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THE POLITICAL GAME.

Politics is an interesting game, if one views it not too seriously. The other day Mr. Whitney announced that the general election in Ontario would be held in June or September. He was perfectly truthful, but none of the Conservative henchmen seemed to take the statement seriously. They are all preparing for an election in June.

On Wednesday of last week, the Hon. Mr. Leblanc, leader of the Quebec opposition, asked Premier Gouin when the general election in the province would occur. He answered that it might be held in June or October, or there might be another session. He intimated that it would be impolite for him to announce the date without consulting the lieutenant-governor.

The Ontario government might delay the general election until January, 1910. Yet both are preparing for an early appeal to the people. The reasons for an early appeal to the people in Ontario are more apparent than in Quebec. In the latter province, the reason given in private conversation is that Premier Gouin would like to go to the country before Premier Laurier makes his quinquennial appeal. He thinks, so it is said, that the Liberal representation from Quebec is not likely to be so unanimous after the next federal election as it has been during the past twelve years; therefore he desires to make his return absolutely certain the Laurier appeal.

This jockeying for position on the part of the Conservatives in Ontario and the Liberals of Quebec is highly interesting as well as politically instructive. It sheds some light on what is likely to happen when the Dominion parliament is dissolved in the autumn.—Canadian Courier.

COMPETITION NOT ALLOWED BY THE LEGAL LIGHTS.

A curious and interesting sidelight (writes a Montreal correspondent of the Toronto Saturday Night) is thrown on the legal fraternity in the province of Quebec by the criminal proceedings which have been instituted against the Dominion Mercantile Protective Association by the Montreal Bar Association. A year or so ago this Mercantile Protective Association was organized for the purpose of debt collecting, chasing after bad debtors, etc. The work was efficiently and reasonably done, and large wholesale merchants freely praise the work done. Now, however they are brought up short by the Bar Association on the grounds that they are illegally engaged in the practise of law. It appears that the association engaged the services of a lawyer, at presumably a given rate per year, to do their business for them, thus doing away with the excessive charges that would otherwise accrue. Now the Bar Association steps in and demands that legal restraint be placed upon the debt collectors. In other words, they are interfering with the law "trade" by cutting prices. The law business is the only one on earth in which competition is not allowable.

SAILOR KILLED.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., April 30.—Paul Pelbaum, aged 22, a member of the crew of the steamer Dundee, was killed today by falling down a hatch on board the steamer.

ISLAND ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Football Association was held in the Nanaimo Athletic Club, on Wednesday evening, April 29th., with President J. G. Brown presided, and there were present Mr. E. M. Whyte, sec.-Treasurer, Mr. V. Gray, Victoria; Mr. C. Graham, and W. Graham, for Nanaimo United, and Messrs. Jas. Adam and R. R. Hindmarch for Ladysmith.

Mr. Whyte in submitting his report, commented on the fact that not a single game in the whole series of the League engagements had been protested. In presenting his financial statement he said that the present year has been the most successful in the history of the Association. The figures will speak for themselves. They are as follows:

Receipts	$1,076.46
Disbursements	792.70
Balance	$ 283.76

President Brown then read his address which may almost be regarded as a valedictory so far as his official connection with the Association is concerned. Pressure of work absolutely prohibits him from continuing in office and although urged to stay with the Association he was reluctantly compelled to decline. His address, which is reported in full in another column, referred in glowing terms to the season just ended. The revival of Nanaimo and the great game the United had put up were fittingly alluded to, and attention drawn to the sportsmanlike manner in which the matches had been played, not a single protest having been registered. He went on to deal with the age limit in the Intermediates, favoring its abolition and suggesting the formation of a second division. He did not see any necessity for the B.C.F.A., and emphasized the necessity of the various Associations burying their constitutions into a conformity the one with the other.

All three reports were received and filed.

Mr. Adam brought up the question of the division of the gate taken at the last game at Oak Bay between Nanaimo and Ladysmith. He did not see that the Association could claim the whole of it, and suggested that, after all expenses had been paid, the balance be divided into three equal shares. After considerable discussion this was agreed to.

The next business was the appointment of the funds for the purchase of medals for winning teams in the three series. It was finally agreed that Nanaimo United be presented with 11 gold medals of the value of $10 each. Fifty-five dollars was in like manner allotted to the victorious Intermediate eleven, while the North Ward Juniors are to receive each a five dollar gold medal. The medals voted to the United eleven are the handsomest that have ever been bestowed by the Association, and will fittingly commemorate the team's sturdy and strenuous struggle for supremacy.

