be either ten or fifteen minutes each way, and as all three teams are well balanced, a mighty interesting competition may be expected. Much interest is being taken in Strang's team and local supporters will watch Strang and Mitchell keenly to get a line on their work.

The following are the teams that will appear in the different line-ups:

SHORTY GRAHAM'S TEAM.

W. Walker, P. Gilmore, J. Hurren, F. Harley, W. Graham, F. Cruickshanks, D. Robertson, M. Wilkinson, J. Brownlee, F. Killeen, D. Chilton. Lineman— Riley Merrit.

PADDY HEWITT'S TEAM.

W. Polkinghorne, Sandy Strang, H. Farmer, P. Hooper, W. Mitchell, E. Snowden, J. Blundell, D. Sawyers, D. Isherwood, H. Hewitt, T. Teague.

Lineman—L. McDonald.

Referee— R. Vipond.

FAST MAIL FIVE.

W. Graham, F. Cruickshanks, S. Harley, J. Hurren, J. Blundell.

PADDY'S HEWITT'S FIVE.

Jack Wilson, P. Hewitt, H. Farmer, Dick Sawyers, P. Hooper.

Sandy Strang's Five will play the winners.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING

Michie-Suttie Marriage.

The spring weather is bringing a crop of weddings. Two were reported in the last issue of the Standard, and there are other two and a very suspicious looking case to be chronicled now.

The hero and heroine of the first romance were the bold Sandy Michie and Miss Martha Suttie. There have been several false alarms concerning the same Sandy. However, on Wednesday evening Sandy's career of single adventure was happily ended.

Attended by Mr. Robert Greaves, and Miss Michie, Sandy and his bride to be drove out of town on Wednesday evening in a double rig for Nanaimo. In St. Paul's Church of that city, the wedding ceremony was performed. Mr. Robert Greaves acting as best man and Miss Michie supporting the bride.

The two young people left on the Joan the next morning for Vancouver and other Sound cities. On their return they will take up their residence on Third Avenue.

Sandy and his bride have heaps of friends in town, and a host of good wishes attend them in their new life.

Hatfield—Robinson.

The same evening at the Robinson residence on Roberts Street, Mr. J. Hatfield, of Michel, was married to Miss Jennie Robinson. Hatfield is a newcomer to town; but Mrs. Hatfield is well known and she has the goodwishes of all her friends.

May Be a Wedding.

As for the third caseall that came within the writer's purview is that one of the city's fairest and most popular daughters went off to Victoria the other morning in a most fetching costume. Next morning a young man, also in gay apparel took the Victoria train. The young man has been very thick with the young lady and his air at the depot, was not quite so gay and debonair as usual. It expressed a certain amount of self-consciousness, and he shunned men with whom, usually, he would have been the first to exchange badinage. Circumstantially, the writer believes them married, but as he only prints facts, he has merely related the circumstances as they came under his knowledge. His readers have their own guesses coming.

LAURIER IGNORED HODGINS' REQUEST.

Testimony Brings Out Fact that Laurier Ignored Hodgson's Request for Investigation.

OTTAWA, May 22.—The inquiry into Hodgins' charges of fraud and over classification in connection with the construction of the trans-continental railway was adjourned to June 3rd. In cross-examination of Major Hodgins yesterday afternoon, Mr. Murphy counsel for the transcontinental railway commission, sought to have the deposed engineer admit that only Commissioners Reid and Young had spoken to him about more Liberal classification and that therefore he had no right to make complaint about the commission as a body as he had done in his letter to the Victoria Colonist.

The witness pointed out in reply that all the commissioners, including Messrs. Parent and McIsaac, had joined in appointing Gordon Grant, as inspecting engineer, with full authority to over-rule all division engineers in matter of classification. This appointment had been protested against by the chief engineer. It was carried through, however, and after Grant's appointment "Quebec classification" was put in force, which was classifying cement material as solid rock.

Murphy pressed the witness to state why he had not called the attention of the government to the circumstance. Hodgins said he had brought it to the notice of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and had requested an investigation but his request was ignored, nor was there anything done until the publication of his letter in the Victoria Colonist. In the meantime Hon. Graham in the Commons had announced an investigation unnecessary.

Major Hodgins also laid the matter before Jas. Conmee, who wired to Ottawa recommending an investigation. Hodgins also wrote Aylesworth but the latter did not reply.

MR. RALPH SMITH PROMISES SUPPORT.

OTTAWA, May 22.—A Woman Suffragist meeting last night was addressed by Ralph Smith, M.P. of Nanaimo, who cordially endorsed the movement and promised his full support.

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THE MARKET SQUARE.

There are many persons in the town to whom the Market Square has been both an eyesore and a mystery. Matterless how much was done by the city to improve the streets, or by the citizens to improve their property, there was always that ugly place of stumps right in the centre of the town. Again it was quite as difficult to determine what to do with it as to explain why it was there. For what purpose had this square been left vacant, containing as it does some of the best residential sites in the city? Its first effect was to irretrievably mar the whole appearance of the city. The second was to drive citizens away out into the bush to their great inconvenience, and to increase the cost of making and maintaining the city streets. There was never nothing to indicate that Ladysmith would ever become a market town and require a square for her fairs and the transaction of horse and cattle business. Even as a square the enclosure is spoiled. Around the four sides there is an 80-foot street area, and Second avenue and High street bisect it at right angles. Still it is there and it is high time that something was done with it.

The greater interest therefore attaches to the suggestion put forward at the meeting of the Citizens' League on Thursday evening by Secretary Wilson. He made a proposition that the square be cleared and converted into a park to which tired mothers could retreat with their children for an hour's rest. His point was that every city should have an open space for the common enjoyment of its citizens. They would find that by the time the C. P.R. had completed their present clearing operations they would not have many shady places in which they could seek shelter from the heat of the summer sun. He therefore strongly favored the idea of turning the square into a park. A few shade trees could be planted, some benches and shelters erected, and a green made for the children. The square was convenient to evtrybody, and something of the kind had been suggested they ought to have.

Mr. Wilson's proposition was very favorably received by the members of the League present; and it is well worth the while of every citizen to give it careful consideration. It is none too soon in the life of the town to think over such a project. The greatest objection to the whole scheme is that the square is totally unsuited to the purpose of a park. In addition to the disadvantages of a varying and difficult grade, it could never be made into an enclosure because of the streets that cut right through it at right angles. Again, supposing it were converted into a park who would use it? The people on the Esplanade, First Avenue and up Methune and White streets naturally take to the beach. At the other end of town there is the spit, and if it is at all convenient of access the beach in the summer time will always be the common resort of the people. Greater than all these objections, however, is that of the building up of the town. If the city is going to remain as it is, there is no pressing or immediate need for a park. If on the other hand, as many of us believe, there is an era of progress and expansion in front of us, then the market square would be better given up to building purposes.

The question, however, is an open one, and it is to be hoped it will be taken up. There is no doubt that the square has got to go. Such an eyesore cannot be permitted to exist right in the heart of the town. The only point is how it is to go? It is for the citizens to return an answer to this question.

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OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE CAPITOL

OTTAWA, May 16.— The Government attempt to obtain control of franchise and registration in Manitoba, British Columbia and part of Ontario, has not yet succeeded. The debate on the Election Bill continued until Wednesday night with the opposition sturdily refusing to accept the measure. On Tuesday Sir Wilfrid found it necessary to take the floor and make a vague offer of conciliation. In a general way the Premier announced his willingness to appoint judges to deal with the lists in the provinces where intervention is proposed. The Opposition had previously stated that it was willing to accept such federal action as might be necessary in any Manitoba constituencies where Federal and Provincial electoral boundaries crossed each other, provided the rearrangement were placed in the hands of judges. But only a few constituencies are in this position, and it becomes clear that the intersecting of constituencies in only an excuse.

