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# MEETING OF THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE

### Petition For an Electric Light By-Law to Be Forwarded To the City Council.

A meeting of the Citizen's League was held in the City Hall on Thursday evening, Dr. R. B. Dier presiding. There were only a few members present, which was unfortunate in view of the importance of the business to be transacted. It should be borne in mind that the real opportunities of the League are only now opening, and it is the duty of every member to attend the meetings. It is not denied that the League can do useful work and materially assist the Council in dealing with public questions, but it will never fulfil its real mission if the individual member begins to leave it to the other fellow to see that it is done.

Secretary Wilson had some communications to read regarding the electric light proposition. The first was from the Vernon Council to whom he had addressed a letter asking for information. He received a long and comprehensive reply, describing the system in operation at Vernon, and giving advice as to the best kind of machinery to be employed. The Council supply light for about 1900 lamps, and the plant cost something like $33,000 to instal. Fuel with them was a heavy item, as they had to burn wood, and this item alone cost them about $10 a night. Salaries, exclusive of collection, run to $290 a month. So far there had been no profits on the undertaking, but that was because they were adding to their outfit. However, they were able to light their streets free. The lowest price in a varied scale of charges was 50 cents a light for a 16 c.p. lamp. Reductions were made to large consumers and for additional lights over five.

A letter was also read from the Seattle Gas Engine & Machinery Company, asking for particulars of the scheme which it is proposed to instal here and suggesting the advisability of employing an expert engineer to prepare the estimates on which tenders could be called for. They were prepared to do the work at a nominal price, and such a course would ensure the city getting an up-to-date and reliable plant.

Secretary Wilson remarked in regard to these communications that it seemed to him that the League has gone as far into the matter as they could profitably go for the present. It was now the turn of the Council. He thought they could leave these communications to them to deal with, and they could decide whether or not expert engineering advice was advisable or necessary. The League had come pretty near to the point where the Council would have to take it up.

The League, he said, had a petition read for the Council, signed by over a tenth of the voters in the city praying the Council to introduce an electric light by-law. Of all the signatures, only one miner had specified for private ownership. The others all favored municipal ownership. He himself had been round the business section of the town, and to a man they favored the city owning and operating the plant.

On motion the secretary was instructed to pass in the petition to the City Council, together with a brief summary of what the League had done in the matter.

The Secretary was also in receipt of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade. The resolution was as follows:

"Whereas, in the Dominion statutes, chapter (7) 2, Edward VII., of May 15, 1902, intituled, 'An Act respecting the coasting trade of Canada,' and in clause 3 thereof, it is provided that 'no goods or passengers shall be carried by water from one port in Canada to another except in British ships:

"Whereas, it has been ruled by the commissioner of customs, in his letter to this board of trade (No. 33699, of December 3, 1907) that the foregoing clause does not prohibit the carrying by water of such Canadian goods in transit from one port in Canada to another by a foreign vessel from a foreign to a Canadian port should they be routed through a foreign country;

"Whereas, in corresponding United States act of February 17, 1898, it is provided as follows: 'Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that no merchandise shall be transported by water under penalty of forfeiture thereof from one port of the United States to another port of the United States, either directly or by a foreign port, or for any part of the voyage, in any other vessel than a vessel of the United States';

Whereas, the discrepancy in these acts results most unfavorably for the owners of British vessels, and

"Whereas, in the opinion of this board the inter-Canadian carriage of goods by water should be preserved for British vessels;

"Be it resolved, That the Dominion government be and is hereby strongly petitioned to amend clause 3, chapter 7, 2 Edward VII., 1902, so as to provide that no goods shall be carried by water from one port or place of Canada, either directly or via a foreign port or for any part of a voyage, except in British ships"

Secretary Wilson explained that the resolution had been drafted in view of the construction work now beginning on the B.C. section of the G.T.P. There would be millions of money spent on the road shortly, and as the people of Canada were to contribute 80 or 90 per cent. of the cost, it was only right that Canadians should reap the benefit of it. However, Seattle people were already preparing for the trade, and it was up to them to get busy. Moreover, if the carrying was confined to Canadian vessels, it was probable that the local coal trade would reap a great benefit.

On motion the resolution was endorsed by the League.

The meeting then adjourned.

## SENATE REFORM MOTION AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, April 3.—Six additional committees of the Senate are to be added next session. They will consist of forestry, immigration and labor, commerce and trade relations of Canada, civil service commission, public inspection of foods, and buildings and ground.

Senator G. W. Ross, who moved some days ago for a change in rules by adding 11 standing committees to those now named by the Senate, compromised with Senator Power on the matter. A resolution calling for senate reform was withdrawn.

## HIGH HONOR OFFERED JOHN MITCHELL.

WASHINGTON, April 3.— John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, called on President Roosevelt today and on leaving the White House said the president had offered him a position of special commissioner on labor conditions on the Panama canal seat.

Mr. Mitchell said he was not able to accept the offer as it was necessary for him to recover his health before he could take up work of any kind. He said that he had no settled plans, everything being dependent upon his health.

## NANAIMO MEMBER'S MOTION AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, April 3.—In the House of Commons Ralph Smith will move a resolution in favor of legislation for permission for the registration of labor union labels and to provide penalties for the unlawful use of such labels when so required.

## BIG DOG RACE AT NOME.

SEATTLE, April 3.—A special cablegram from Nome, Alaska, says the great 450-mile dog race from Nome to Candle and return started yesterday. Thousands of dollars have been wagered on the outcome. A general holiday was declared and thousands of people crowded the streets. There were ten entries.

## LOCAL APPOINTMENTS IN B. C. GAZETTE.

Nanaimo, April 3.

The following appointments of local interest appear in the current issue of the B.C. Gazette:

Albert Thomas Stephenson, of Nanaimo, to be a provincial constable from the first day of April, 1908.

William Henry McLellan, of the city of Nanaimo, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

The following have been appointed commissioners for taking affidavits:

Newcastle electoral district —John S. Cairns, of Ladysmith; Daniel McLean, of Extension; Matthew Whalen, of Northfield.

## GERMANY'S ENORMOUS LOAN.

LONDON, April 3.—The news given out yesterday of the new German and Prussian loans amounting to $162,500,000 came as a surprise to London financial circles and has resulted in much discussion, and even in the expression of some distrust of the financial position of Germany. That loans amounting to $250,000,000 already have been found necessary this year, and that these loans are keeping pace with the greatly increased naval expenditures of Germany interests British financiers and they are of the opinion that this financial activity shows a tendency ultimately towards war. This howl ever is ridiculed in other quarters.

## ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

Ottawa, April 3.—The Commons public accounts committee today decided to investigate the granting of fishing rights in northern waters of the Dominion to alleged friends of the government.

## BANK TELLER DISAPPEARS.

St. Catharines, Ont., April 3.—H. Lewis, teller in Beamville branch of the Bank of Hamilton, disappeared Saturday night and has not been seen since. His accounts are all right and no reason known for his absence.

# FINED FOR ASSAULT

Six young fellows were taught on Thursday night that they cannot take the sidewalk with impunity against all comers. The boys had started in hustling a pedestrian and from elbowing and jostling, proceeded to assault him. Information was given to Constable Callander and the boys were charged before Magistrates Nicholson and Matheson on Tuesday night. The hearing of the case occupied a long time, and finally it was adjourned until Thursday evening to enable the Bench to consider their decision. On the Court re-assembling on Thursday evening, Magistrate Matheson announced that the Court considered the charges against the prisoners had been proven and they had decided to make them all alike. They would each be fined $5 and costs. He hoped they would never appear before him again on such a charge, or they would pay smartly for it.

# MOORS AGAIN VANQUISHED

The Moors and Knights met in their second battle on Thursday afternoon and once again the blacks were vanquished. However, the struggle was keener than last time, and for a time the Moors were in the ascendant. Slick Moor himself ran into the ball near the goal, and as much to his surprise as that everybody else, scored a point. The interval came with his side a goal ahead, but here he made the fatal mistake of changing his men. The Knights ran right through his disorganized ranks and pierced the Crescent citadel twice in quick succession The Moors failed to rally and the battle ended in favor of the Knights by five goals to three. However, the trophy is not won yet and Shiek Moor is determined upon a desperate effort to retrieve his fallen fortunes.

# THISTLES WILL GIVE DANCE

The Thistle Dancing Club are giving a dance in the Opera House next Friday evening, April 10th. This is the Club's first season and it has been eminently successful. It is proposed to make the dance on the 10th in keeping with the club's record. The dancing will be mixed, part Canadian and part Old Country, and only popular music will be played. The dance commences at 8 o'clock p.m., and tickets are now on sale at $2.50 per couple. This charge includes the supper, which will be served during the evening.

## ASSAULTS GIRL.

Brantford, Ont., April 3.—William Dyer, a colored man employed in a local livery stable, was arrested on a charge of criminal assault on a ten year old girl.

## BRITISH SEAMEN LOSE THEIR LIVES.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., April 3. — Thirty-six men, including Lt. Middleton, the commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, lost their lives in the collision off the Isle of Wight last night between the vessel and the British cruiser Berwick. The vessels belong to the Portsmouth division of the British home fleet and were engaged in night manoeuvres in the channel while on their way to Portsmouth.

The night was dark and the Berwick was steaming slowly. When the destroyer attempted to cross the cruiser's bows she was caught amid ships and cut in half with knifelike cleanness, sinking almost instantly. The crew of the torpedo boat destroyer who were dressed in heavy oilskins and boots, went down with the vessel, not having time to free themselves from the heavy encumbrances. Most of the 22 men saved were engineers and stokers, who having light clothes on, were able to keep themselves afloat until boats from the other ships picked them up.