It was also agreed to present two gold lockets to President Brown and Secretary Whyte as a slight acknowledgment of the great services they have rendered the Association and Island football. Mr. Brown makes an able President and his opinion outside the Association always carried great weight and influence. It is greatly to be regretted that he has found it necessary to sever his official connection with the Association but it may be taken for granted that he will always be ready to give advice when called upon and to support Island football. As for Ed. Whyte, he has put in a hard season's work. His heart is in the game and his association, and no better man for the position could be found on the Island.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Hon. President.—T. Graham.
Vice President.—J. G. Brown.
Second Vice-President.—A. Bryden.
President.—C. G. Duncans.
Vice-President.—Jas. Adam.
Sec.-Treasurer.—E. M. Whyte.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks all round.

INVESTIGATING TRUST.

Washington, April 30.—Individual newspaper publishers were present today before the house special committee which is investigating the price of news print paper, prepared to give testimony in the case. Before they were heard, however, John Norris, of New York, representing the American Newspapers' Association, was permitted to continue his presentation of facts which was begun early last session.

In response to a request by Chairman Mann, Mr. Norris laid before the committee various circular letters which had been issued at different times by the association on the subject of the price of paper, copies of which had been mailed to President Roosevelt and others.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

PARIS, May. 1. — A despatch to the Matin from Lisbon says that the police arrested 7 dangerous revolutionists during the 3 days previous to the opening of the parliament. The revolutionists were found in a house on Avenue Dom Carlos, through which the royal procession was due to pass.

KILLED THE MAYOR.

Did Not Like the Mayor at This Place, and so Killed Him.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, April 30.—Several persons were killed and a number wounded in a political disturbance here yesterday afternoon. One of those killed was the mayor of Fort de France.

Football Struggles In the Years Past

(By J. G. Brown and Arthur Davey)

Previous to the autumn of 1863 Association football was quite unknown, and indeed, what is known to-day as the Rugby game was also. At that time the public schools were the exponents of football, and each great school, such as Harrow, Eton, Rugby, Winchester and Westminster, had its own laws and would play none other. In consequence the only matches they could have were secured by selecting teams from amongst themselves, or when a team of "former pupils," or, as they were then known, "Old Boys," visited the school for the purpose.

Under such a system, progress or development of any kind was impossible. In the fall of 1863 a meeting of the representatives of the various schools and clubs was held in London for the purpose of forming an Association and framing a code of rules acceptable to all. After several meetings a code was framed which was an honest attempt to incorporate the laws of all interested, but chiefly those of the Rugby, and what was afterwards known as the Dribbling game.

Shortly afterwards a meeting of the representatives of the principal schools was held at Cambridge with a similar object, to arrange rules which should unite all under one common head. The rules then prepared and agreed to, constituted the first known code of what is now Rugby football. At subsequent meetings of the association, differences of opinion arose regarding the new rules, and an endeavor was made to have the most essential features of the Rugby game introduced. Strenuous objections were made to this, resulting finally in the withdrawal of the exponents of the Rugby game from the Association, and from that day to this the two games have been as wide apart as the poles.

In 1866 the last vestige of the Rugby game was eliminated from the Association code, and the game then became known as the Association game. Its popularity increased and clubs multiplied with extraordinary rapidity all over England, and about this time it made its appearance also in Scotland under the auspices of the Queen's Park Club—that famous organization that has stood out against professionalism like a giant and has done so much for Association football in Scotland.

About 1871 a challenge cup competition was established in connection with the association, and sixteen clubs entered, including the Queen's Park, Glasgow, Scotland. Owing to the distance this club would have to travel, they were allowed to be drawn in the semi-final game, their opponents being the celebrated Wanderers, of London. The game ended in a draw. Very great interest was excited in this contest, as it was looked upon as an international match, Scotland vs. England, and it was this game that brought forth the suggestion of international matches between the two countries. For some time previous, so-called international games had been played in London between teams selected as Scotchmen and English men, but the team representing Scotland in many cases would have had some difficulty in proving their claims to Scottish birth.

Next year saw the institution of a purely international match between Scotland and England. It was played at Glasgow on November 30, on the spacious grounds of the West of Scotland Cricket Club, and some five or six thousand people witnessed it. Contrast this with the international match between England and Scotland played last year, when 70,000 people were present on the grounds of the Celtic Football Club at Parkhead, Glasgow.