What the machine decired to do was to take from the two provinces which do not have Liberal Governments, the absolute control of the electoral list and franchise, assuming power to add and strike off names, doing this on the eve of the election with little notice, and with every opportunity to repeat the "red line" outrage of 1904, with extensions into Manitoba and Ontario. Sir Wilfrid's partial backdown may be real or only apparent. He has a fine gift for using language with double meanings, and the uncertain proposition of Tuesday could not be accepted until the Opposition could find out what it meant.

The Conservative position was clearly defined in the debate. The party was and is ready for a general Dominion franchise system, treating all the provinces alike, placing registration in the control of judges, giving full publicity and ample notice, right of appeal, and all possible opportunity to obtain a complete fair, judicial list in which both parties can have confidence. The party will not accept a Federal control of franchise, applying only to two or three Conservative provinces, and used to override at the last moment before the election the lists prepared by judges under provincial law, which lists are known to be as carefully and honestly made as those of any of the other provinces which the Government does not propose to disturb. They believe that the people of Manitoba and British Columbia are no less capable than those of Saskatchewan or Quebec, or Nova Scotia, of preparing their election lists. They are able to prove that far more errors have occured and more offences have been committed against the electoral rights of the people in other provinces than in Manitoba. Therefore they stand out against this discrimination and resent the insult contained in it.

Such is the language of the Manitoba Conservative Members, Dr. Roche, Schaffner and Mr. Staples. Such is the declaration of Mr. Borden and his comrades from other provinces. They have shown that Sir Wilfrid Laurier found no cause for inference because of franchise wrongs committed in Nova Scotia by the dominant party; that no action was suggested when the Rothesay election list conspiracy in New Brunswick added more than 400 forged names to an honest list of less than 100 in one district of the constituency formerly represented by Mr. Pugsley, now one of Sir Wilfrid's colleagues. The present conspiracy—for it is really a plot between the Government at Ottawa and the same Manitoba machine which carried out the red line outrage,—was attempted in 1903, and failed.

That failure is an interesting story Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, now Chief Justice of Canada, was Minister of Justice. When the scheme was brought to him to carry through he rejected it with scorn, and made it impossible for anyone else to complete the programme. Everything had been arranged, the bill was prepared and printed, but the Minister of Justice smashed that conspiracy. When Sir Charles Fitzpatrick gave place to Mr. Aylesworth the Manitoba machine took heart again and the deadly part of the bill of 1903 was tacked on to the electors reform measure of 1908.

When Sir Wilfrid was told of this in the House this week he emphatically contradicted the whole story. He declared that no bill had been printed or prepared and no such measure had been contemplated. The Premier asserted this positively in the House on three occasions, declaring on Tuesday:

"No act was contemplated by the Government and no bill was prepared, that I say most decisively." (Hansard page 5871.)

Yet, after giving the Premier a chance to reconsider and inquire and then receiving a third contradiction, Mr. Staples was able to produce, and hand to Sir Wilfrid in printed form, just as it came from the Government Bureau, the draft of the bill of 1908 on the same lines as that now before the House. Sir Wilfrid still declared that he never saw it, which goes to show that he either forgets, or that some mean things are done officially by his colleagues without consulting him. At all events there was the bill intended to be made law before the election of 1904 billed by the present Chief Justice of Canada, resurrected by Mr. Aylesworth, thrust upon Parliament against the wish of those Liberal members who are of the same moral type as Sir Charles Fitzpatrick.

The luxurious ice-breaker Montcalm, now at the bottom of the St. Lawrence, has not broken much ice during the four years of her Canadian career, as she has been undergoing repairs most of the time when not engaged in excursion trips. But the Montcalm has made large breaks in the Dominion Treasury. The contract price was $265,233 and repairs have cost $119,377, furnishings, including silver plate and cut glass, $6,853. Total, including maintenance, $657,725.

Arbitrator Schreiber has made an award to the contractor of the Hillsboro Bridge at Charlottetown which brings the cost to the Dominion of that structure up to a round $1,500,000. When it is remembered that the first Government estimate of cost was half a million, and when the work had begun parliament was assured that it would not cost more than $800,000, we begin to understand how the Trans-continental is costing two or three times the Government estimate. It is wise to multiply by two, and safer to multiply by three, any advance statement of the cost of a work under taken by a Laurier Government.

Commissioner Cassels investigated the Department of Marine on Monday and Tuesday and then quit for six weeks. It is suggested that when he gets through with his ExchequerCourt business it will be vacation time and that the inquiry will be resumed toward the end of the year, perhaps after the elections The Commission has made some progress, for the first witness called from the department was the chief engineer, and he distinctly and emphatically stated that he shared the views of Commissioners Fyshe and Bazin in regard to "lack of conscience" in purchasing certain supplies. Col. Anderson has been in the service a third of a century and has held the position of chief engineer since 1880. Down to a few years ago he had charge of lighthouse buildings and equipment, bouys and other aids to navigation. Then the control of lights, buoys and everything in that connection, except the construction of buildings, was taken away from him and given to J. F. Fraser for whom the new office of Commissioner of Lights was created.

Now began a career of extravagant expenditure in various directions The Merwin contracts, some of which have been exposed, resulted in the middleman receiving over a million dollars from the Dominion Treasury About the same amount has gone to T. L. Willson's Company for buoys and large amounts to another company promoted by Mr. Willson, which sells carbide to the Government Col. Anderson declared his firm belief that contractor Willson's influence was used with the Government to have Mr. Fraser placed charge of this spending branch. The Chief Engineer himself had reported and protested against the wholesale and expensive changes which resulted in large contracts to Mr. Willson. These large deals could not have been made had Col. Anderson remained in charge. While he stated that he had no proof of dishonesty on the part of Mr. Fraser in the matter of these contracts, he could not help entertaining suspicions. This witness did not volunteer such testimony. In fact he urged that his suspicions should not be given as evidence, but since counsel insisted upon his giving opinions, he did so. They were based upon the general view that the extravagant expenditure and the unjustifiable contracts began when Mr. Fraser took charge. He had a strong conviction that Mr. Fraser's promotion was due to the contractor's influence

Contractor Willson was himself on the stand a short time and denied that he had anything to do with Fraser's promotion. He, however, made the interesting statement that when he organized the Company, which sold carbide to the Government he secured for himself $40,000 worth of stock in payment for his patents and of this he gave $10,000 to the late Hon. James Sutherland, at that time member without office in the Laurier Government. Mr. Willson's statement is that this $10,000 stock was a payment to Mr. Sutherland for the services of the latter in inducing the Bronson family to take stock in the concern, But it will be seen that with one of the contracting firm in the Ministry might not be necessary for Mr. Willson to personally interfere in securing the promotion of Mr. Fraser to the position of Superintendent of Lights. Mr. Sutherland became Minister of Marine in 1902 and was afterwards Minister of Public Works.

MANY INJURED.

New York, May 22.—Fifteen persons were injured, four probably fatally, in a collision of trolley cars at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn bridge. Andrew Webb, Wm. F. Waggon, Joe McGuire and Geo. Smith, all of Brooklyn, were taken to a hospital and may die. Three cars were wrecked, one telescoped, through the breaking of a rod which controls the brakes of one of the cars. On account of heavy rains, cars on the bridge were unusually crowded in the rush hours today.

BREAKS RECORD.

London, May 22.—T. A. Fisher has broken the world's record for road cycling, covering a thousand miles in 91 hours 10 minutes, beating the previous record by twelve hours.

SPORTING NEWS

The Vancouver accounts of the championship game at Recreation Park last Saturday make funny reading. The press of that city is all agreed that it was a surprise visit, and that Nanaimo's coming was never dreamed of. More than that, according to the Province, although the Nanaimoites landed in the city about 10 o'clock, they only notified the great and only Con of their presence at 2 o'clock. Then, of course, there follows the usual eulogy of Con which makes one wonder how much a line he pays for it.