The smaller naval vessels were in the midst of an attack on their bigger consorts when the disaster occurred. The entire fleet was under masked lights and in the absolute darkness the Tiger was suddenly struck square amidships by the Berwick. The sharp stem of this vessel cut the destroyer in two as if she had been made of paper. The forward half sunk instantly and the sea became dotted with struggling men. Most of them, however, sunk before help could reach them. The warships in the immediate vicinity soon had their boats overboard and the scene of the tragedy was illuminated.

The collision occurred at 8.10 o'clock last night. The ships were manoeuvering without lights. It is believed that several of the men were killed by the impact. Tugs were despatched to the scene of the disaster at daylight and divers will make an attempt to recover the bodies of the drowned men.

The after postion of the Tiger floated long enough to enable those on board to seize life belts. Some threw themselves into the water and were able to keep afloat till picked up. Lt. W. E. Middleton was on the bridge at the time of the disaster and went down with the forepart of the ship. The Tiger had a full complement of men, and was 100 tons.

### HOW IT HAPPENED.

Portsmouth, April 3.— An officer who was an eyewitness of the sinking of the Tiger, gave the following account of the accident:

"The first we knew that anything had happened was when we saw a flash and heard a loud report. This we supposed to be a gun. In reality, however, the flash and the report tesulted from the sea water reaching the boiler room of the Tiger. This caused an escape of steam and must have scalded members of the Tiger's crew.

# MORE MINING DEVELOPMENTS

### Local Mines at South Wellington to Be Transferred to Big Syndicate.

VICTORIA, April 3.—The organization of another coal company to develop mines at Sukuash creek in the northern portion of Vancouver Island, and also on Malcolm Island, has just been completed in this city. John Arbuthnot, who is also interested in the South Wellington Coal Mines Limited, and in the Richardson mine at South Wellington, is at the head of the new venture, which is to be known as the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited. The capital is to be $3,000,000, and most of those interested are local men.

The company owns about 20,000 acres of coal-bearing lands on Sukuash creek and on Malcolm Island. Coal was first discovered at Sukuash in 1848, when quite a large quantity was mined right on the beach. Mr. Arbuthnot and his associates purchased the property as well as that on Malcolm Island from the Green-Worlock estate, some time ago. The property on Malcolm Island has been thoroughly prospected borers having been at work for the past year, two drills being employed.

From these operations and from what is already known of the Sukuash creek property it is evident that there are large deposits of coal on the property, the seam averaging five feet thick. The character of the country where the properties are located and natural conditions are exceedingly favorable to mining operations at a minimum expense. The work of sinking a shaft will be started within the next sixty days, and will be pushed forward with the least possible delay, and other necessary work undertaken, in order that the product of the mines may be placed on the market as soon as can be done.

It is Mr. Arbuthnot's intention to transfer his interests in the South Wellington Coal Mines, Limited, and in the Richardson property at South Wellington to the new company, so that the three will be more or less under the same direction and control.

Those interested in the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited are John Arbuthnot, J. M. Savage, and Ephraim Hodgson, of this city; Luther D. Wishard of New York; J. C. McGavin, of Winnipeg, and S. H. Reynolds, late of Winnipeg. Mr. Arbuthnot is president of the company, and Mr. Reynolds manager. Some of the stock will be offered for sale in the east.

# EAGLES HAVE SOCIAL TIME

The local Aerie of Eagles had a social time after the business of the lodge had been concluded on Wednesday evening. As usual the affair was well attended and was a pronounced success. There were refreshments, both solid and fluid, galore, and nothing was lacking to the evening's entertainment. W.P. Eli Rowland, presided, and the following gentlemen contributed to the program for the night:

Instrumental Solo, A. Brooksbanks
Song, Jas. Molyneaux.
Song, J. Skidmore.
Violin Solo, W. Allester.
Song and dance, H. Bates.
Song, J. Smith.
Song, T. Lewis.
Song, H. Provins.
Song, W. Allester.
Song, D. Roberts.
Song, Sid. Weaving.
Song, Jas. Thomas.
Song, H. Thornley.
Song, Eli Rowland
Song, A. J. McMurtrie.
Recitation, H. Thornley.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

## ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

Toronto, April 3.—Enormous damage has been done on the water front on Hanlan Island by storms on Lake Ontario.

## CANADA STANDS HIGH IN ENGLAND

MONTREAL, April 3.—C. M. Hays second vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, returned to Montreal today from London, and says Canada is higher than ever in the estimation of the British public, and all kinds of Canadian issues are being taken up by British investors.

There are many good things offering, he says, and Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific issues are among them. These, and in fact all Canadian investments stand well with the public, who are still looking toward Canada, still believing in its future possibilities and what is best of all, getting to know more and more about Canada.

## STUDENTS STRIKE.

Mexico City, April 3.—Students of the National School of Engineering are out on strike because the secretary of the institution, who is popular with the students, was relieved by the minister of public instruction. After an unsuccessful appeal to the minister for his reinstatement the students struck in a body, Committees are making visits to all government schools seeking to bring influence to bear to have all go on strike.

# AN ALARM OF FIRE

### Fire Brigade Have Practice Run to Second Avenue.

An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday afternoon about 1:30. There was the usual race up the hill to the fire hall, where it was learned that the fire was on Second Avenue.

Chief Adam, so soon as he had a team, went off with a hose rig, leaving one of the members to follow up with the second reel. However, by the time the first team reached the Presbyterian Church on Third Avenue, they learned that the fire had been extinguished.

It seems that a spark from the chimney of Mr. Wm. Jolly's house dropped into the gutter of the V-shaped roof. There was a very strong wind blowing and there were immediate signs of fire. Mrs. Ross, of Extension, happened to be at Mr. Wm. Brown's house next door, and she at once ran out, mounted to the roof of the threatened house, and with hatchet and water succeeded in putting out the flames. Her quickness and promptness certainly saved the house, for, with the high wind that was blowing, the building would have gone like tinder.

The fire Brigade, it should be said, made a quick run, although, happily, as it happened, their services were not required.

## BULLETINS

### WILL FIGHT NIGHT WORK.

Ottawa, April 3.—Bakers and confectioners have formed a union of journeymen in the city the chief object of which is to fight against night work.

### CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE.

Winnipeg, April 3.—The Conservatives of Salt Coats have nominated J. P. Dinnen as their standard bearer for the Dominion House next general election.

### CONSERVATIVE REQUEST.

Ottawa, April 3.—It is understood the Conservatives will request the parliament to widen the scooe proposed by the royal commission of inquiry into charges of dishonesty among marine department officials.

### CHIEF CLERK RETIRES.

Ottawa, April 3.— R. W. Breadner chief clerk of the department of customs who for many years held one of the most important positions in this branch of the public service, is retiring, and it is said will enter the services of the Canadian Manufacturers Association.

### FIRST COINAGE CIRCULATED.

Ottawa, April 3.—The first shipment of silver from the royal mint, totalling $24,000, has been sent to various parts of the country. The coins are of all denominations and an equal quantity, so far as value is concerned of each class sent out.

### MORE MEN RETURN TO WORK.

Buffalo, April 3.—The Lackawanna Steel Company will put two thousand men to work on Monday next. Half of them will be skilled steel makers and the remainder laborers. The company will then have a total of 4,500 men at work with prospect of continuing for several months at least.

### U.S. CONSUL DEAD.

Berne, Switz., April 3.—Jas. Jeffrey Roche, the U.S. consul, died today after a long illness. Mr. Roche was transferred from Genoa to Berne in April, 1902. He was 61 years of age.

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## REBUKED.

It seems that we put both our feet in it in our last editorial. At any rate, the Free Press editor says so, and, of course, when Sir Oracle opens his lips no lesser dogs may bark. Somehow or other, our article appears to have conveyed the impression that we were envious of Nanaimo.s prosperity, its present development and future outlook. The Free Press lectures us—very genially, it must be admitted— upon our mean spiritedness, and flings the usual bunch of sour grapes in our faces. This is all very well. It is comparatively easy to play at nine pins with some premises of your own creation, especially if you loftily ignore the other fellow's arguments. We are not envious of Nanaimo, nor do we begrudge her anything she possesses. On the contrary, we sympathize with her very truly in her present deep depression. There is no city which makes more of its advantages than our neighbor and we are not quarrelling with the indomitable spirit of optimism she is nourishing in her hour of gloom and darkness. The editor of Free Press' real point lies in the wettern axiom which is commended to our consideration. "If you cannot boost a town, don't knock it," we are told. Very good. But here is another axiom which other editors than that of the Free Press may with advantage consider. "If the conditions of a town don't warrant boosting, then silence is golden, as well as half honest." We might also suggest as a principle of action well worth considering that unless you cannot boost your own town, save at the expense of your neighbor then you should be mighty sure of your ground. We have never received any treatment that might by any flight of imagination be termed gracious from Nanaimo press. Rather the reverse has been the case. All the same we were not turning our backs on any sour grapes. The editor of the Free Press will find out that our remarks anent the new slip were neither absurd nor ridiculous, and we were speaking from experience. We would be glad to be put in the wrong. We want our own city to go ahead, naturally; but at the same time, we can rejoice in a neighbor's prosperity, Wherefore we can express the hope that the Free Press editor's cheery optimist in regard to his city.s future may be abundantly justified. At present —and this was our chief point and therefore our crowning offence—there is certainly room for lots of improvement and the best of soil for the nurture of a robust faith.