From 1872 the Association game grew and flourished apace in Scotland, completely obscuring the Rugby game. New Clubs were formed, and on every available open space could be seen youngsters who found amusement in chasing the sphere.

In England this enthusiasm was also marked and extraordinary progress was made, until at last it was acknowledged that the Association game had come to stay, and judging from the immense crowds who watched the games, it was evident that the enthusiasm was not confined to the players.

Much of this success was due to the inauguration of the challenge cup contests, and although lately exception has been taken to these contests on the ground that they give rise to excessive rivalry and that the stimulus given is not conducive to the best interests of the game, whatever truth there may be in these arguments, the fact remains that wherever cup competitions have been established new clubs have arisen, and as a natural consequence players have multiplied, and there is no doubt that the extraordinary development of the Association game during the last 25 years is attributable in a large measure to the influence of challenge cups.

Nor has this developement been confined to the British Isles. Australia, Africa, Canada, India and the United States all have clubs and associations. It is true that in Australia, Africa and India the Rugby game is more popular, and in the United States, too, although in the Great Republic rugby differs in some respects from that played in Great Britain. In Canada the Association game has taken hold and bids fair to secure first position in public favour against the Rugby game, although in many places Rugby has a large measure of support from the public.

In the more thickly populated portions of Eastern Canada the game flourishes because of the more easily arranged matches with neighboring clubs, but where the towns are situated long distances apart, requiring a loss of time of not less than two days, and a correspondingly large expense, it is very difficult to arrange a schedule of matches that will keep the interest of non-players alive, and it is detrimental to the interests of the players to have to play week after week against the same opponents—such as is the case in this province.

In order to increase the interest in the Association game, international matches were arranged—England vs. Scotland, Scotland vs. The World—and were exceedingly well contested and excited much interest, both in those particular matches and in the game itself. For some reason, during the last two years, these important events have been dropped, much to the regret of those who were interested in the game and had the pleasure of watching the matches.

The Senior Association in British Columbia was formed in Nanaimo in 1890. During the first few years, teams from Nanaimo, Wellington, and the Mainland entered in the competition for the valuable cup which was subscribed for, and which Nanaimo won until the year 1893, when the "Wanderers," of Victoria, formerly the "Albions," entered the association, putting an exceptionally strong team in the field. In the first match of the series in that year the Wanderers defeated Wellington with a score of 5 to 3, after a hard game and in the final won from Nanaimo 5 to 1, taking the cup. The championship team was: Goal, Donaldson; backs, Glen and Hook; half-backs, Blackburn, Deckers and Kearney; forwards, Peden, Goward, (A.T.), right wing, McCann and Begg, left wing, and Johnstone, centre.

In 1894-95 Nanaimo recovered the Championship and the trophy. In the first game the "Barracks," were defeated at Victoria by the Nanaimo Rangers. The Wanderers travelled to Wellington and defeated the team of that town by 4 goals to 2—but in the final match played at Nanaimo were defeated by the Rangers after a hard fought game, the score being 2 to 1. The victorious Nanaimo team was: Goal, Duffy; backs, English and Petticrew; half backs, A. Thompson, Fagan, and Forrester; forwards, Riley, Fisher, R. Thompson, Quine and York.

Up to 1895 if a team was once defeated it had no further chance for the cup, but in that year the association introduced the league system under which each club played two home games. A win counted 2 points and a tie 1 point. The "Wanderers," Victoria; "Rangers," Nanaimo, and "Mapleleaves," Wellington, entered. The games and winners were as follows:

Wanderers vs. Wellington— Played at Victoria, won by Wanderers. Score, 5—0.

Wanderers vs. Wellington —Played at Wellington, won by Wanderers. Score 5—2.

Wanderers vs. Nanaimo—Played at Nanaimo, won by Wanderers. Score, 4—1.

Nanaimo vs. Wellington—Played at Nanaimo, tie. Score 2—2.

Wanderers vs. Nanaimo—Played at Victoria, won by Wanderers. Score, 8—1.

Nanaimo vs. Wellington—Played at Wellington, won by Wellington. Score 5—0.

	W	L	D	Pt.
Wanderers	4	0	0	8
Wellington	1	2	1	3
Nanaimo	0	3	1	1

The Wanderers' 1895-96 team was as follows:—Goal, Partridge; backs, H. A. Goward, and Stewart; nalfbacks, Rann, Petticrew and Falconer; forwards, Peden, A. T. Goward, McCann, Fall and Fall.