It goes without saying that these gentlemen are either very reckless, wholly irresponsible writers, or else they are in Wilde's phrase, magnificent liars. There was none of them near the ground, and all they have to say is merely hearsay or guesswork. As a matter of fact the Nanaimo players claim they received a letter from the Secretary of the Thistles, telling them they were expected and it was this letter alone which induced them to make the trip.

The reports wind up with the statement that the Thistles are going to protest the game on the ground that Nanaimo played old Thistle players who had already played in the same competition. If the protest had been lodged properly, there can be no doubt about its validity. The season is over, and I have already written enough on this point; but, according to the Constitutions of the Associations these men were clearly ineligible to play on Saturday.

However, if a protest was contemplated, it should have been made on the field. The Vancouver officials have always threatened they would debar these men from playing in the final. It would seem, however, that when the time for the final came round all their interest in the game have evaporated. As a matter of fact the Shield Competition finished football for the season in Vancouver. There is no longer a team, so that there is no use in protesting. And the reputation of the sport over there is bad enough without being burdened with the stigma attaching to a protest which is not only of no use and long overdue but is dictated solely by spite and envy

More Captures.

It is reported in town that Nanaimo United have captured Mitchell, the Thistle centre-forward. Strang, also, the centre-half from Calgary is expected down. The idea is clearly to have one man capable of holding Jimmy and another who can emulate his exploits in the centre-forward position. Plainly there is going to be something doing next season, for, of course, it is up to us and the other clubs to follow suit. The pity of it is that the local player will be driven out of the game by the mercenary.

Thanks.

Secretary Simpson is in receipt of a letter from Mr. F. Teague, secretary of the Nanaimo Athletic Club, which speaks for itself. It reads:

"The Nanaimo Athletic Club has instructed me to write you expressing their thanks to your club for the very willing and valuable assistance your club rendered us in aiding to make the Five A-side football Tournament, held last Sunday, such a success as it turned out to be, We fully appreciate the spirit of good sportsmanship that your club displayed on that occasion, not forgetting the entrance of a third Ladysmith team on the ground at the last moment, that more sport should be provided, and we hope that the next tournament of the kind that is held under our auspices, will be participated in by teams from your club again. The club regrets very much that a very unpleasant incident happened during the progress of one of the matches whereby a Ladysmith player was subjected to uncalled-for treatment, but wishes it understood that the prevention of such was beyond their control.

Northwestern League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Tacoma	15	9	.625
Aberdeen	12	9	.571
Seattle	11	11	.500
Spokane	11	11	.500
Butte	9	11	.450
Vancouver	6	14	.300

National League.

Chicago	14	7	.667
Pittsburg	12	9	.571
Philadelphia	13	9	.591
New York	13	10	.565
Boston	13	12	.520
Cincinnati	10	12	.455
St. Louis	9	17	.346
Brooklyn	9	17	.346

EXPERT CRIMINALS MURDER MAN.

CHICAGO, May 22.—A solution of the mystery surrounding the murder of Robt. C. Holmes, purchasing agent for the Commonwealth Edison Electric Company, whose dead body was found in a down town alley recently will disclose, it is thought, the operations of experts in crime. Holmes was not the work of ordinary thugs, but was perpetrated by men who probably mingled with the victim's friends at the auditorium, represented themselves to be delegates to the electrical convention, and then followed him as he left the hotel, police authorities agree.

Holmes is known to have left the hotel fifteen or twenty minutes after midnight. Just before departing he told friends that he thought he would get a cab and be driven home. Working on the theory that Holmes' murderers got him into a cab, drugged him into unconsciousness and threw his body into a dark corner as the behicle was driven through the alley, patrolmen and detectives last night were detailed to conduct a thorough search for clues among the down town drivers, and to search leading hotels for suspicious characters.

PLANTS FOR STORAGE OF COAL

For the purpose of keeping the anthracite coal supply steady and to prevent fluctuations in the market, caused by strikes and other perverse conditions, the anthracite coal companies have expended a vast outlay of money in the building of up-to-date, mechanically operated storage plants along the Atlantic seaboard, in the coal regions and on the great lakes.

The storage of coal has become a special science, having its own peculiar conditions, its experts and its inventions. Coal is no longer dumped from a car in the same crude way. Electricity take their part here as everywhere, and the day's work is measured in thousands of tons; the year's work in millions.

Anthracite and bituminous coal differ in chemical composition and in the manner of their mining, and therefore must necessarily be differently stored. As a rule bituminous coal is stored by the consumer or by some middle man. Anthracite has to be stored by the producing company, due in part to the fluctuation in the demand for the several sizes. Bituminous coal being uniform, not divisible in sizes, the supply can be adapted to the demand with a fair degree of accuracy. The sizes of anthracite rank as separate commodities, and if the demand for one variety falls off, that variety has to be stored to await a better market.—From illutrated article, June Popular Mechanics.

ON TRIAL FOR STABBING.

Orangeville, May 19—As a result of bad blood that has existed for about three years between them, Walter Mournahan, of East Luther, is in court at Grandville, on charge of wounding his eldest brother, Henry. The wound was caused by a stab from a knife in the left breast and had it not been for the fact the crown contends, that the blade of the knife first came in contact with the man's watch, the wound might have been fatal.

$100,000 SAVED FOR A CITY.

DECATUR, Ill., May 18.—City authorities were astounded today when City Comptroller Robbins "confessed" that he had been holding out on the city revenues for eight years and now has $100,000 in a bank to the credit of the city. No one knew his secret but the mayors who have served in that time.

Robbins said he knew the aldermen would spend the money if they had it, and he took it on himself to save for a rainy day in the city's affairs, or perhaps for a new city hall. The aldermen, instead of being pleased, are furious, for they recently floated a loan for $125,000 to rebuild the waterworks.

Robbins withheld the money coming to the city each year from the township road fund, and none of the aldermen knew the city got revenue from that source.

SUCCESSFUL NEGRO ACTORS AND THEATRES.

"It is not short of astonishing indeed, to discover how far the negro has been able to develop in the forty-odd years since slavery a distinct race spirit and position. It is pretty well known that he has been going into business; that he is acquiring much land; that he has many professional men; that he worships in his own churches, and has many schools which he conducts — but in other lines of activity he is also getting a foothold. Just as an illustration: I was surprised at finding so many negro theatres in the country—theatres not only owned or operated by negroes, but presenting plays written and acted by negroes. I saw a fine new negro theatre in New Orleans; I visited a smaller colored theatre in Jackson, Miss., and in Chicago the Peking Theatre is an enterprise wholly conducted by negroes. Williams and Walker, negro comedians, have long amused large audiences, both white and colored. Their latest production, 'Bandanna Land," written and produced wholly by negroes, is not only funny but clean.

"Many other illustrations could be given to show how the negro is developing in one way or another, but especially along racial lines. The extensive organization of negro lodges of Elks and Masons and other secret orders, many of them with clubhouses, might be mentioned. Attention might be called to the almost innumerable insurance societies and companies maintained by negroes, the largest of which, The True Reformers, of Richmond, has over fifty thousand members, and to the growth of negro newspapers and magazines (there are now over two hundred in the country), but enough has been said, perhaps, to make the point that there has been a real development of a negro spirit and self consciousness."— Ray Stannard Baker in American Magazine.

NEWSPAPERS WILL DEFY LIBEL LAWS.

LONDON, May 20.—According to the Financial News arrangements are being made to publish an English daily newspaper, the chief feature of which will be an absolute defiance of libel laws.

It will publish comment of any kind upon any person, will deal with society scandals and financial gossip with unrestrained frankness, not concealing the names or most intimate details. Cases before the law courts on which comment is not allowed, will be discussed regardless of the law in a manner "calculated to take the curls out of the counsels' wigs". Judges will be criticized as freely as witnesses. If the latter are regarded as committing perjury they will be pilloried.