## THE COUNCIL'S ACTION.

The Council took the plunge in regard to the question of a sewerage system for the town on Monday evening, and it may be that their action may come in for considerable adverse criticism. They decided to spend four hundred dollars on obtaining the sewer levels of the town, together with an estimate of the cost of putting in a complete system." Four hundred dollars to the average citizen will loom sufficiently large, and the expenditure of so much money may produce some dissatisfaction. A whole lot could be done with the sum applied to other purposes and in other directions. Moreover, the money is being spent before a sewerage system has been decided upon, and there are sure to be some who will object on this ground alone.

Still it seems to us that the council were on perfectly safe ground. They all took office on a definite program, one of the planks of which was this sewer question. Every voter in the city had at the time of the election a chance of passing judgment opon the measures outlined by the civic candidates. If half of them neglected to use the privilege of the franchise, they forfeited all their rights of objection during the term of the present council. Mayor and aldermen went about their business openly, and this action in securing the services of an expert engineer is only the first step towards the realization of their election pledges. They are indeed, to be congratulated upon their courage, and their determination to redeem some of the pledges they gave. No one can deny the urgency of the city's need for a sewer system, although there may be some legitimate difference of opinion as to how that system should be installed. But it was first of all necessary that the council should obtain levels and a reliable estimate of cost. No matter how much or how little is done this year, this preliminary work could not be dispensed with, and it will stand good until the whole system is completed. Let us hope that the action of the Council on Monday evening will be heartily endorsed, and that it will mark the first step in the putting in of a complete sewer system.

## TRANS-PACIPC RATE WAR BEGUN YESTERDAY

VICTORIA, April 2.—A transpacific rate war began yesterday. It is not a fight between the regular liners engaged on the north Pacific between Puget Sound and British Columbia ports and the far east, but a struggle that has been long pending between the regular lines and the tramps which have entered the transpacific trade. The latter are carrying freights at lower rates than are scheduled by the combine, which works under a joint freight tariff. The Jebsen line, which is operated by the Jebsen & Ostrander Co., of Seattle, is one of the more prominent of the independent lines, which, by cutting rates, have secured much of the business that would otherwise have been enjoyed by the regular lines.

A new scale of rates lower than those which formerly ruled, has been decided upon and went into effect yestetday. The new rates on flour and wheat are as follows: Wheat, to Japan and Hongkong, $2.50; flour to Japan, $3, to Hongkong, $3.50; wheat and flour to Shanghai $4; wheat and flour to Amoy, $4.

The lines interested in the new agreement are Dodwell & Co., representing the Blue Funnel steamers on the Pacific coast; Boston Steamship Co., Waterhouse & Co., Great Northern Steamship Co., and Nippon Yusen kaisha. The other regular fleets running to the far east from British Columbia and Portland are expected to follow suit in meeting the cut rates, and there will likely be a strenuous war for business between the established lines, and the tramp steamers.

It is understood that the regular liners running to Vladivostock and North China ports have also cut the rates. from $5 to about $3.50. Only one company belonging to the transpacific bureau is running on this route, this being a portion of the fleet operated by Waterhouse & Co. On this run, so-called tramp tonnage has cut heavily into the business, especially during the past six months.

Frank Waterhouse of Seattle, discussing the lowering of the rates, said:

"We have been suffering for about a year, and it has come to this, that we must fight for our existence. We will make no publication of the reduction of the rates, as they will only be made as the exigency of the time demand, and will vary according to conditions, and they will also be influenced by the effect they will have on local shippers.

"We do not wish to hurt local mills and shippers, but we must live and our boats have been going out with half cargoes for months. If we do not drive the tramp off the field we will have to get ourselves, and as it has taken us years of effort to make this trade we do not feel like submitting tamely to this alternative.

"The situation altogether is bad. Japan has little money to buy our goods, as the war has impoverished her. The depreciation in silver has also affected China's purchasing power. Eighteen months ago the export in cotton piece goods from here was enormous. Today it is dead, partly because the Oriental markets were overstocked, and partly because the Japanese are manufacturing that line of goods.

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## THRILLING SCENES IN NEW YORK FIRE.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Three people were killed and fifteen injured, some seriously and the lives of nearly a hundred people were endangered by fire in a five story house at 44th and Hastings streets.

The dead are Berrell Weinstein, his wife Anna and their 1 year old son. They were suffocated in their apartments on the 5th floor.

That more lives were not lost was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen who seeing the flames in the hall, rushed through the building and aroused sixteen sleeping families. By this time the stairways were a mass of flames and the only means of escape was by the fire escapes. In their attemht to escape scores of scantly clothed men and women became wedged in solid masses on the fire escapes. There they stood helpless unable to extract themselves from the crush and blocking way of those who had not yet succeeded in getting out of the building. This was the condition when the firemen arrived and began to run up ladders to take down the panic stricken fugitives. The work moved forward slowly. In the mean time the flames had been constantly spreading, the terror among many at windows and the fire escapes had passed the point of self restraint. While firemen on the ladders and others on the ground were calling out to them that there was no danger and that help would soon reach them, they began one by one to jump from the windows. David Miller sprang from a fourth story window and sustained injuries which probably will cause his death. Others jumped from windows on the second and third floors have broken limbs. Weinstine and wife and baby were lying dead in their home on the top floor of the building after the flames had been extinguished. Apparently they had been overcome by smoke while trying to reach the stairway.

## BULLETINS

### MARKET DULL.

New York, April 2.—Wall street market came almost to a standstill at a fractional recovery and operations became trivial.

### BANK ROBBERY.

Blythe, Ont., April 2— Jas. McMurrchie's private bank was broken into early this morning and robbed. Amount taken unknown.

### ONTARIO FIRE.

Marmora, Ont., April 2.—McDonell's general store was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss $17,000; partly covered by insurance.

### GIRL DROPS DEAD.

Wingham, Ont., April 2.— Minnie Schreck, 17 years old, dropped dead this morning while removing her rubbers in the cloak room of the school. Heart failure was the cause.

### ENQUIRE AS TO SANITY.

Buffalo, April 2.—District Attorney Abbott said today he would apply to Justice Wheeler in the supreme court on Monday next to appoint an insanity commission to examine L. M. Cole, former assistant cashier of a life insurance company in this city, who is in jail, under indictment for murder in the first degree of his eleven months' old baby.

### TORONTO FIRE.

Toronto, April 2.—Fire this morning did damage estimated at $,000 to the premises of the National Biscuit Co., at the rear of 5 Grange Street. Ephraim Gelman, 45 years old, narrowly escaped being burned to death. As it was, he was burned about the head and hands, and has been removed to the hospital. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss is covered by insurance.

...Coldwater, Man., April 2.—A man, whose body was found in a snow bank near the C.P.R. tracks on Tuesday, evidently met death by foul play. Robbery evidently was the motive of the crime, as a man's leather belt slashed open, and a cotton bag which deposited money was found a short distance from the body. There is nothing to identify the body. It is evidently that of a Austrian, who was about 25 years of age. The body was badly decomposed and apparently had been where it was found a couple of months.

Syracuse, N.Y., April 2.—Examination of a body of an unknown Italian found in a salt yard yesterday, revealed what indicates that the man died of violence. The body was tied in a bag and buried in a hole a foot deep under the salt vat. The brine had percolated to the corpse and fairly preserved it. Two Italians are in custody suspected of the crime. The police believe that they have discovered the identity of the dead man but have been unable thus far to obtain corroboration by the Italians.

## ONTARIO UNEMPLOYED GO ON STRIKE.

ST. CATHARIENS, Ont., April 2 Workmen who have been engaged on the city streets for some weeks and who have been getting a dollar a day from the citizens relief committee have gone on strike refusing to do any more corporation work unless paid the regular laborers wages.

# SPORTING NEWS

## OUR SPORTING CAUSERIE

As was to be expected, the personal of the team to represent the Island here today has occasioned much controversy. The two Nanaimo journals, as well as the Standard, have expressed their dissatisfaction with the eleven, and it is certain that in this they have voiced the general feeling of local judges and followers of the game. Of course it must be admitted that the Selection Committee had an extremely difficult task, and by no human possibility could they have pleased everybody.

### "FAIRPLAY'S" POINTS.

However, there is always room for open and honest criticism, and there is surely not a man in Victoria who will argue that the team as it stands is the best that can be got together in the Island. We have already expressed our opinion of the eleven, but a letter in the Colonist on Wednesday, signed "Fairplay," raised a few interesting points.

### Reference To History

Fairplay first of all argues that because the Victoria teams are at the bottom of the League it does not follow that they have no players qualified to represent the Island. He quotes an instance from the English League in support of his contention. Of course, the argument is sound enough. Rouse is playing for Sunderland this season, and is considered one of the cleverest custodians in British football, yet the Wearside club is struggling desperately to escape relegation to the Second Division.

### Not The Best Men.

This is not the point of the objection taken to the Victorian representatives at all. The point is that there are better men in Victoria, more entitled to a place than either Lorimer or Johnstone. Of course after all is said, it is only a matter of personal opinion. We go a long way with "Fairplay" in what he has to say regarding Struthers as a back Struthers is a good man with a fine knowledge of the game, but, while he is unquestionably superior to Lorimer, it is doubtful if he has anything over Hewitt. And then the latter has been associated with Graham all season, and that alone, other things being equal, should have got him his place.