The Wanderers at the last fall carnival at Vancouver won from the Mainland in competition for the provincial Championship. The officers of the association for 1895-96 were; President, T. Crossan; Secretary, E. B. Drummond; Treasurer, L. Campbell. The senior teams entered for the cup this season were: "Wanderers," Victoria; "Rangers," Nanaimo, and "Barracks," Victoria. The standing of the clubs at this writing is: "Wanderers," Victoria, two wins; "Barracks," Victoria, one win, and "Rangers," Nanaimo, nil.

The intermediate Association was organized in the spring of 1895. Only players who had not played in a senior cup competition were eligible to play for the intermediate cup. Mr. McGregor was elected president; R. Hutchison, secretary, and W. Peden, treasurer. The "Junior Wanderers," Victoria; "Swifts," Nanaimo, and "Junior Mapleleaves" Wellington, entered the association.

The first game was played at Wellington when the Swifts defeated the Wellington team. In the final game at Victoria the Junior Wanderers won from the Swifts by 6 goals to 2, thus gaining the Championship for that year. The victorious team was: Goal, Wrigglesworth; backs, Dallas and Peden, (A); half backs, Winsby, Wilson, (C), and Sangster; forwards, Shandley, Wilson, (G), Campbell, Higgins and Johnson.

For 1895-96 the same officers were elected, and five clubs entered: "Junior Wanderers," Victoria; "Y.M.C.A." Victoria; "Swifts," Nanaimo; "Athletics," Nanaimo, and "Violets" Northfield. The first game was played at Victoria between the Swifts and Y.M.C.A., and resulted in a tie. The Y.M.C.A.'s then travelled to Nanaimo and were defeated 2—0. The "Athletics" withdrew, and the Junior Wanderers defeated Northfield at Victoria after a close game. In the final game between the Junior Wanderers and the Swifts the score at time was 2—2, but on playing half an hour longer, the Junior Wanderers won, again securing the Championship. Their team was: Goal, Wriglesworth; fullbacks, Peden, (A), and Tucker; half backs, Winsby, Wilson, (C), and Howard; forwards, Shandley, Wilson, (G), Gadsby, Jackson and Johnston

The officers for the present season are: President, J. G. Brown; Vice-President, L. Campbell; and Secretary-Treasurer, W. Peden. Official referees: At Victoria, R. Livingstone; at Northfield, J. Dunsmuir, and E. B. Drummond.

The following teams entered: "Junior Wanderers," Victoria; "Violets" Northfield; "Y.M.C.A." Victoria, and "Columbians," Victoria. The final game was played at Caledonian Park, Victoria, between Y.M.C.A. and the Northfield Violets on Mar. 6th, the latter winning the match by a score of 2 to 1, and becoming the holders of the Championship and the cup for 1897.

On the whole the future of the Association game in British Columbia is extremely bright, the younger generation having taken to it much more than to Rugby. There are numerous junior clubs springing up in all the towns, while the schools have also taken hold and no doubt in time we will have a flourishing association, and many more competitors than at present. A Junior Cup is spoken of for next season.

VICTORIA'S EX-MAYOR TO LADYSMITH CITIZENS

Ex-Mayor Morley's answer to deputation from the Citizen's League, which met him at the depot on Wednesday night, asking an expression of opinion on the prevailing topic:

865 Haywood Avenue,
Victoria, B.C., April 30.

Dear Sir,—You ask me to express an opinion, based on my experience, as to the advisability of the City of Ladysmith owning its own light and power plant for all purposes.

I have carefully considered the By-law enclosed, covering the question at issue and consider it admirably drawn for the purpose.

With the lamentable experience of Victoria and other older cities of the new world, Ladysmith should not hesitate about retaining her glorious freedom by owning her public utilities (particularly for all lighting and power purposes) which have so great an influence on future growth and prosperity.

From a dollar-and-cent standpoint alone it can be readily understood that a private company plans to make a sufficient profit on its investment to meet all charges that would have to be met under a city owned system and a generous net profit on their investment in addition.

There is a further and greater difference, however, in that, under your By-law at the end of 25 years the city will own its plant, whereas under a private owned system the city will have paid a higher rate for its service, and own nothing.

There is another phase of the situation to be taken seriously into account—the constant friction between private companies and a city as to the use and abuse of thoroughfares.

Victoria has practically lost control of its streets from this cause, causing a large additional expense to the City and there is the further danger at all times of expensive litigation.

Company promoters put forth a strong argument that a city owned utility always costs more than one owned by a private company. This has been clearly proved not to be the case with a capable, honest man in charge.