Therefore the paper's conductors propose to avoid prosecution or suppression of their sheet by printing it in Belgium or France and mailing copies to their English subscribers. There will be no offices in England. If the post office refuses to circulate the paper inwrappers the copies will be enclosed in envelopes.

RAILROAD ORDERS 70 ENGINES

MILWAUKEE, May 18.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has ordered the construction of 70 locomotives in its shops, at a cost of $1,400,000. Five thousand men are to be put to work at once in the local shops of the company.

A commercial telegraph system also has been organized to compete with the Western Union between Chicago and the Pacific coast.

WITH A LITTLE HELP.

"Willie," asked his mother, "who is that boy you have been out playing with?"

"Why, that's Fred— Fred—maw, what's them things in the top of a barn)"

"Rafters?"

"No, that ain't it. It's——"

"Shingles?"

"Aw, no; furder down."

"Pigeons," suggested his father.

"Naw. Nothin' like that."

"Oats?"

"Course not. It's them things you nail the laths to."

"You don't mean joists?"

"That's it! Joyce! I was playin' with Fred Joyce."

$100,000 FIRE.

Mayfield, Ky., May 21.—Fire caused a loss of $100,000 in the west section of this city which is still on fire. The city is without water and light.

DEVICES OF LONDON PUBLICANS.

The landlord of the public house accidentally discovered a dissipated learned man one day, supplied him with all the beer and food he wanted, and ultimately stated to other customers that he was prepared to "back his find" to answer any question on learned subjects which they cared to ask. The result was, of course, that customers came night after night to try to puzzle the man and brought their friends to see the fun. The landlord has lost a few bets, but he does not mind for the money finds its way back again via the beer barrel.

The silhouettist, scene artist, and lightning sketch artist do such good business in public houses, both in London and provincial towns, that some publicans insist on a fee of from 5 shillings to 10 shillings a week for allowing these entertainers to remain in the bar.

"It's dahnright robbery, guv'nor, believe me," hoarsely whispered a soap artist to the writer recently after the latter had given him a trifle for depicting the Berlin wreck with soap on a sheet of looking-glass in a Lambeth alehouse. "Why, at one time the bosses of pubs used ter pay me fer amusin' their customers, and a' course, I allus went round wi' the 'at afterwards. But the game ain't much cop nah guv'nor."

There were similar "growls" from a man whom the writer discovered in a hostelry on the Old Kent road who will either cut your portrait out of black paper with a sharp pair of scissors or draw a likeness of yourself on a postcard in five minutes, 2 pence being the charge in each case.

Although not quite so common as formerly, beer-drinking and eating contests are still carried on in many public houses at the instigation of the landlords. A short time ago in a South London "pub" a laborer, for a "purse" offered by the publican, ate thirty half-penny buns and drank four quarts of ale within a given time. It is scarcely a matter of surprise that medical aid had to be summoned after the feat.

In another "pub" in Rotherhithe, drinking competitions were for a long time a source of attraction, matches being arranged to see which man could drink the most in the shortest time. The contests, however, resulted in such drunken scenes that at last the police stopped them

Boxing and ratting clubs are established, by many landlords for the benefit of customers; and there is one landlord known to the writer who frequently turns his four-ale bar into a rat pit. A square is made with the forms on which the customers sit, a rat let loose from a trap and the guv'nor is generally ready to lay "half a thick 'un" (10 shillings), that his terrier will kill the rat in 15 seconds. And he seldom loses his bet.

Public-house museums are not new, but there are two—one in Camberwell and another in New Cross, London—which people travel a long way to see. Splendid collections of stuffed birds, animals, fishes, etc., are to be seen at both public houses, as well as a public armory of old-fashioned weapons. In addition, at one of these public houses canaries may be seen flying above the bars in hanging aviaries.

How many people, by the way, remember the old game of "bumble puppy"? Boys still play it with a piece of wood in the edge of which a number of holes have been cut and through which marbles are bowled. Each hole is numbered from one upward according to the hole through which the marble goes, so the bowler receives that number of marbles from the one holding the wood. This game was as popular in public houses as darts and skittles at one time. The wood was fixed to one part of the counter and the marbles were about one and a half to two inches in diameter. So far as the writer's knowledge goes, there is only one of the fixed "bumble puppy" boards in London and that is to be seen in a Hammersmith public house. This particular board is said to be over 100 years old and is a source of much interest and amusement to customers. — London Tit-Bits.

BOY WINS $8,000, AND QUITS HIS JOB.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Eddie Ward is no longer a bellboy at the St. Francis hotel. Having won $8,000 on the races he has resigned his position and is quietly looking around to purchase a small hotel where he can play manager himself instead of being bossed by one.

In the course of his duties Eddie became acquainted with a plunger at Emeryville, who is stopping at the St. Francis. The bellboy got a few "good things" from him and won steadily. His winnings reached the $8,000 mark today, when he bet $50 on a 20 to 1 shot.

HOW NEW YORK SCORCHERS ARE FIXED.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Although the wealthy owners of automobiles are fined frequently for exceeding the speed limit still they pay their fines and go on their way rejoicing until they are caught again. The Long Island railroad, however, has devised a new punishment that bids fair at least to make the automobilists live up to the rules of the company. Already eleven prominent and wealthy residents of Manhattan, among them Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Wm. D. Sloane, and Lawrence Gourlie, have been placed on the black list of the railroad company and are not permitted to cross on the ferry boat because of violations of the road's transportation rules.

The numbers of the offending machines have been placed on big blackboards at the Long Island ferry approaches with the announcement that they are baired from going across the river on the ferry boats. The reason therefor is also stated, which is that the men did not stop their motors immediately after being located on the boats, and started them again before the boat was fast in the slip on the other side. Guards have been posted at the ferry terminals to see to it that none of the machines posted gets aboard the boats on either side, and as these ferries form the gateway of the great automobiling roads of Long Island, the owners of the machines are placed in not only a rather embarrassing position but are obliged to undergo a real punishment.

NATIVES EATEN BY SOLDIERS.

LONDON, May 18.—J. H. Harris, a missionary who has just returned from the Congo Free State, declares the atrocities being practised there by the Belgian soldiers are increasing and that within the last ten years no fewer than 3,000,000 human beings have been sacrificed.

He has seen men flogged with hippopotamus hide whips until they were insensible. Soldiers employed by King Leopold's agents raided villages and killed and ate the natives. The sufferings of the women and girls when a horde of these brutes were let loose is absolutely indescribable.

ON STRIKE.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 22.— About twenty of the two hundred Michigan Central tunnel workers who struck for higher wages on Tuesday applied for reinstatement today.

No Honing—
No Grinding

You know from daily experience, at home or in the barber shop, that the question is—"Why doesn't a razor hold its edge uniformly from heel to head without honing and grinding?" Whether it is a safety, with the certain tax of new blades, or the ordinary open-bladed razor does not alter the question. You want the comfort and satisfaction of a clean, smooth shave every morning with the confident knowledge that your razor will be ready for instant use the next time needed.

The Carbo Magnetic razor is the only razor *unconditionally guaranteed* to do this. Thirty years of study on the razor situation has perfected a new secret process of *ELECTRIC TEMPERING* that positively merges every particle of carbon (the life of steel) into the metal—giving a diamond-like hardness uniformly throughout the blade—something absolutely impossible with fire tempered steel—used in making all other razors.

But test this razor in your own home—or if you prefer, have your barber use it on you. Give us your name,—— or call and see the "Carbo Magnetic" razor, and we will state our proposition for testing these razors *without obligation on your part to purchase,* together with our free booklet "Hints on Shaving." This book illustrates the correct razor position for shaving every part of the face.

SOLE AGENTS:

Ladysmith Hardware Co.

VANCOUVER ISLAND OFFICIALS NEGLIGENT.