### Wynne and McKinley.

Now, as regards the halves "Fairplay" has something very positive to say. Wynne and Thackeray, instead of McKinley and Harley would, he says, "have greatly strengthened the half-back line." Again, he says, that McKinley was pushed into the right half berth last game after losing the position of centre-half to Johnstone. Now, McKinley is not a centre-half, but he is certainly away ahead of Johnstone. Again, Thackeray is a fine half-back, and, in our opinion, easily won his place in the Island team. But even Thackeray cannot dispose of McKinley at left half; nor can anyone else in the province that the writer has ever seen so far. Why he should have been nominated as right half, we don't know. It merely shut Wynne out, and Wynne has it all over any other right half on the Island.

### The Centre-Half.

Touching Johnstone we have already said that either Clegg or Sawyers should have got the position, and that we inclined to Sawyers because of his experience. There is only the centre forward position now left and "Fairplay" thinks Sparks should have been in the forward line. He does not say he should have had the centre forward position, but he says that Adam and Sparks are the two most dangerous forwards in B. C. We must confess that we have never seen Sparks play. But unless he could dislodge Adam there is no use in talking about him.

Summed up, Fairplay's letter practically endorses all we had to say in the last issue of the "Standard." He insists that the Selection Committee have done the best they could and yet fails to find a single reason for the inclusion of Lorimer. He mentions Struthers and Thackeray, and, as we remarked, had these men had places there could have been no fault found with the team. As a matter of fact the eleven does not please a single member of the Selection Committee. However it should be good enough to account for the Mainland, and it is almost an Island team. That, at least, is one satisfaction.

### The Referee.

Just one more note about the game. The Vancouver News-Advertiser published just a terrible screed anent the action of the Island League in protesting the appointment of Mr. F. McColl to referee the match. According to our Vancouver contemporary the Mainland Association have held an indignation meeting, and the unwarranted intrusion of the Island officials has been vigorously condemned. Now, the facts are that the Island authorities did not refuse McColl. They protested his appointment and suggested the names of two gentlemen who could be depended on to keep the game in hand. Where there is anything unsportsmanlike in this we fail to see, and, as a matter of fact it is a constant puzzle to us how such tirades as this can be published in the sacred name of sport.

### Exhibition Games.

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the charges made for the last two exhibition games on the sports ground. Now, the club has received the most generous support from the public all season, and certainly it would regret to cool off the enthusiasm of its supporters. The game with the Bays was arranged to give the Seniors practics and keep them in form for their League engagement with Esquimalt. It was not arranged to make money; but as part of the necessary drill for championship honors, and, as a matter of fact, the club had to dig down to meet the expenses.

### Support Needed.

Then the game on Sunday last was merely an act of sporting courtesy. The Seattle Thistles invited the Seniors over there, and it was impossible to come away without returning the compliment. The game, perhaps was a little disappointing; but under the circumstances, that could not be helped. As a result the Club again went about $15.00 behind, so that at least the officials cannot be charged with running any graft. The management committee are doing their utmost to keep the eleven up to form, and the Club cannot be run without expenses. So far they have received very generous support from the people of the town, and now with so much at stake, it is hoped that there will be no falling off.

## UNITED'S THIRD FINAL.

Newcastle United have written paid to the account of Fulham. The southern team has fought some great battles in the cup rounds, disposing of both the formidable Birmingham elevens. What happened them on their own grounds against United it is bad to say, except that, on their day, the "Geordie" team cannot be stopped. Southampton also went down to the Wanderers, so that the South is out of it. The final will be played on the Crystal Palace grounds, and this will be Newcastle's third appearance on that enclosure. "Third time is catchy time" is a North country saying, and Tynesiders the world over will be repeating it till the match is over and the ownership of the cup determined.

## NELSON DRAWS AGAIN

Bat. Nelson cannot be the man he was a couple of years ago. That Colma battle seems to have ended the Dane's upward career, just as much as it hoisted Gans into a pugilistic niche of his very own. Since that memorable encounter Nelson has played low to Britt, and Boer Unholz is said to have put it over him. Finally feather-weight Attell gets a draw with him. Surely Bat. is not the man he was.

## HACK AND GOTCH.

The result of the great wrestling match between Hackenschmidt and Gotch should be known before this article appears in print. The match is for the heavyweight championship catch-as-catch-can style of wrestling. Hack is really a Greaco Roman wrestler; but has taken up with the other to keep his engagements going. In Gotch he meets a master of the art, a man who has him beaten in his knowledge of all the finer points of the game. But the Russian is fast, also, and is absolutely the strongest man on the mat. If Gotch downs him he will be the first to do it, and the odds are all the other way.

## NANAIMO TEAM FOR ALL-MAINLAND MATCH.

The following team will represent the Nanaimo United Football Club against the All-Mainland eleven at the Cricket field at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon:

GOAL.
Bradshaw.
FULL BACKS.
Graham, Hewitt.
HALF BACKS.
Sawyer, Farmer, Harley.
CENTRE.
Hooper.
FORWARDS.
Cruikshanks, Hurren
Blundell, Peters
Reserves—Snowden, and Mitchell.

## THISTLES WEAK.

The Thistles will have to strengthen a few weak spots before they go after the silverplate on the Island. Steele is a good man but should have more practise. Hayes is weak. Give Watson a trial at center forward. Put Mitchell inside right and Spence outside. Keep Warburton inside left, and the defence— don't touch.—Province.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Standing of First Division, English League, Mar. 14.

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| Newcastle United ... ...18 | 6 | 10 | 36 |
| Sheffield Wednesday ...16 | 11 | 2 | 34 |
| Manchester City ... ...12 | 9 | 9 | 32 |
| Preston, N.E. ... ... ...11 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| Aston Villa ... ... ....11 | 10 | 9 | 31 |
| Middlesborough ... .....12 | 12 | 7 | 31 |
| Sheffield United ... ...11 | 12 | 9 | 31 |
| Liverpool ... ... ... .....12 | 11 | 5 | 29 |
| Bury ..... ..... ..... .....10 | 11 | 9 | 29 |
| Chelsea ..... ..... .....12 | 13 | 5 | 29 |

## NANAIMO FIGHTER WINS VICTORIA MATCH.

Nanaimo Boxer Displays Class, and Won from Dufty Last Night at Victoria Before Big Crowd

Victoria, April 3.—"Kid" Foley, of Nanaimo, last night at the A.O.U.W. hall defeated "Sammy" Dufty of this city in the ninth round of what was scheduled to be a 15-round sparring contest for the lightweight championship of British Columbia.

The fight was Foley's all the way and never at any stage of the nine rounds was the husky visitor in trouble while the gong saved Dufty from a knockout on four separate occasions, while on two other occasions he took the count before rising to again continue the contest.

Foley showed all the ear-marks of a clever fighter and showed splendid ring generalship, at all stages clever footwork and an ability to use both of his hands both in defence and attack that earned him the plaudits of the crowd.

Dufty, after the first two rounds, in which he carried the fight to his opponent, was outclassed, although he made several great rallies, and showed recuperative power of surprising qualities.

It was the latter part of the second round that Dufty received a hard jolt to the jaw that made him groggy and upon rising he was again sent to the floor, this time to take the count. He was on his knee when the gong rang. There were many clinches during most of the fight, Foley showing to advantage in the in-fighting with Dufty holding on to save himself during the groggy periods. In almost all of the rounds Dufty made desperate efforts to stem the tide of defeat but the hardest of his counters although they jolted his opponent's head back only made him smile.

The hot se was packed to the doors Foley's seconds were Ralph Johnson, Bert Griffith and Geo. Keene.

## JURYMEN FIGHT.

CHICAGO, Ills., April 2.—A fight between Jurymen in which a heavy oak chair was demolished, tables and other furniture dented and several men slightly injured marked the jurys deliberations in the Barney Coffee Sunday saloon case in the municipal court.

## VENEZUELA'S ANSWER TO THE UNITED STATES.

CARACAS, April 2.—President Castro's official organ El Constitutional publishes a part of Venezuela's answer to Secretary Root's last note regarding the secretary's previous demand for the arbitration of the five American claims. These are the words of the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs to Minister Russel,.

"The government of Venezuela refuses for the time being to take under consideration the insinuation that is in your note, because up to now you have not contracted the notes of this ministry of dates July 9 and Sept. 20 last, which treated of the points which have been the subject of discussion, and in which the reasons on which this government then founded its negalative, were perfectly well defined in view of this, the cases in question comprised among which require diplomatic action cannot be considered, and the government of Venezuela would see it as satisfaction would be considered matter terminated. the interested parties always having the right of recourse to the tribunals of justice of the republic if they deem it consistent."

The paper criticized the fact that two of the cases in question have already been arbitrated, saying:

"The most conspicuous point in this affair is the following:

"It was under the wing of the American government that the Washington protocols were signed. It was a Washington representative consequently, with the approval of his government, who signed those protocols which provide for arbitration before a mixed tribunal and including the claim of the United States. Today, almost five years later, the American government demands, through their minister in Caracas, that two of these claims which were directly arbitrated by this tribunal, of which we speak, and which was established with the full approval of the United States shall be merely submitted to arbitration. Will it be for cases such as those above mentioned that the Munro doctrine from being a bond of union between the American states, will constitute itself a danger to them."

## ENCOURAGING SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

REGINA, Sask., April 2.—In the absence of Gov. Forget, Chief Justice Wettmore formally opened the third session of the Saskatchewan legislature at three o'clock this afternoon with the customary ceremony. Practically every member was in his place.

Premier Scott was warmly greeted by both sides on his first official reappearance after his prolonged absence in Europe.

The speech from the throne referred to the fact that notwithstanding unfavorable conditions last season, the province had come through the year with credit and with its financial standing unimpaired.