The difference of cost to the City under city ownership, as against private, would no doubt give you your street lighting free as well as meet the interest and sinking fund on the plant.

You are particularly fortunately situated for such a plant, having what appears to be an unlimited supply of cheap fuel on the spot.

By all means own your own plant and follow it up by owning and controlling all your public utilities as occasion arises, and while on this subject lose no time in safeguarding your future by gaining control of any large bodies of water and water power in your vicinity, or like other cities that are past having your opportunities you will later regret it.

Wishing you every success in a good and righteous cause.

A. J. MORLEY.

B.C. CHALLENGE CUP

A meeting was held in the Grand hotel, Nanaimo, on Wednesday evening in connection with the B. C. challenge cup. Mr. R. Adam presided and there were present N. Bergeron, secretary, Messrs. W. Graham and R. Yates, representing the Nanaimo Club, and Messrs. Jas. Adam and R. R. Hindmarch, representing Ladysmith.

It was decided that entries could not be received after the 18th of May, and that the entrance fee be $10. It was also agreed that in case Nanaimo and Ladysmith are the only competing teams, and the first two games result in a tie, the teams shall draw for grounds for the deciding match. Unless this condition is observed the Ladysmith representatives declared that their club would not enter.

NEWS NOTES FROM BUSY UNION BAY.

(Special Correspondent)

The Comox nine once more went down to defeat at the hands of the Union crack baseball team on Sunday last. The game was fast and good ball played on both sides. The score stood 11 to 9. The Cumberland team play here next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggin, of Boston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Riley.

Mr. Joseph Hunter is in town today, proceeding north by the tug Pilot.

Mrs. Blacksted entertained the Whist Club on Tuesday last, a pleasant evening being spent by all.

The Str. Shiela, which has been ing here for the last month awaiting orders, sailed for Portland for a cargo for the Orient. The citizens were all aware of it, and Captain Ogilvey was given a royal send-off, bonfires lighted, and all the whistles in the place were blown. The popular skipper and officers of the Shiela will always be remembered and will be cordially welcomed whenever they come back again.

DISAPPEARANCE OF MINISTERS WIFE.

Is Still Unexplained and Detectives Have not Been Able to Throw Any Light on the Matter.

WINNIPEG, May 1.—The disappearance of Mrs. Adams, wife of the Rev. W. Adams, president of the British Columbia Seventh Day Adventist church, and ex-president of the church in Manitoba, remains as much a mystery as ever. Not the slightest trace of her can be found by the detectives who have worked on the case and her distracted husband and relatives have practically given up the search in despair believing that she has either been murdered or kidnapped.

The Rev. Mr. Adams has completely broken down in health and is now in a sanitarium in California recuperating. Mrs. Adams has not been heard from since the beginning of February last when she was visiting a sister in Boulder, Col.

BUFFALO, May 1.—Seven inches of snow fell here yesterday and last night. At Jamestown this morning the snow was ten inches deep. To-day opened with the sun shining and the snow soon disappeared.

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

SHANGHAI, May 1.—Sir Robert Hart, chief of the Maritime Customs service of China left here today for Europe on a year's leave of absence. He has received the highest honors from the government and was given a hearty send-off today by the foreign as well as the native residents.

ANOTHER LIBERAL MEMBER RETIRES.

WINNIPEG, Man., May. 1.—D. W. Bole, M.P. for Winnipeg, has written J. H. Johnson, M.P.P., president of the Liberal Association here, that owing to his removal from Winnipeg to Montreal, he will not be a candidate for re-election in this city.

TO REVOLUTIONIZE GOLD CROP OF THE WORLD

CHICAGO, April 30.—The Record Herald says:

"Eighteen months hence R. W. Hunter says he will be manufacturing 24-carat gold at the rate of one hundred million dollars annually. Transmutation of silver and baser metals into gold is his secret, and he declares he can produce the finer metal in quality that will defy the government experts as to its origin, and in a quantity to keep the Philadelphia mint busy the year round.

"Mr. Hunter is in Chicago attending to the final details of getting a huge plant at Philadelphia into operation. Behind rock walls, without windows and with a single door to the turretted and fuedal like castle which is to have half a million dollars worth of delicately tuned machinery, this modern wizard promises to revolutionize the gold crop of the world.

"We are at the point of putting into commercial execution the result of years of toil, thought and experimenting," said Mr. Hunter. "The last demonstration has been given that is necessary to prove that my invention is scientifically and commercially correct, and the completion of the plant which is to begin at once, will make the beginning of a new epoch in the commercial history of the world."