VANCOUVER, May 19.—The committee appointed by the Vancouver District Football League to draft a letter to the press in reply to the published statements made by President J. G. Brown of the Vancouver Island Association at the latter's annual meeting has authorized the following:

"The soccer season just ended has (with the exception of the British Columbia championship finals) been a record one in every way, and given good management, it will soon become the favorite pastime on the Pacific coast.

The question naturally arises who is to blame for the general mix-up regarding the British Columbia championship. The Island blames the mainland, something they invariably do when matters don't work out just right.

"One of the chief troubles seems to have been negligence on the part of the British Columbia association officials, all of whom reside on Vancouver Island. Their ignorance of the constitution has been appalling, for, judging from notifications received by the different mainland clubs the secretary has never read a constitution. All the clubs concerned in the provincial championship have been absolutely in the dark as to dates, grounds, referees, etc., for these finals. Yet in spite of this, we find the president of the Vancouver Island Association (J. G.Brown) a man who, by virtue of his office, ought to know better, making the statement that the mainland clubs hadn't the courage to meet the islanders. He claims the Celts were afraid to meet Victoria West in the intermediate championship. No one knows better than J. G. Brown that the Celts were not eligible to play in this grade, and even had they won would have lost by protest. The Celts were only too willing to play, if they had only been given a sporting chance to win. It might be interesting to know that for the past two seasons the mainland delegates have been trying to do away with the age limit in the British Columbia constitution, and J. G. Brown and his colleagues were responsible for it remaining there. Now he suddenly discovers that this age limit must be eliminated, thus admitting the mainland delegates were right.

"He is still of the same opinion regarding the cup tie vs. league system, and advises the islanders to stick to the latter. Yes, one, two, it will just take him another year to see the wisdom of playing under the cup tie rules and then this great authority (?) will be out with another suggestion.

"The mainlanders take off their hats to the North Ward juniors as the best junior team in the province, possibly in Canada, and regret that the Shamrocks had to default the game in Victoria. In justice to the Shamrock juniors, it might be well to mention that five of their team were unable to leave their work at the last minute; consequently the other boys wouldn't go.

"In the intermediate class the Celts were not eligible to play, although willing if they were given a chance, which the British Columbia elective did not see fit to do.

"The senior grade rested between Nanaimo and the Thistles, and no one seems to have known what was going to happen in this case. It appears the Thistles defaulted (through some misunderstanding) a game on May 9, and on May 16 turned out a scratch team to meet Nanaimo, who came unexpectedly) at Recreation park and were beaten eight goals to nil. Six of the winning team were mainland men and four of these belong to the Thistles, and constitutionally could not play for the Thistles in the British Columbia finals. Evidently the British Columbia Foot ball Association has got to be put on a sounder basis and both mainland and island work more in harmony together if the British national pastime is to go to the front in British Columbia.

YOUNG WOMAN'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

PRINCETON, N.J., May 18.—The body of Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, assistant in the Princeton University Library, who disappeared last week, was found floating in the Raritan Canal about half a mile from the Carnegie Lake aqueduct late this morning.

Miss Vanderbilt was 21 years old and the daughter of A. B. Vanderbilt, of Amsterdam, N.Y. She left her boarding house in Princeton about 5 p.m. Wednesday, saying she was going for a walk, and when last seen was going in the direction of the Carnegie Library. When she failed to return, efforts were made to trace her movements after leaving the boarding house.

It was reported today that the young woman was seen Wednesday night in an automobile with another young woman and a man who was formerly a suitor for Miss Vanderbilt's hand.

AGREE TO DIE TOGETHER

Chicago, May 18.—What appears to have been an agreement on the part of Henry Rudolph Amann, a musician, 43 years old and his 12 year old foster son, Walter Knobel, to die together, came to notice of the police when a man was found staggering through the woods near Fort Sheridan, delirious from self-inflicted wounds, and the boy's body found in a ravine. The boy agreed that Amann should kill him. Amann stabbed the child through the heart with a knife and stabbed himself in the breast twice, but his wounds did not prove fatal.

STRAY TOPICS FROM THE BIG CITY.

New York, May 22.—Slowly and almost reluctantly, it would seem, the theatre doors in New York are swinging shut for the season, and as each lock is turned the summer stillness that is going to settle down upon the Great White Way becomes more pronounced. Still there are plenty of shows left for the army of theatre goers, and very soon the numerous roof garden theatres will open for business. In spite of the many outside attractions, such as Coney Island, the roof garden theatres are very popular on hot summer nights. Located as many of them are on the roofs of skyscrapers, they are sure of a cool and refreshing breeze and are high above the noisy and dusty streets. The number of hotels that are making the roof garden a feature is certain to make the supply of cool evening spots equal to the demand of those who are obliged to remain in the city during the summer.

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Although society usually is either out of the city or preparing to leave early in May, this year is an exception to the rule. There seem to be fewer houses closed in the fashionable quarter of the city, and any morning in Central Park society folk can be seen in large numbers, for there is a tremendous interest in riding and driving this spring. At Fifth avenue and Fiftieth streets the start for the morning ride is made and there, too, may be seen the most attractive turnouts, with women driving vehicles of every description. Four-in-hands are frequently seen, for the fashionable Ladies' Coaching Club is not neglecting any opportunity for practice. If the warm weather continues it is probable that the exodus of fashionable folk will begin soon, and while it is hard to prophesy just where will be the rallying place of the social world this summer, still it is safe to say that Newport will be as popular as ever and that Bar Harbor will be well to the fore. The latter place, however, will probably attract fewer men because of its distance from the political centres during the Presidential campaign.

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A grizzled sailor on the shady side of 60 walked into a restaurant at 42 Whitehall street recently and, calling the proprietor aside asked for Lizzie. Noting the astonishment of the proprietor the old sailor went on to describe Lizzie as a charming girl, with brown hair, rosy cheeks and blue eyes, and growing more confidential he explained that she was his sweetheart. The incident is only an indication of the rapid growth of Manhattan, and the way that the residential portion of the city has been pushing farther and farther up town, till Whitehall street is so far down town that the majority of Gothamites know it not. In the case mentioned Lizzie lived forty years ago at 42 Whitehall street, where the restaurant now stands. It was there that the old sailor bid his sweetheart farewell, for a short time only, till he went to the far east to make his fortune. Then he was to return and marry Lizzie. Forty years have elapsed since then, but the old tar expected to find Lizzie waiting at 42 Whitehall. After an all-day search he was seen at dusk tramping through Whitehall and Pearl streets seeking for some place that would recall the New York of forty years ago.

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"The cat came back" was forcibly and sorrowfully brought to the mind of a certain Gothamite who bet $25 that he could lose his friend's cat so it would never return. The bet was a sporting one, for every kind of an attempt had been made to lose the feline. Once the cat was dropped from High Bridge, but it swam down the Harlem river to Port Morris and from there walked back to its master's house. After the bet was made the other day the cat was taken to Blackwell Island with the understanding that the money was to go to the Gothamite if the cat did not return by 4.30 p. m. on the following Sunday. It was 4 p.m. to the minute onSunday that the cat turned up at her old home.

THE CZAR A MENTAL LIGHTWEIGHT.

BERLIN, May 19.—Dmitri Philosophoff, the Russian author, whose book, "The Czar and the Revolution" was confiscated at St. Petersburg, has arrived in Munich to superintend the translation of his work into German and English. He had to flee from Russia in disguise to escape deportation for lese majeste.

From the advance sheets of the introduction of this tabooed book the following remarkable estimate of the Czar is translates:

As a man, Nicholas II. is distinguished neither by extraordinary good nor extraordinary bad traits As a husband and father he deserves the greatest credit. He indulges in no great vices; his mode of living is modesty itself.

He has a winning smile, and everybody who meets him goes into raptures over his good, frank eyes. He is kind and amiable in his intercourse with friends and servants. He has a pleasant face, endowed with a semblance of nobility by his big melancholy eyes.