Reference was made to steps being taken towards securing and distributing adequate supplies of seed grain and emphasis was laid on the beneficent results to the province accruing from increased provincial subsidies following on the inter-provincial conference in Ottawa in 1906.

## SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE.

REGINA, Sask., April 2. — Many important matters await consideration and disposal at the session of the Saskatchewan legislature which met today. One of the features of the session will be a redistribution bill, which will increase the number of members and reduce the present unwieldly constituencies. Legislation looking toward the purchase of the Bell Telephone system in Saskatchewan will also be brought before the house, and the municipal system probably will be re-modelled.

## DOES NOT WANT THE MONEY—OH, NO!

PARIS, wpril 2.—Count Boni de Castelane, cousin of Helie de Sagen, is represented as being furious at the reported engagement of his former wife, Anna Gould, to the prince, and the Paris newspapers are having considerable fun over the idea of Mme. Gould's re-entry into the French aristocracy as the Princess de Sagan, "with a reduced fortune of only $60,000 a year," that sum being regarded as prodigious in France.

The Gil Blas is especially hilarious over the prince's alleged reply to an article insinuating that he was a fortune hunter, in which he said,"at my age a man only marries for love."

## CHAOS PREVAILS THROUGH NEGRO DTRIFE.

PARIS, April 2— Advices received by the French government from Hayti indicate that the state of chaos which prevails at Port au Prince is accentuated by the strife existing among the negro factions. The landing of troops from the foreign warships now in Haytien waters is expected, if the lives of the white inhabitants are endangered. Several additional refugees in fear of summary execution have fled to the French legation.

## TO PREVENT FRAUD IN FRUIT PACKING.

OTTAWA, wpril 2.—Hon. Sidney Fisher has given notice of bills to amend the Canned Foods Act, to amend inspection and sale act, and amend meat and canned foods act, by proposed legislation. Complaints have been made by owners of factories that present regulations not favorable to them. The object of the bills is to amend inspection and sale act to provide more severe penalties for fraud in fruit packing.

## GOT SMALLPOX IN THE MAILS.

West Ontario, April 2.—The wife of Postmaster Weston was taken to the isolation hotpital at Toronto, yesterday suffering from smallpox. She is supposed to have contracted the disease through the mails.

## KILLED BY A FREIGHT.

Berlin, Ont., April 2.—Jos. Brunk, of Carpenter street, was the man who was killed in attempting to board a freight train here Tuesday night. Had been to Berlin looking for work and missed his passenger train and tried to board a freight in order to get home.

## CAPTAIN KILLED.

Buffalo, April 2.—Capt. J. Brown, of Chicago, master of the Str. Park was run down and killed by a New York Central engine at the foot of George street today. Capt. Brown was on his way to his vessel. After waiting for a train to pass he failed to notice a light engine approaching, and was struck and killed by it.

## PREMIER'S CONDITION

LONDON, April 2.—The bulletin issued this morning regarding the health of Premier Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman says that the patient passed a fair night and that there is no change in his condition.

## DISCOUNT UNCHANGED

London, April 2.—The rate of discount in the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 3 per cent.

## BRICKLAYERS REFUSE REDUCTION.

Hamilton, Ont., April 2.— Local bricklayers have refused to accept a cut in wages.

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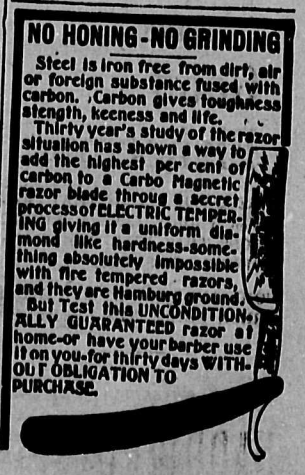

SOLE AGENTS:

Ladysmith Hardware Co.

# LABOR NOTES

The State federations of labor in Kansas and Tennessee have recently declared in favor of woman suffrage.

Andrew Furuseth, secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, is to be one of the fraternal delegates representing the American Federation of Labor at the annual meeting of the British Trades Union Congress in Nottingham next September.

The weekly rest day bill, which provides that employees of all classes shall have one day of rest in the seven, was recently approved by the Italian Chamber of Deputies, and is expected to become law.

Labor organizations in New York state have a membership of more than one-fourth of the total number of votes. The aggregate membership is 414,718, including 12,515 women.

Minneapolis Typographical Union has taken the first step in a move to raise a fund from which to pay striking members a sum equal to that received while engaged in their regular occupation.

Shop girls at Little Rock, Ark., are forming a union to work for better pay and shorter hours of labor.

There are now more than 1,600,000 persons employed by the railroads of the United States— twice as many as were thus employed ten years ago.

West Virginia unionists have been fighting to secure the passage in the legislature of "a bill making the employer liable for the unlawful acts of guards, detectives," etc. The claim is made that the hired detectives are largely responsible for the deplorable conditions that exist in and around mines.

Women clerks in Pittsburg department stores, who were warned that they would not be permitted in future to wear high pompadours while at work, have won their fight against the managers of the stores, and in the future they will wear their hair anyway they like.

Some idea of what it costs to provide for the unemployed against want may be gained by reference to the amounts expended by Typographical Union No. 6, of New York, during the years 1906 and 1907. In the former year the benefit board dispensed $53,651.75; in the latter year the total was $34,340.27.

A recent conference between President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and representatives of the International State Employees' Union and the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, amicably settled the contentions heretofore arising over the jurisdiction over stage employees operating electrical contrivances, such as moving picture entertainments.

The first time in history that the British public ever asked parliament for laws to protect women and children was in the year 1800, after an epidemic of fever among the underground workers. The protection which parliament accorded was to restrict the hours of labor for children to twelve, and to set the age at nine years when the child might be employed. This action was the real beginning of organized protest on the part of the English unions against established customs.

### THIS AND THAT.
(Greenwood Ledge.)

A fence is no obstacle to a bird.

The busiest men does the best work

In solo, as in life, the widow is an uncertain quantity-

Your neighbors, as a rule give you the worst character.

The insanity within us we cannot see, but our neighbors can.

An elevator boy has more ups and downs in his life than anyone else.

It is said that the time to speak words of comfort to your friend is when you need them, but it is equally true that a ten dollar bill bestowed at the proper time often causes more comfort than a whole volume of the most eloquent words.

A judge in the east is sure that poor cooking drives many men to drink. Hard drinking, too, deprives many a poor woman of the necessary things with which to cook. Maybe if the man would cut out the booze and bring his money home the cooking wouldn't be so bad.

### "PLAY BALL" IS HEARD IN DIXIE.

Jackson, Miss., April 2.—The Cotton States League starts today on what is expected to be the most successful season since its organization. The circuit is the same as last year, with the exception of Monroe, which has the franchise formerly held by Mobile. The schedule provides for 120 games, the season to close Aug. 19.

### KILLED BY SHOT.

Baltimore, April 1.—James Mahon was shot and almost instantly killed last night by Wm. F. Harig. Mahon is a brother of John J. Mahon whom many look upon as the successor in politics of the late I. Freeman. Harig, who is a constable, has been a figure in politics for a number of years.

### PEOPLE'S PARTY TO NAME PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.— Representatives of the People's Party and other so-called reform bodies in politics are arriving in this city to attend their national convention. Candidates for president and vice-president are to be nominated and a platform will be adopted.

The National Provisional Committee, the American Monetary League, and the Federated People's Party clubs are among the reform organizations that united with the People's Party in issuing the call for the convention. At the convention headquarters today it was stated that an attendance representative of the entire country is expected.

Under the People's Party call the Independence League, William R. Hearst's organization, may participate in the convention and the nomination of a presidential candidate. Efforts are being made, it is said, to consolidate the two into a new organization, inasmuch as their platforms are very similar. It appears from the declaration of principles and purposes that there is to be no union or fusion with either of the old parties.

Arrangements have been made to hold the convention in the Olympic theatre. The gathering will be called to order at 10 o.clock tomorrow morning by James H. Ferriss, of Joliet, Ill., chairman of the Populist National Committee. It is expected the first day will be taken up wholly with preliminary business and the work of organization, leaving the nominations and the adoption of a platform to come up on Friday.

So far Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, appears to be about the only person mentioned for the presidential nomination. Mr. Watson was the Populist candidate for vice-president in 1896, when the national convention endorsed Bryan for the presidency. In 1904 Mr. Watson was the presidential candidate of the People's party. Those who claim to be well acquainted with the situation say that the Georgian will have the united strength of the delegates of the south and a large section of the west.

It is understood that Mr. Watson is ready to accept the nomination provided the monetary plank of the platform is satisfactory to him.

Several names are mentioned in connection with the vice presidential nomination. The selection of the candidate for second place on the ticket will depend largely upon what section of the country the presidential choice comes from.

The money question is expected to occupy the chief place in the plat, form this year. Other planks probably will declare for municipal ownership, the initiative and referendum government ownership, and direct nominations by the people.

### RUSSIAN TURFMAN.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—M. Lasiere one of the most prominent representatives of the Russian turf, who last year won the Russian Derby has engaged Herman Radtke, the well known American jockey, to ride his horses in St. Petersburg. M. Lasiere also maintains a stable at Moscow, where another American, Wingfield is the principal jockey.

### CHARGED WITH MURDER.

San Francisco, April 1.—The coroner's jury last night returned a verdict formally charging I. W. Chang, the Korean, with the murder of Durham W. Stevens, the diplomat, who was shot ten days ago at the Ferry depot here. When the coroner asked Chang if he wished to make a statement his attorney replied, "Certainly not."