Mr. Hunter is an inventor and engineer of standing in the scientific world. His patents cover the trolley conduit and electric accumulator system of traction now in use.

The inventor came to Chicago, he said to submit his building plans to a select coterie of Chicago business men, two of whom are bank presidents, who with New York and Philadelphia financiers, are furnishing the money for the erection of the building and apparatus which is to turn a flood of gold into the government mint at an original cost of ten cents on the dollar.

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THE BALLOT.

Before the next issue of the Standard gets into the hands of its subscribers the fate of the new electric light by-law will have been decided. The approaching ballot, if it is causing no excitement, is at least the subject of a great deal of animated discussion by interested citizens, and on the whole there is a more optimistic feeling as to the fate of the by-law. Without displaying any cock-sureness the men who have worked hardest for a lighting system and have been mainly instrumental in forcing the question to its present position, are quite satisfied that the decision of previous years will be reversed.

There is one thing certain, and that is that the rejection of the by-law would be the worst set-back the town has ever received. Times are improving. The town is busier than it has been for years. The sound of the builder's hammer is ringing in the ears all day. There is a possibility, a very great probability of further building activity. Every day brings visitors to the town looking for a suitable investment. Some of them are stopping, and it is the part of the city to induce them all to stay. Lights are a first condition of development. As an advertisement they are invaluable, and it is impossible to calculate how much they contribute to the growth of a young town.

The great point to be remembered on Wednesday is that the town is busier today than it has been for years. There are proofs on all hands that it is attracting the attention of investors. Every citizen who has a vote can help to quicken this progress, or he can line up with the forces of pessimism and stagnation. There is no middle way, no neutral ground. Either a citizen is for progress, believes in the city's future, and is convinced that values will increase, or he is against expansion, denies the city's prospects, and is satisfied that property has reached its limit. Surely there are none who knowingly entertain such shortsighted and suicidal views as these. There are some who unconsciously hold opinions which ultimately land them into this position of dreary negation.

At present happily, there is proof on all sides that the town can attract capital and is capable of infinite development. The passage of the electric light by-law will inevitably tend to quicken the building trades, to enhance the attractions of the city to the investor, and generally to bring about a greater period of industry than the town has ever enjoyed.

Let all remember that "For" is not only for the by-law but for the city and for the general prosperity of the whole community.

FIRST TO CROSS LAKE ONTARIO

Rochester, N. Y., April 28. — The steamer Alexandria was the first passenger boat to cross lake Ontario and dock this season. She arrived from Picton, Ont. this morning. The Alexandria, which is in the Hepburn fleet, carried about 35 passengers.

Ladysmith Bar

MORE IMPROVEMENTS.
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A JAPANESE WARSHIP SINKS.

TOKIO, April 30.—Admiral Yoshimatsu, commander of the training squadron, reports that an explosion occurred in the stock magazine of the cruiser Matsuhima at four a.m. today, while anchoring at Makaniga a harbor in the Peskadores islands. The vessel immediately sank until only the bridge was visible. Boats were at once lowered from the other vessels and efforts at rescue were continued until 9 a.m., saving the lives of 42 men, including some officers. The majority of the officers were not saved.

At the time of the Admiral's report the cadets aboard numbered 58 out of a complement of 300, it is feared all are lost.

The Pescadores islands, the scene of the catastrophe, are a low island group between Formosa and China. They belonged to China until 1895, when they were acceded to Japan.

The Matsuhima is a protected cruiser. She was built in 1900. Her displacement is 4,237 tons, her length 295 feet. She has two decks and twelve gun positions. Her armament consisted of one 12.6 inch gun, 26 quick firing guns and six machine guns. She had also four torpedo tubes. Her complement is given in the books of record as 350 men. If the cruiser had 300 men on board at the time of the accident 159 men lost their lives.

The Matsuhima took part in the Russo-Japanese war, she was instrumental in sending some Russian torpedo boats that were attempting to escape from Port Arthur to the bottom.

Accidents in the Japanese navy have been rare. There was an explosion of powder on board the Kashima last September in which 27 men were killed, and in September, 1905, the battleship Mikasa, which was Admiral Togo's flagship, in the Russo-Japanese war, was partially destroyed by fire, and the explosion of her magazine at Sasebo. No men lost their lives in this accident.

Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador, was about to leave for the state department today when a reporter of the Associated Press showed him a despatch from Tokio telling of the loss of life by the explosion of the cruiser Matsuhima. It was the first news the ambassador had received of the tragedy, and he expressed deep regret over the occurrence. With the usual caution, the naval officials at Tokio evidently are obtaining all the information possible before giving out a full report of the disaster. No report of the explosion reached the navy department during the morning from the American naval attache at Tokio.

Speculation among naval experts leads to the conclusion that the explosion occurred in the main magazine, and was caused by either a defective electric wire, an electric fuse, or deteriorating in the smokeless powder, affected by heat. That the explosion could have been caused from without the ship is given not the slightest credence here.

A despatch to the naval attache of the Japanese embassy from Tokio says that those saved include three officers, 24 cadets, 7 non-commissioned officers and 141 of the crew.

ANOTHER SENSATION SPRUNG AT OTTAWA.

MONTREAL, Que., April 29.—The Gazette's Ottawa correspondent says that a sensation was created in parliamentary circles today by a rumor current which reached Ottawa yesterday that a writ had been issued against J. J. Hughes, M. P. for Kings, P.E.I., for $12,000, accumulated penalty for breach of independence of the Parliament Act.

Hughes is a merchant at Souris, and it is alleged that for some time he has been furnishing supplies to the government, which, if true clearly renders him liable for penalties which the statute provides.

CHINESE OFFICIALS FEAR TROUBLE.

HONGKONG, April 29.—The viceroy of Canton, fearing local disturbances should the Japanese fleet visit the city, has advised the Japanese consul that he thinks the coming of the warships would be inexpedient.

In reply the consul explains that this is merely a routine movement, it had been arranged for the larger vessels to remain at Hongkong while the smaller ships came up to Canton. A few Japanese marines will land at Canton in the day time and will be given an escort of Chinese troops.

WORMSER FIRM QUITS BUSINESS.

New York, April 30.—The old Stock Exchange house of I. & S. Wormser, which for more than quarter of a century was identified with many important movements in Wall Street, retired from business today. The retirement of the firm is due primarily to the death last June of Isidor Wormser, the last of the surviving brothers who founded the business.

TORONTONIAN DEAD.

Toronto, April 29.—One of the best known business men of the city died unexpectedly last night in the person of John Taylor, head of the firm of John Taylor & Co., manufacturers of soaps and perfumes, on Front street east. Mr. Taylor was 68 years old.

WOMAN SUSPECTED OF MURDERING HUSBAND.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The Cunard Line steamer Campania, which arrived today from Queenstown was detained at the quarantine station until detectives from this city, at the request of the Royal Irish constabulary, found and questioned Mrs Margaret Bowen and Mrs. Claira, of Clearmont county, Ire.

The constabulary had sent a message to the New York police, asking the detention of the two ladies, and stated that Mrs. Claris' husband, a farmer, died of poisoning since the two women sailed from Ireland. The two women were registered on the passenger list as Marguerite and Catherine McCormick. While the steamer lay at quarantine the detectives identified the two women. They were taken to a cabin and Mrs. Claris was questioned concerning the death of her husband. She declared that he was in good health, and that she came to visit a brother in Brooklyn and that her mother and husband were to have followed. When she was informed of the action of the constabulary she insisted upon her right to land, and was taken with Mrs. Bowen before the emigration officials still under the surveillance of the detectives.

PAINTINGS BURNED IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, April 29.—Starting in a pile of rubbish, a fire broke out in the Royal Academy of Art this morning. Exhibition paintings were opened out last week and the walls were lined with valuable works of art. Most of the pictures were badly damaged. They were insured for $15,000, although valued by artists at $150,000. Moderate estimates place the damage at $6,000.

ROYAL WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 30.—The preparations for the wedding at Tsarkoe-selo next week of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden and the Grand Duchess Maria Pavlona, daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch are practically complete. The King of Sweden, who is coming to attend the wedding, is due to arrive tomorrow. He will be escorted by a Swedish squadron from Stockholm. The details of the programme are not published in Russia for fear they might be used by the terrorists to make an attempt on the lives of the emperor and his guests.

The coincidence that the marriage occurs at the same date as the centennial of the fall of Sveborg has been much commented upan. On the day of the wedding there will be a gathering at Helsingfors to commemorate the surrender of Sherborgen.

NEW YORK ABUSES WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS

NEW YORK, April 30.—The World today says: Mrs. Norman Wells, the English suffragist has complained to the police about the treatment she and a companion have received in Harlem when they attempted to address a street crowd a night or two ago.