As to mental development and education, he has remained on the level of a captain of horse. He knows no more nor no less than the average guard officer of subaltern rank.

He was instructed in a great variety of things, but betrayed qualification for none.

LAY CORNER STONE FOR ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

The foundation of the New Church of St. Philips was laid on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 7:30 p.m., by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven, M.A., assisted by the Vicar and Rev. A. Silva-White, M.A., of Nanaimo.

The ceremony, though short, was most impressive. The evening was calm and serene. The clouded sky which during the day had threatened rain, became beautifully clear, and it appeared that there was nothing to interrupt this great service of Prayer and Praise from ascending to the throne of grace. Many people from all parts of the neighborhood came to witness the laying of the Foundation Stone.

The service commenced with Hymn 239, "Christ is Our Corner Stone." Miss G. A. Thomas ably presiding at the organ. The Archdeacon read the Invocation, Psalm 84: The Creed, and Lord's Prayer. Then placing his hand on the stone, first consecrated it and then laid it. The Lesson taken from Ezra III. 10-12, and the cxxvi. Psalm were read by the Vicar. The Rector of Nanaimo read the concluding prayers. Hymn 394 was sung and a collection taken up amounting to one special donation of five dollars, and eight dollars and sixty-five cents in loose money. This will be devoted towards the Building Fund The Vicar addressed the people, thanking them for the way in which they had shown such great kindness after the loss of the old Church, until now when they had come to witness the first ceremony in connection with their new Church. He was pleased to see them come to take part in this great service, for it was a most important one, —"It is the laying of the Foundation Stone of your Church." He thanked those who had helped so willingly to make all things a success, and alluded to the courtesy he had received from the architect, the contractor and the builders. He mentioned that the price of the contract was $2,085, and that the committee had in hand and promised $1,775.

The Archdeacon spoke at some length and very touchingly upon his relationship with the Parish of St Philip's, Cedar. He had known the parish in its infancy under its first Incumbent, the Rev. E. G. Miller, and he had spent many happy days in the parish during his incumbency, and of those who had succeeded him He knew the little church well that had unfortunately been destroyed by fire. It was most unfortunate, but he was more than pleased to see that they could not be daunted or discouraged by that loss but had immediately set to work to consider the rebuilding. And this was the result. Their efforts had not been in vain. They had succeeded and were determined to carry out their good intentions by erecting another Church and turning out to see the Corner Stone of it laid.

He was pleased to hear that they only required $350 or $400 to pay for the building and he hoped that this could be raised before their Church was opened, for how nice it would be to say our Church is rebuilt and paid for.

The Archdeacon then pronounced the blessing.

DYNAMITE IN CAR STRIKE.

CLEVELAND, O., May 19.—About 1 a.m. a Detroit avenue car was dynamited near 100th street. The trucks were badly damaged, but the single passenger and the crew were not injured.

At 12.30 o'clock a small box that the police found contained deadly explosives. It was picked up on the tracks at Broadway and East 55th street. The box was discovered with a car less than fifteen hundred feet away.

Rioting began near the Windemere barns in East Cleveland early this morning, when strikers cut six trolley wires. Linemen for the Municipal Traction Company turned out in force to repair the damage, but were driven back by a gang of three hundred men. A brick was thrown at a Woodland car while it was passing eastward at East 104th street and Woodland avenue. David Benjamin and his wife, who were on the car, were both struck by the missle. Mrs.Benjamin's jaw was broken, and her husband's face was laid open by the brick.

A mob stoned a South Woodland car at 9.45 o'clock this morning and seriously injured Mrs. Elizabeth Meiser, the only passenger on the car.

WOMAN STEALING RIDES GIVES BIRTH.

Concealed in a Car of Household Effects to Avoid Paying Fare, Gives Birth to a Child.

MOOSEJAW, Sask., May 21.—Vishing to avoid having to pay rail road fare, a settler secreted his wife in a carload of household effects he was shipping from Cupar to Regina. When the car was opened it was discovered the woman had given birth to a child. The woman and child were removed to the hospital at Regina and at last reports are doing well.

COLLIERY PREFERS CHATGES

FERNIE, May 21.—The charges preferred by the Crows' Nest Coal Co., against Jas. Douglas, president; C. Garner, secretary, Wm. Stonehouse, and other members of the Michel local United Mine Workers of America, of breaking a contract were tried here today before J. H. McMullin.

The three separate cases were taken individually. Several witnesses gave evidence including the superintendent and foreman in the mines.

The strike was caused by a man named Harry Marchant being discharged and the company refused to reinstate him. The trial will be continued tomorrow.

PARENTS DRIVE A BOY TO SUICIDE.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 20.— Tired of life, though he was only 11 years old, Harold Hardy, a pupil of the Frank school, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid while lying on the banks of Cemetery Creek. An empty bottle labeled "carbolic acid" was found near his body.

It is supposed that the lad had become despondent over the troubles of his father and mother, who have been divorced abd remarried.

MRS. EWER DIES AT GREENWOOD.

Nanaimo, May 21.—

COURTENAY, May 21.—The sad news of the death of Mrs. Ewer of Greenwood, B.C., reached here today. Mrs. Ewer was a daughter of Mrs. J. W. McKenzie of this place. She had been very ill of late and Mrs. McKenzie left here Tuesday morning en route to Greenwood, but would not have reached there in time to see her daughter alive.

Much sympathy is felt in this vicinity for Mrs. McKenzie and family in their sad bereavement. The late Mrs. Ewer was well and favorably known here, and was married only a year ago.

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Mrs. McKenzie left here yesterday morning en route to Greenwood.

YANKEE GIRL IS KING'S GUEST

LONDON, May 20. — Miss Jennie Crocker, of San Francisco, has had the honor of being presented to King Edward and Queen Alexandra. The occasion was the first court of the season at Buckingham Palace.

Miss Crocker, one of the wealthiest heiresses in California, was presented by Mrs. Reid, wife of the American ambassador.

A FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY WRECK

ANTWERP, May 21.—There has been a serious railroad accident near Contech. All the inmates of one car were killed. Fifty dead bodies have already been recovered. Over one hundred are injured.

The accident was due to a misplaced switch. An express running fifty miles an hour, crashed into a train loaded with pilgrims on a siding. Every car of the latter train except one was telescoped and literally ground to pieces.

The extracting of the dead and injured from the debris appalled even the stoutest of the rescuers. The spectacle was horrible. Many of the bodies had lost all human shape, and heads, arms and legs were cut off by the wheels and scattered all through the wreckage. Three decapitated bodies were found twenty feet from the track.

Up to four o'clock this afternoon 38 dead and 79 injured, three of whom died later, had been recovered. The occupants of the cars were mostly workmen and peasants. The injured are being transferred from Contich to Antwerp and Brussels as rapidly as possible. There are several women among the dead.

A second-class coach was overturned by the force of the impact. The bodies of the wounded were so pinned down by wreckage that the rescuers had to use axes to get the victims free. The signalman at Contich saw that his switch was not working just as the Antwerp express came thundering down the line. He leaped from the window of his signal station and heroically ran down the rack toward the oncoming train, waving a red flag. His effort, however was too late to avert the disaster.

The station at Contich has been converted into a temporary morgue and hospital and is rapidly filling up with the dead and wounded. The work of rescue is being admirably handled and everything possible is being done to eleviate the suffering of the injured. All the clergymen and physicians of Contich and the soldiers from the neighboring barracks are taking part in the work. In addition to the surgeons who have hurried down from Antwerp, an ambulance corps from Amiens also is on the scene. It now appears that the locomotive of the express train jumped the track and plunged into and completely wrecked the last three passenger coaches of the train on the siding. This train was carrying an excursion of pilgrims to a local shrine.

USED FIFTY POUNDS OF DYNAMITE.