### MINERS' SETTLEMENT.

Denver, Col., April 1.—Pending the completion of the scale to be submitted by the operators in the northern Colorado coal fields, no action it is understood will be taken by the miners. The proposition of the operators will be submitted to the latter at the end of the week. The miners of Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming are still at work.

### BELLEVILLE CLEAR.

Belleville, Ont., April 1.— Smallpox is entirely stamped out in this city and the pest house closed up.

### THE LATEST NEW YORK FASHION.

NEW YORK, April 1.— Following the sending of letters demanding money, a bomb was thrown today at the home of Joseph Scullito, in Beaver Street, Brooklyn. The explosion broke all the windows in the house, blew down the front door and wrecked the vestibule, but the occupants escaped uninjured.

The Scullito home is within a block of that of Selig Silverstein, the man who threw the bomb in Union Square Saturday.

### MANY SETTLERS.

Toronto, April 1.—T. S. Darling, manager of the town sites for the Canadian Northern Ry. writes to the head office here that about 5,000 settlers are effected to take up land in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta this year through efforts of the land company alone.

### MUCH INDICTED MAN TO BE TRIED.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—After repeated delays and postponements, John A. Benson, J. H. Schneider, Henry P. Dimond and Fred. A. Hyde real estate operators of the Pacific coast, are finally to face the bar of justice and answer to charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States out of valuable timber concessions in nearly every state west of the Mississippi river. These four defendants, according to the government officials, are the ringleaders of the most stupendous land frauds ever brought to light in this country.

The cases were called for trial today before Justice Stafford. The trial is expected to consume nearly three months, as more than 200 witnesses may be examined. Congress recently authorized the expenditure necessary to conduct the prosecution and directed that the entire cost approximating $50,000, be borne by the government and no portion charged against the District of Columbia, in whose courts the trial is to take place.

The case of the prosecution will be handled by United States Attorney Baker, Assistant Attorney Pugh and Francis J. Heney of San Francisco, special counsel for the United States in the prosecution of land frauds.

The defendants have engaged eminent counsel, including Attorneys A. S. Worthington, R. Golden Donaldson and A. A. Birney, with three assistants.

The cases have been dragging along for the past four years. John A. Benson is regarded as the principal in the alleged conspiracy. For many years he has been a prominent figure on the Pacific coast. Early in life he went from Ohio to San Francisco, where he established himself as a surveyor, land agent and real estate operator. For three years he held the office of United States deputy surveyor. Then he proceeded to organize the Benson land ring, seeking to control contracts for surveying government lands in California and in the neighboring states.

Reports of Benson's operations finally led to an official investigation, as a result of which 76 indictments were returned against Benson and his associates. Wealth and influence were employed to prevent the trial of the cases. Meanwhile special agents of the government were sent to San Francisco to make a thorough investigation of state and federal officials who had protected Benson. They found that the Southern Pacific railroad, as well as a number of prominent officials, were interested in the Benson contracts. Although the special agents completed their evidence the cases were repeatedly postponed and never came to trial.

In 1895 Benson and his associates having amassed a large fortune in California, widened their field of operations to include Oregon, Washington and other states. Then came the investigation started by Secretary Hitchcock in 1903, resulting in charges involving Senator Mitchell, Representative Herrman and others of prominence. As a result of the evidence brought to light in these trials Benson was convicted at San Francisco in August last year, of conspiracy to defraud the government out of 12,000 acres of land, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. He appealed the case and has since been at liberty. Now, with a fortune estimated at twenty million dollars, he and his associates must again stand trial on charges of alleged wholesale swindling.

### ANARCHISTS TERRORIZE BROKERS.

NEW YORK, April 1.— Following the receipt from the police headquarters of a warning that evidence had been obtained that an anarchistic attack might be made upon the members of the exchange, the consolidated stock exchange has decided to close its galleries. Similar warnings are said to have been sent to officials of the other exchanges, including the cotton exchange and the New York stock exchange. The gallery of the exchange has been closed for a month or more. The cotton exchange gallery has been closed since Monday.

In the case of both exchanges the excuse given was that repairs were to be made.

The gallery of the consolidated exchange has been much visited since the stock exchange closed its gallery to the public, but the only precaution taken by the consolidated exchange has been to put another special policeman on duty.

### AUSTRIA REJECTS.

Vienna, April 1.— The Niow r Frie Press announces that Austria has definitely rejected Britain's proposal for the appointment of a governor general for Macedonia.

### TRAINING HARD.

NEW YORK, March 31. — E. H. Miles, the former amateur court tennis champion, who came here recently from England in the hope of regaining his lost title, played his first practice match in this city yesterday He met Peter Latham, the world's professional champion at the Racquet Tennis Club and the "pro" won two sets to one.

### 250,000 MINERS ARE IDLE TODAY,

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—Bituminous coal miners numbering 250,000 are idle today on account of the failure of the United Mine Workers of America and the coal operators to agree upon a wage scale.

District meetings are being held in an effort to reach an agreement in the various states and it is believed the strike will be of short duration.

Central Pennsylvania and Indiana mines are in operation, as an agreement has been reached in the former district, and in this state the miners and operators have agreed to continue work pending a settlement, which is being negotiated by joint meetings at Terre Haute. All the miners of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and the trans-Mississippi states have quit work.

It is believed here that the 250,000 coal miners in Missouri, Kansas Oklahoma and Arkansas, who are enjoying a holiday, will return to work tomorrow pending a settlement of the differences with the officials of the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators Association. The operators and miners' convention met separately this morning, each to take steps looking to an early conference.

The operators would not discuss their plans in advance, but said in all probability a committee would be appointed to meet with the mine workers when the subject of a conference to settle upon a new contract would be taken up. Before the miners met this morning it was stated they would appoint a conference committee.

Philadelphia, April 1.—Unlike the situation in the soft coal fields where thousands of men are idle because of wage disagreements, conditions in the anthracite field of eastern Pennsylvania, so far as employment is concerned, are growing better, and the prospects for steady work are brighter than they have been in six months. It is expected that the mines throughout those regions will work full time this summer. The anthracite regions are at present free from labor troubles, the three years' wage agreement having one more year to run.

Des Moines, Ia., April 1.— Every coal mine in Iowa is closed today. Fifteen thousand men are idle. The miners today are celebrating the tenth anniversary of the eight-hour law.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 1.— About 40,000 miners in the Pittsburg district are idle today, as the result of the failure to reach a wage scale agreement. However an effort will be made Thursday by the miners and operators to adjust the slight differences. It is believed the present suspension will not last longer than thirty days.

### G. T. P. SENSATION HAS DEVELOPED

VANCOUVER, April 1.—The Grand Trunk Pacific is threatened with having to change the name of its Pacific Coast terminus, or else pay heavily for the use of the privilege of calling its tide-water city by the name of Prince Rupert. The sensation developed today when it became known that Geo. T. Kane, of Kaslo, unsuccessful Liberal candidate in the last Provincial election had staked off a new townsite in the north and had registered it by the name of Prince Rupert. Still later officials of the railway company applied to give this name to their town, but could not, for the wily Kane had secured earlier registration and by provincial laws two places cannot receive the same name. The new Prince Rupert is located at Inverness cannery near the mouth of Skeena River.

Kane is said to be travelling in Europe. Lots in the new townsite are being sold in the east. Surveyor-General McKay has just made a trip specially to "Prince Rupert" to investigate, but no solution of the problem can be figured out. The new townsite is curiously enough traversed by the line of the new railway.

### DUNSMUIR SAYS B. C. WILL NOT ADVANCE.

Until Our Labor Conditions Are Very Much Improved— Denies Reported Sale.

MONTREAL, April 1.—Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, lieutenant governor of British Columbia, accompanied by Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Dola Dunsmuir and H. A. Bromley, private secretary, are at the Windsor hotel, enroute to England by the C.P.R. liner Empress of Ireland, which sails from St. John on Friday.

His Honor expresses the opinion that British Columbia will not make any great headway until the labor situation is very much improved.

When asked if there was any truth in the rumor that he was about to resign the lieutenant governorship, he replied in the negative.

He also denied the report that he was about to sell his coal mines to an English or some other syndicate.

### MURDERED.

STUBENVILLE, O., April 1.— S. Grimm, of Union Port, Ohio, was found dead today on the railroad track near Union Port with a bullet hole through his left eye. Unknown persons, supposed to be foreign railroad laborers, are thought to have killed him.

### BISMARCK'S SISTER DEAD.

Berlin, April 1.—Frau Malveine von Arnim, the only sister of Prince Bismarck, died here today at the age of 81 years.

### EMBEZZLER ROWLEY IS RELEASED.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., April 1.—G. Rowley, ex-manager of the defunct Elgin Loan Company of this city, has been released from the Kingston penitentiary after serving four years and seven months of his twelve year sentence for embezzling $187,000 of the company's funds.

The pardon and release are the result of petitions forwarded from St. Thomas. Rowley is expected to go west where his family now reside.

### HORRIBLE EXAMPLE OF U. S.

Ottawa, April 1.—Lincoln Steffens, the well known magazine writer, was a guest of the Canadian Club at dinner last night and gave a strong address dealing with his investigations of corruption in civic and political life of United States. Turning to Canada, he said:

"You are away behind us in the development of even your grafting, you have not organized so well. Do not let it be; study us, see what it is, not who it was that corrupted us, and then don't give to your ablest and most courageous men the things which will make them corrupt you, as our ablest men have corrupted us. The root of evil in civil and political life was special privileges granted to class in way of public utilities or power to protect vice and the law breaking. This granting of concessions to individuals or corporations really made them enemies of the state."