NEW YORK, May 20.—An attempt was made last night to blow up the new bridge of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad over the Harlem river at West Farm Road when a valise containing ten sticks of dynamite was found floating in the river.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A new bridge under construction on the Hartford branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway at Bay Chester was wrecked by dynamite today.

New York, May 21.—The bridge is a modern structure which had been erected over the tracks near Chester station for foot and vehicle traffic, and for many months had been the scene of almost constant labor troubles.

It is alleged that striking workmen have made frequent threats to blow it up, unless their grievances were adjusted, and as a result of which watchmen have been on guard at the bridge every night.

Yesterday when the futile attempt was made to destroy the other bridge another watchman was added to the force and all these were on duty last night. Just at dawn there came a flash near the first span followed by a terrific report, and the grinding and jarring of the great steel girders. Two of the watchmen who were within 50 feet of the end of the bridge, were both thrown to the ground. Hundreds of windows in the vicinity were broken. As the watchmen scrambled to their feet they saw two men running away through the semi-darkness. A fusilade was sent after them, but they failed to reach the mark.

Experts who viewed the work of the wreckers were unanimous in declaring that at least fifty pounds of dynamite must have been placed under the abutment work on the south end of the bridge. It is believed it will take two months to repair the damage done.

WANTS $50,000 TO REACH POLE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20. — Captain Peary says he is positive he can reach the North Pole if some one will give him $50,000. The Arctic explorer will have a talk with President Roosevelt and may ask him to suggest some plan whereby the needed money can be raised. Peary says $50,000 will buy him a good outfit and send him on his way rejoicing about July 1.

"I had intended to leave for the North on or about the first of July," he said today, "but there is some question in my mind as to whether I will be able to do so if the necessary money is not forthcoming. Some of the requirements have been met, but not all. I can get my vessel into sailing shape within four days. I came within 200 miles of the pole in April, 1906, and the next time I'll surely reach it."

CHAMPION GOTCH CHALLENGES ROLLER.

SEATTLE, May 21.—Dr. Benjamin F. Roller, the well known wrestler of this city, received a challenge last evening from Frank A. Gotch, of Iowa, the world's champion wrestler. Roller promptly accepted the challenge for a match and the big contest will probably take place in this city about next July.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

From prize winning Stock. Barred Rocks, Black Langshans, Black Minorcas, Buff, White, and Brown Leghorns, Blue Andalusians and Black Orpingtons, Buff and White Cochin Bantams, and Golden Seabrights.

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COAL MINES REGULATION ACT.

Notice of Examinations.

NOTICE is hereby given that examinations will be held for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Certificates of Competency under the provisions of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," at Nanaimo, Fernie and Cumberland, on the 16th, 17th and 18th days of June, 1908, and for 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates of Competency, at Coutlee, on the 16th and 17th days of June, 1908, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

The Subjects will be as follows:—

First Class Candidates—
- Mining Act and Special Rules.
- Mine Gases.
- Ventilation.
- General Work.
- Mine Machinery.
- Surveying.

Second Class Candidates—
- Mining Act and Special Rules.
- Mine Gases.
- Ventilation.
- General Work.

Third Class Candidates—
- Mining Act and Special Rules
- Mine Gases and General Work.

Application must be made to the undersigned not later than Friday, June 5th, 1908, accompanied by the statutory fee, as follows:—

By an applicant for First Class Examination..... ....$10.00
By an applicant for Second Class Examination $10.00
By an applicant for Third Class Examination $5.00

The applications must be accompanied by testimonials and evidence stating that:—

(a). If a candidate for First Class that he is a British subject and has had at least five years' experience in or about the practical working of a coal mine, and is at least twenty-five years of age:

(b). If a candidate for Second Class, that he has had at least five years' experience in or about the practical working of a coal mine.

(c). If a candidate for Third Class that he has had at least three years' experience in or about the practical working of a coal mine:

(d). A candidate for a Certificate of Competency as Manager, Overman Shiftboss, Fireboss or Shotlighter, shall produce a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner showing that he has taken a course in ambulance work fitting him, the said candidate, to give first aid to persons injured in coal mining operations.

By order of the Board.

FRANCIS H. SHEPHERD,
Secretary.

Nanaimo,B.C.,April 4th, 1908.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

Notice to Architects.—Competitive Designs.

The Government of British Columbia invite the Architects of British Columbia to submit competitive designs of a Public Hospital for the Insane, which it is proposed to erect at Coquitlam, situated near New Westminster, B.C.

The designs, accompanied by specifications, reports and estimates of cost, and superscribed, "Design, Public Hospital for the Insane," and addressed to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, will be received up to noon of Tuesday, the 30th June, 1908.

The designs, specifications, reports and estimates of cost shall have no distinguishing mark or motto, the author's name being enclosed in a blank envelope securely attached to the design submitted.

The design shall be adjudicated upon by an Architect practising outside the Province, to be selected by the Government, after the 30th June 1908.

The design placed first by the Adjudicator shall receive a premium of $700, and the one placed second, a premium of $500.

The Government is not bound to erect the building from any of the designs submitted.

If the design awarded first place is accepted, the premium referred to above shall be included in the professional fee paid to the architect.

Printed conditions governing the competition can be obtained by bona fide competitors upon application to the undersigned.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 7th May, 1908. td.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Regulations for the Docking or Mooring of All Vessels Arriving at British Columbia Ports from Plague-Infected Ports.

(Approved by Order of His Honour the Administrator-in-Council, dated 8th April, 1908).

1. All vessels arriving at British Columbia ports from ports infected or suspected of being infected with Bubonic Plague shall conform to the following regulations:—

(a.) Vessels shall be moored or docked at a distance not less than six feet from wharf or land:

(b.) Ropes or chains connecting a vessel with wharf or land shall be protected by funnels of size and shape satisfactory to Local and Provincial Boards of Health:

(c.) All gangways shall be lifted when not in use, Gangways when in use shall be guarded against the exit of rats by a person specially detailed for this purpose:

(d.) All vessels changing route to solely British Columbia ports shall give satisfactory evidence of disinfection and extermination of vermin to Provincial Board of Health.

2. Every owner, agent, or captain of any vessel, and every other person violating or instructing, authorizing, ordering, permitting, or otherwise suffering any person to violate any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the convicting magistrates.

Dated at Victoria, 9th April, 1908.

(By Command).

HENRY ESSON YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary.

Charles J. Fagan, M.D.,
Secretary Provincial Board of Health.
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GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fuel for Public Buildings.

Whole or separate sealed tenders will be received by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner up to and including Monday, the first day of June next, for supplying and delivering best lump and washed nut coal required at the Provincial Government Buildings at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, B.C., as enumerated hereunder, during the year ending 30th June, 1909, to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be directed during the period above stated.

The approximate annual consumption of coal at each of the buildings named is as follows:

Best lump coal—
- Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 230 tons.
- Government House, Victoria, 110
- Court House, Victoria, 60 tons.
- Jail, Victoria, 100 tons.
- Court House, Vancouver, 88 tons.
- Court House, New Westminster, 70 tons.
- Provincial Hospital for Insane, New Westminster, 60 tons.
- Jail, New Westminster, 40 tons.

Washed nut caal—
- Provincial Hospital for Insane, New Westminster, 1,200 tons.

The above mentioned quantities are not guaranteed; the quantity actually required may be under or above the figures stated.

While tenders shall be accompanied by a cheque in the sum of $300, and separate tenders by a cheque in the sum of $100 on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner, which will be forfeited if the party tendering decline or neglect to enter into the contract when called upon to do so.

The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned upon the execution of the contract.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tenders must be signed by the actual signature of the tenderers.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 14th May, 1908.

The attention of the Lands and Works Department having been directed to the fact that town lots in a townsite named Prince Rupert, being a subdivision of Lot 642, Range 5, Coast District, situated on the mainland between the mouth of the Skeena River and Kaien Island, are being offered for sale, it has been deemed necessary to warn the public that the said townsite is not situated at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and is not the townsite which is owned jointly by the Government of British Columbia and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

F. J. FULTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., May 1st, 1908. 1m

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LOCAL NEWS

Condensed Milk of the very best quality, and only 10 cents a tin at the Big Store.