He charges the United States congress with ruling in interests of bib railways and corporations, but declared that quite a reform was now spreading throughout the country.

### JURY'S VERDICT.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 1.— The inquest held on the body of Guy Clive, who was found dead yesterday at Coronado, brought out the fact that his death was the result of a bullet through the heart. The revolver was found in a crevice of the rocks of the sea wall. Testimony was given to the effect that the deceased has resorted largely to narcotics and that his mind was probably unbalanced. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from a gunshot wound self inflicted.

### BOTH LEGS SEVERED.

London, Ont., April 1.—Edward Coley, an Englishman, 28 years old, was struck by a yard engine and both legs severed. Slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

### ARE LEGISLATORS ALL ALIKE?

ST. PETERSBURG, April 1.—Following the lead of the legislators of Paris and Washington, fifty members of the Russian Duma today introduced a bill for the increase of their salaries by the extension through the recess of their recent compensation of $5 a day. They complain that the sum that they now receive is wholly inadequate to the St. Petersburg scale of living.

### JEALOUS WOMAN SHOOTS RIVAL.

LOS ANGELES, April 1.— Mrs. Helen Griffin, 28 years old, who has been a resident of Monrovia since the beginning of the racing season at San Antonio, was killed yesterday by Mrs. T. C. Dearman, wife of T. C. Dearman, who has been racing horses at San Antonio during the past season.

Mrs. Dearman fired five shots, one of which took effect under her victim's left ear, killing her instantly. The motive for the shooting is alleged by Dearman to have been jealousy of him by his wife. The weapon used was a 32 calibre revolver.

### DROWNED.

Dundas, Ont., April 1.—Sydney Phantem, an Englishman 24 years old, was drowned in the canal yesterday, and Chas. McLaughlin, a companion, was rescued after a hard struggle.

### SENTENCED TO PEN.

Woodstock, Ont., April 1.— Chas. Sells and Fred Yorkom of Tyvson, have been sentenced to five years each in Kingston penitentiary for highway robbery.

Paris, Mar. 31.—M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador to France, has communicated to M. Pinchon, the foreign minister, the Russian note containing the proposals with regard to the situation in Macedonia.

### ARMADA SAILS FOR AUSTRALIA NEXT AUGUST.

MELBOURNE, April 1.—Alfred Deakin, prime minister of Australia, has received a cable message announcing that the United States battleship fleet will be divided into two squadrons of eight warships, each will arrive here Sept. 1, and will stay for ten days.

The fleet will arrive at Sydney on Sept. 13 and will remain there ten days. The armoured cruisers however will not visit Australia.

Mr. Deakin has cabled Washington that it is the desire of other Australian cities that the fleet visit them also.

### CRUISER SAILS.

Callao, Peru, April 3.—The Brazilian cruiser Benjamin Constant left here yestetday for Honolulu.

### IMPORTANT SENATE CHANGE

OTTAWA, April 1.—In the Senate last night Senator Wood spoke in favor of Senator Casgrain's motion for early construction of the Georgian Bay canal.

Senator Durand continued the debate on Senate reform. He favored the members of the government having a right to speak in both houses of parliament. This system prevailed in every parliamentary assembly in the world except Great Britain. This will give the Senate an opportunity to discuss questions first hand, and when they were fresh and would attract the attention of the public and the press to the senate. The system would involve nothing constitutional. With this system of selection of senators and admission of all cabinet ministers to the right of debating in Senate all grounds of criticism would disappear.

### ANARCHY PREVAILS.

PARIS, April 1. — A special despatch received here today from Port au Prince, Hayti, says that the situation there is extremely grave and that complete anarchy prevails. A dispute is said to have risen between General Jules Coicou, chief of the military district of Port au Prince, and Camille Gabriel, nephew of President Nord as to their respective power in coping with the situation. The dispatch further relates that American warships are preparing to land troops.

### PREMIER'S CONDITION.

London, April 1.—The bulletin issued this morning regarding the condition of Premier Campbell Bannerman is as follows: The prime minister passed a good night and slept well and his general condition is better.

### KILLED BY DERRICK.

Woodstock, Ont., April 1.— Peter Bradt, of Corinth was killed by a falling derrick used for drilling for water.

### INJURED MAN DIES.

London, Ont., wpril 2.—Thos Coley who had both legs severed by a yard engine died in the hospital while under an esthetic.

### TORONTO BUILDING SLACK.

Toronto, April 2.—Building permits issued by the city architect for the first quarter of the year shows a falling off of $1,500,000 as compared with the same period last year.

### RHODES' SCHOLAR.

New Haven, Conn., April 2.— Geo. Ellsworth Putnam, of Ottawa, Kas., a student in the graduate department at Yale, was appointed to the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford today.


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# LOCAL NEWS

There is another outbreak of measles in the town, and one of the rooms in the school has had to be closed.

The adjourned cases against the men charged with running dirty water on to the streets came up again last night. It was stated that the nuisances had been abated, and the men were discharged.

The work on Mr. A. Howe's new store on Roberts Street, is being pushed ahead. The shell is completed and shingling is now in progress. A couple of weeks should see it ready for business.

Mr. G. Cavin expecte to open out his new store in the old Post office premises on the 10th of the month. He has had the place all fixed up, and will be able to display his goods to the very best advantage. His goods are already arriving, and, if nothing unforseen occurs, he will be ready for customers on the 10th.

The Seniors had some practice on Thursday night with part of the crew of the Lonsdale now coaling at the local wharves. The sailor boys seemed to enjoy their run, and one or two of them had clearly been at the game before, particularly their left back. But none of them could be described as first class, although they were all tryers.

Messrs. Cartwright and Barclay have put in a new billiard table in the Ladysmith bar. The table was opened last night and quite a number of devotees of the cue were out to try it.

Dr. W. J. Sipperill, principal of the Columbian college, will preach morning and evening at the Methodist church tomorrow. Dr. Sipperill has a great reputation as a preacher, and his visit will be greatly appreciated.

The quoiting fever has struck town again. Clay ends have been put in front of the Grand Hotel, and with some of the slopes idle at the mine, play is going on all day, and, in fact some enthusiasts were practising as late or as early as 2 o'clock a.m. on Thursday morning. A great match was brought off on Thursday when F. Greaves played Hepple and J. Nimmo one quoit each. The conditions were those that govern Geordie contests, and clearly they didn't suit the two-some. Greaves conceded 5 points out of 21, and he made 16 in what time the others made a single. Greaves then threw off; but ultimately he won out by three points.

There will be a meeting in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock in connection with the B. C. Bible Society. There will be some good music and Mr. R. J. Bowen, former vicar of St. John's church, now district secretary for the Canadian Bible Society, will deliver an address.

There was a good crowd at the opera house last night to see "Sis In New York." The play, though rough and crude in plot and characterization, was humorous enough, and, on the whole, was very creditable presented. The audience were all well pleased with the performance.

The Intermediate boys went off this morning in charge of A. Morrison to meet Victoria West in the final game of the league schedule. The Victorias have a clear lead of two goals, so that the locals will have to win to tie for first place. The boys left with plenty of confidence and may be depended upon to put up a good game.

## THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

Wm. Gillespie, lamplighter, Greenock, in lighting a stair lamp, fell and fractured his skull.

High school and university courses in Chicago propose to teach women how to shop and dress.

Excursionists are refused permission to land at Porto Rico for fear of communicating yellow fever.

The reported discovery of a plot to establish a military dictatorship in Lisbon is officially denied.

After the lapse of ten years, the scheme to erect a Burns statue at Montrose has been revived.

The total number of persons in receipt of relief in India now exceeds a million and a quarter.

The population of New York city, including all of the territory now embraced, has doubled since 1885.

St. Petersburg has a rumor that two Turkish ships were captured by Russian war ships in the Black sea.

The Women's Peace Circle in New York continues its crusade against the introduction of rifle practice for school boys.

The Glasgow school board has disapproved of the proposal to found a chair of Scottish history in the university.

The famous bells of Shandon have arrived in England on their way to a bell foundry, where they will be remodelled.

Celia Patterson, an 18-year-old girl has confessed to committing 50 burglaries at Chicago, for the sake of excitement.

Members of the Illinois Undertakers' Association are discussing the plan to call themselves "morticians" instead of undertakers.

The Ben Jonson inn, in Shoe-lane, Fleet street, which has been licensed for more than 300 years, will close its doors on Saturday.

For a scheme for an airship service between Paris and London, an aerial transport company is inviting subscriptions.

A Dundee mill girl, who carried her week's wages—a half sovereign, a shilling and a threepenny—in her mouth, swallowed them while laughing.

John Rowe, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., has asked the court for an injunction against young women admirers who persist in proposing marriage.

After thirty years' service, Samuel Riddle, the oldest fireman in London is about to retire from the position of superintendent of the southwestern district.

Mrs. John Barnes, of Clifton, near Manchester, Eng., who recently gave birth to triplets (two girls and a boy), has just received the King's bounty.

The Fishguard Fencibles, who won fame by their exploits during the invasion of 1797, ate to be revived under the new English territorial forces scheme.

## SWEEPING CONDEMNATIONS OF FEDERAL METHODS

OTTAWA, Mar. 28. — The Government has suffered for many reverses, criticisms, exposures and disappointments of late, and particularly during the present session. The last and hardest blow has come from a Royal Commission, of its own appointment, composed of its own party friends. No government in Canada, federal or provincial, has had its administrative methods and practices so relentlessly exposed and so emphatically condemned as those of the Laurier Government have been by the Royal Commission apointed to report upon the condition and needs of the civil service. This Commission was created in consequence of the complaint of civil servants that their salaries were insufficient in view of the increased cost of living. It was also suggested that the classification might be changed, and the Commissioners were instructed to report on the condition of the departmental organization. They did their work better than the ministers intended.