Don't forget the Band Concert at the bandstand tonight at 6 o'clock.

The City Band will give a public dance on Thursday evening, May 28, in the Opera House. The dancing will begin at 8 o'clock and continue to 12 p.m. Everybody welcome. Alex. Wright, secretary.

The Victoria train was well filled this morning when it left Ladysmith. They were a number of passengers from Nanaimo and there was a larger contingent waiting here. The U. S. Fleet at Seattle is the big attraction.

Mr. D. Johnson has got his billiard tables set up and commenced business. He will have something of interest to billiard players to announce in the next issue of the Standard.

There was some good shooting at the traps on Thursday evening. T. McGarrigle came first with 22, and was followed by W. Kesserich, 20; Messrs. G. Hepple, Parrot and Wright 19; White, 18 and J. McDonald 17.

Don't forget the boxing contest in the Opera House this evening. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Admission $1, and 75 cents.

The bowls have been whirring merrily all week at Parrott's Bowling Alley. This week a dollar prize has gone nightly to the highest scorer, and the following all landed the goods: Messrs Zuick, Morrison, A. E. Howay, J. Pausche and W. Moore The programme will be the same next week.

The Male Voice Choir got down to business last night. There was a well-attended practice, and the members of the choir made their first acquaintance with Mr. Morgan as a conductor. Mr. Morgan expressed his great satisfaction with the choir, and, on the other hand, the singers to a man are convinced that their master is a born genius in choral work. There will be a good choir in Ladysmith.

Mr. A. J. Hartley will leave for his home in the Kamloops District tomorrow. He expects to be back here in the fall to start the next football season on even terms with the boys. Hartley has taken very kindly to the red and white colors, and to the town and during his short stay here has made a host of friends. Everybody in the place is sensible of the invaluable services he rendered his Club and he leaves with everybody's good wishes and may be sure of a hearty welcome back again

TO LET.—Mr. H. Pollard, of Second Avenue, has a front furnished bedroom to let. m20-8t

Mr. A. Howe moved into his new store this week, or rather his local manager, Mr. Jos. Sanderson, did. The new store, which is just above the old stand on Roberts Street, is roomy and right up to date, and Joe is looking as bright as his new fittings and is ready to cater in the very best style to all the trade that offers.

The Free Press has started a belated inquiry into the Shield balance sheet. The Standard published the accounts as near as it could get them on May 6. The figures were: total receipts, $1,882.50; total expenditure $800.50, leaving a balance of $1,082.50. These, we believe, are the correct figures.

Messrs. T. McMillan and George Muir, are leaving shortly for a trip to the Tanana country. Mr. McMillan, who is one of the pioneers of the district, has held the office of treasurer for 17 years in the local Oddfellows Encampment. To mark their appreciation of his long and faithful services the brethren of the Encampment are going to have a social time on Saturday evening and gave him as hearty a send-off as possible.

The innovation of a ladies' ... at the Bowling Alley was a great success, and there were several fair bowlers. Five pins was their game and Miss B. Bland won out by the respectable score of 20. Miss Maud McMillan and B. Jackson tied for second place with 16 each. Miss Bland received a handsome geranium plant set in a fancy Japanese pot. The alley will again be reserved to ladies on Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

MORE DOG CASES.

Four men were summoned on Thursday evening again for not having paid their dog tax. All four were fined two dollars and costs, which means that their license this year cost them $5.50.

This is the second batch of men who have been summoned before the local magistrates and fined in a similar amount. May be the owners of dogs in town who have not yet obtained licenses will govern themselves accordingly.

BAD ACCIDENT AT NANAIMO SAW MILL.

Henry Davidson, 19 Years Old, Has Arm Torn Off at Shoulder in Mill Accident.

Nanaimo, May 22.—

A frightful accident occurred at the Red Fir Lumber Company's mill this afternoon, shortly after the noon hour, whereby Henry Davidson, of Selby street, had his arm badly broken and practically torn from the shoulder. The victim is now at the hospital in a precarious condition, suffering from the shock and loss of blood.

Just how the accident occurred no one at present writing knows. The lad who is 19 years of age, is employed at the mill as an oiler. He had evidently been oiling one of the pulleys in connection with the lathing mill, for Engineer Benj. Louend, of the gang saw engine, who had been talking with him a short time before, heard a yell, and looking around saw the lad tangled in the shafting below.

Mr. Louend at once stopped the engine and the unfortunate boy was extracted from the machinery, having suffered the injuries above stated.

He was immediately taken to the hospital where the arm was removed. His condition at present is very serious. During the accident and afterwards he did not lose consciousness.

PARASITE WORRIORS BROUGHT TO AMERICA.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.— After a remarkable quest in the far east for natural enemies of pests which infest American orchards, G. Zempiere, etomolygist, arrived here on the liner China last night successful. He left in Western Australia a parasite that was deducting the ravages of the fruit fly to a noticeable degree. This parasite was discovered five years ago in India but previous attempts to introduce it into Australia had failed on account of the opposite seasons. By putting the bugs to sleep in India with ice, Zempiere got 100,000 of them to Australia alive. He woke them up in the Australian winter. The parasite, apparently thinking the were still in India, went to work with a will. Three generations of native born bugs saw the light before Zempiere left the antipodes.

He also took to Australia a parasite which swept away like wild fire the cabbage aphison aphis.

Mr. Zempiere has brought to California a parasite to destroy the mealy bug, a pest that causes great grief to the orange growers. He discovered this friendly bug in Japan.

WANT DUAL LANGUAGE IN QUEBEC COMPANIES.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 22.—Mr. Lavergne, M. P., for Montmagny, presented parliament yesterday with a petition with 431,845 signatures, praying that all railway telegraph and telephone companies in the province of Quebec use both English and Franch language in dealing with the public including forms, railway tickets, bills of lading, baggage checks, time tables, forms of contract, regulations and notices. The number of signatures represents the votes polled in the province of Quebec election. A large number of those are women.

KHERSON, Russia, May 22.—Twenty peasants, who took part in the recent Agrarian disorders in the Yekaterinstav district were hanged here today after being condemned to death by a courtmartial. They belonged to a peasant association, the avowed object of which was to drive out landed proprietors by the burning of their estates.

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Mr. Rumming left on the morning train yesterday after spending a short holiday here.

Mr. Jno. Howells left for Victoria Thursday morning en route for Michel.

Mr. Jas. Hatfield left on Thursday morning for Michel.

Mr. Henderson, inspector of Public Works, paid a brief visit to the post office buildings on Friday morning.

Mr. Beasley, who is filling Mr. Marpole's place temporarily, passed through town this morning.

Mr. F. G. Ashton passed down the line yesterday morning.

Mr. W. Jones returned home from a short prospecting trip yesterday morning.

Miss Fraunland went down to Victoria this morning.

Messrs. A. Clegg and John Dunbar boarded the Victoria train this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hutchison left for Seattle this morning.

Mr. J. M. Morgan, of Victoria, was in town yesterday, and left for Nanaimo today.

Mrs. J. Rosetti returned home during the week from Seattle, wither she had gone from Victoria after attending the Grand Lodge of Pythian Sisters there.

Mr. Jas. Rosetti has returned from his trip to the East. Jim had a pleasant and enjoyable tour, but found it cold.

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JOSEPH BLAIR.
Ladysmith, May 23, 1908. 3t

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A. DYER.
Ladysmith, B.C., May 6, 1908.

NOTICE.

The Committee of the Ladysmith Football Club request that all accounts against the Club be rendered on or before Wednesday, May 20th, in order that the Club's books may be audited for the season.

W. G. SIMPSON,
Secretary.