### A Liberal Commission.

The Commissioners were: Mr. J. M Courtney, for many years Deputy Minister of Finance; Mr. Thomas Fyshe, former manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, and Mr. J. I. Bazin, retired merchant, of Quebec. If Mr. Courtney has any politics he is a Liberal, and in his last ten years of service he was Mr. Fielding's right hand man. Mr. Fyshe is a lifelong Liberal, and his statement that the greatly increased cost of living is "the obvious and logical result of our wasting, impoverishing and demoralizing system of protection," shows that he has not forgotten the Cartwright formula. Mr. Bazin is a fervent member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's party. These three would not, without the strongest reasons, condemn the administration of public affairs by the Laurier Government. Yet what do they say? Here are some of the findings, largely given in their own words.

### Some of the Findings.

"Patronage seems to run through every department of the public service. This patronage evil is the curse of the civil service."

"Able and worthy young men have left the service."

The postmaster at Kingston was appointed on the recommendation of a patronage committee. "The last appointment to the postmastership of Montreal was given to an aged member of Parliament, 67 years of age."

Promotions have been made a matter of politics, people being brought in from the outside and appointed over the heads of men who have given their lifetime to the department.

The service has fallen back during the last fifteen years, and the political element has "steadily tended to deteriorate the service."

Promotions are made by political influence, the officers promoted doing the same work as in the lower grade.

The newcomers in the service are, in general, not as reliable as those of previous years.

### Extravagance Prevails.

"The old-fashioned notion of frugality and living within one's means has, to some extent, been departed from, and instances have been found of departments giving orders for stores and other services to be delivered within a year in excess of the vote granted by Parliament. Large amounts have been spent for supplies bought at retail rates from those enjoying patronage. Heavy expenditures have been incurred without necessary consideration or supervision."

"Large amounts of money are paid each year to merchants whose names are on the patronage lists. While the practice was always bad, yet, through the great development of the country, the extent was not so great as to become serious until of recent years."

"The public expenditure has increased in the last twelve years 150 per cent. or more. The time has come when the practice of paying retail prices to a few favored merchants in each locality should be discontinued."

### Corruption Suggested.

The Auditor General stated that "in one department he did not believe in the certificates received."

The auditor informed the Commission "that he really audited and took stock of only two public departments."

In many cases stores were ordered unnecessarily and there is a doubt whether a good quality was always delivered.

Stores had been received which were not wanted and which it was difficult to get rid of.

In connection with the purchase of supplies, the Commissioners recommend that "inquiry be made as to the working of the prevention of corruption act of the Imperial Parliament passed in 1906 and the bribery clause in connection therewith."

### A Sweeping Indictment.

As a rule, the Commissioners found in the outside service that politics enter into every appointment, and that politicians on the spot interest themselves, not only in the appointment but in subsequent promotions of officers. "In the outside service the politics of the party is of greater importance in making appointments and promotions than the public interests of the Dominion. Promotion in that part of the service has become almost a nullity." In the outside service those who have the political pull use it for all it is worth. They pass by their superior officers and bring pressure to procure anything that may prove to their advantage.

### Shocking Condition of the Marine Department.

These observations refer to the Administration generally, but some compliment is paid to the Post Office Department. Two of the Commissioners, Messrs. Fyshe and Bazin, made a particular investigation of the Department of Marine, over which Mr. Brodeur presides, a department in which the Public Accounts Committee has been making some investigation, in the face of great obstruction. The Commissioners use plain language of general condemnation. After some general statements as to the difficulty of fixing responsibility in this department the Commissioners say:

"Work proceeds in a lumbering, hap-hazard way, giving rise to constant blundering and confusion. There is no sign visible of a single directing head, or an intelligent purpose, unless it be that of spending as much money as possible. Zeal for economy and good management, or pride in the work, is not visible. Perfunctory and mechanical discharge of duties is the rule, with apparently no perception of any need for improvement.

"The lack or organization and of organizing power in the department has recently been very conspicuously and painfully illustrated by the fact that the accountant's or bookkeeping branch has apparently fallen into such confusion that expert accountants had to be called in to put things to rights, and create some intelligible system. After months of work by these highly paid experts, the result has been at least greatly improved books, as far as mechanical form is concerned, but probably little else; and this achievement has been accomplished at an almost fabulous expense.

### Without a Conscience.

"There is not only a lack of efficient organization and method in the department. There would also seem to be a lack of conscience. In connection with the enormous expenditures which are deemed necessary, the word "discount" never appears. It is tactly assumed that there is no such thing; but the whole commercial world knows otherwise. If no one gets any benefit from trade with the government except the trader, then it must be clear that in these great purchases made for the government, without discount, its officers must be assisting the trader to get better prices from the government than he can get elsewhere; for everything else he had to give discount. In other words, some of the government's officers are serving two masters, and apparently succeeding with both—Scripture notwithstanding.

"It seems amazing that this question has never been courageously faced and dealt with. There is evidently a power in the hands of responsible officers of some of the departments which they can exercise without the necessity of giving any account of it, and with the most demoralizing consequences all round. It is certain that under such a state of things it must be possible to develop high character in the service, or, rather, to prevent the deterioration of what character there is."

After criticizing the lighthouse board as an irresponsible body which has voted $1,691,813 in two years, the Commissioners say that their general conclusions as to the administration of the Marine Department, "are most unfavorable. It seems to have few redeeming features, and no radical improvement need ever be expected until the political pull is eliminated."

### The Militia Department Condemned.

The three Commissioners seem to join in their condemnation of the Militia administration. The expenditure of this department has gone up to $6,500,000 a year, an increase of $3,000,000 in four years. The office of Inspector-General, at $6,000 a year, is declared to be unnecessary, and merely "a stepping stone to the retiring of high military officers on large allowances." While there are only three officials in all the rest of the service with salaries of over $4,000, there are in the Militia Department alone two at $6,000, one at $5,200, and three at $4,000, besides other officers receiving salaries and allowances far beyond the ordinary officials. The staff of paymasters is declared to be unnecessary and the Commissioners laugh at the departmental excuse that an army in the field could not get along without paymasters. They say that this carries to an extreme the principle of preparing for war in time of peace.

The headquarters and permanent staff have been increased to 220 and this staff the Commissioners say is sufficient for an army of 100,000 men, whereas the permanent force is only 3,000, while the 40,000 militia are only trained in annual camps, and it is doubtful whether the city corps are so efficient as formerly.

### Abolish Political Pull.

The Commissioners also criticise the organization of the Public Works Department, and some of its expenditure, particularly on unnecessary structures. They recommend the entire abolition of patronage in the purchase of supplies, and the appointment of purchasing agents to buy at wholesale prices for all the departments. They adopt the Conservative platform of appointments to the civil service by a non-partisan commission, after competitive examinations, and of promotion by merit absolutely without political influence. They agree that the cost of living has greatly increased, but suggest that efficient, responsible officers should be better paid, and that the accounts be balanced by discontinuing the appointment of useless persons and increases of salaries to those only capable of work in the lower grades.


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# PERSONALS

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Mr. W. Akenhead returned from Victoria on Thursday morning.

Mr. Ed. Whyte, of Victoria, secretary of the V.I.F.A., arrived in town on Thursday.

Captain Christisen passed through town on the morning train yesterday

Mr. and Mrs. D. Thomas passed through town yesterday morning on their way to Victoria.

Miss Suttee went down to Victoria this morning.

Mr. Watson was a passenger on the Victoria train this morning.

The members of the "Sis in New York" Company took the Victoria train this morning.

## N.W.M.P. CAPTURE.

Calgary, Alta., April 3.—The mounted police have at the barracks a prisoner who may be of international fame. About a week ago Ready's pool room at Medicine Hat, was burglarized. Several checks were taken and some of them cashed in Calgary. One arrest has been made, but the bank clerk failed to identify the man. A couple of days ago a man was arrested bearing the name of Jas. Potter, alias John Stanton, alias J. Maxwell, the checks in question bear two other names. When at the police station several neat lime saws and tools were discovered on the person of the prisoner, indicating that unless some explanation of their possession of them was not forthcoming that the gentleman in question was better under care than at large.

## PREMIER'S CONDITION.

London, April 3.—Campbell-Bannerman's condition remains unchanged and he has neither lost nor gained strength. The following bulletin was issued by his physicians this morning. "The premier had a quiet night. His condition is unchanged and there has been no diminuition of strength during the half day."

## BIG STRIKE IN ROME.

ROME, April 3.—A general strike has been proclaimed as a protest against the fatalities in connection with the disorders on the streets here yesterday when troops fired on and killed three rioters and wounded 15 others, four of whom were mortally wounded. The strike so far has not been successful. Most of the shops are open although the shutters have been put up on the buildings as a protection against possible riots. The government has taken most energetic measures to restore order and the whole garrison of the city is being kept in readiness.

During the noon hour the movement became more general. Drivers of the mail wagons who collect from the pillar boxes refused to continue, and were at once replaced by soldiers, the wagons are being escorted by cavalry.

## WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Kansas City, April 3.—Argument in the case of Mrs. Sarah Morasch, charged with the murder of four-year-old Ruth Miller, were begun in the circuit court today at Kansas city. It is expected the case will go to the jury tonight. Mrs. Morasch is charged with sending poisoned candy to the Miller girls' sister, of which the child partook and died.


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