Mrs. Wells demands police protection at her next Harlem meeting set for the coming Monday night.

"The way we were treated in Harlem is a disgrace to the city. A dozen times, while I was moving about in the crowd, I was tripped or knocked down and kicked. We appealed to several men to protect us, but the only answer I received was jeers.

"I have addressed meetings in the worst parts of London, but I never had such an experience. We don't mind how much fun is made of us, but it is a disgrace to manhood when a woman is permitted to be knocked down in a public street."

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE SUIT IN B. C.

VANCOUVER, April 30.—Action for divorce has been started by Ed. Dupont against his wife whom he married sixteen years ago at Revelstoke. The couple have not been living together for six years. The respondent is supposed to be in Vancouver at the present time. She is a daughter of Ed. Corning, proprietor of the Climax hotel, Revelstoke, and is said to be a woman of many personal charms. The husband is asking for divorce through his counsel, Mr. E. F. Applebe, of Kamloops. W. A. Galliher, M.P. for Kootenay, has been served with a summons as co-respondent. At least two other alleged co-respondents in Eastern Canada have been served likewise, but it is stated that in case of one the action will be dropped. It is alleged Mrs. Dupont has been living at Ottawa much during the past few years.

DROUGHT BROKEN.

Havana, April 30— The long drought which has seriously affected the crop is broken. The rains are now becoming general throughout the island.

PASTOR RESIGNS.

Toronto, April 30— Rev. Silcox has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church to become, it is understood, superintendent of the Toronto Jewish mission.

SPORTING NEWS

VETERAN FOOTBALL OFFICIAL IS RETIRING.

J. G. Brown, President of V.I.F.A., Retires After 20 Years of Active Service—President's Report.

After faithfully and consistently serving Vancouver Island and British Columbia football for twenty years, the veteran official, J. G. Brown, president of the Vancouver Island Football Association, is about to retire.

Ever since a football was kicked on this Island Mr. Brown has actively taken part in the good old game. He assisted Victoria teams on the playing fields in the early days of football, but gave most of his time as an official of the clubs and associations. He was founder of the first club in Victoria, perhaps the first in the province—the Victoria Thistles, and since that time has been energetic in his desire to see the game flourish. That it has reached the high standard of today is due largely to the efforts of this zealous official.

Mr. Brown has been president of the V.I.F.A. since that institution was formed some three or four years ago, and his decision to retire from active service from the game he has so strongly helped foster, support and advance, will meet with regret among every football circle in British Columbia. Press of business, however, is too great. At the same time it must be remembered that the work of a football official is no easy or enviable task. The retiring president is, however, when at leisure, willing to lend his advice toward the advancement of the game For his services the Island Association has decided to present him with a fine gold locket.

Perhaps, though, the hardest worked official this season, and certainly one of the most faithful and willing, is Mr. Ed. M. Whyte, the secretary of the association. Mr. Whyte has given more than the usual amount of time in the interests of Island football, which he has at heart From first to last he has shown integrity and a deep desire to help forward the game. The amount of correspondence he has carried on with the various clubs, etc., has meant no end of hard and trying work, and the association did nothing less than right when they decided last night at the annual meeting to present the secretary, in recognition of his arduous services, with a beautiful gold locket.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The following report was read by the president at the meeting:

Victoria, April 29, 1908.

Gentlemen,—

At the annual meeting of this association last year I very reluctantly, at your urgent request consented to hold the office of president for another year, in view of the important developments that were expected to take place in football circles during the 1907-8 season. Very important developments have taken place, some of which you will doubtless have to deal with, and which I will speak of later on.

One of these was the entry of teams from Nanaimo in the three grades, Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. A Junior team was entered from Ladysmith for the first time, besides the Senior and Intermediate teams. Victoria United, with whom Ladysmith in former years have had some glorious battles, having disbanded, and the Egeria having a new crew, necessitated Victoria, with commendable zeal and to some people, poor judgement, entered three teams in the senior grade. The J.B.A.A. unbeaten winners of the Victoria City League, Esquimalt United, a combination of the military, naval and civilians, and the Y.M.C.A.

In the Intermediate grade Victoria West, last year's champions, and the Y.M.C.A. entered, while the North Ward Juniors, champions of last year, were also entered. The entry of the teams from Nanaimo was heartily welcomed because of their well-known prowess in Association football, and during my twenty years' connection with the game on Vancouver Island, many pleasant experiences and some of the hardest battles on the football fields were obtained at Nanaimo and Wellington long before Ladysmith was thought of. Our anticipations were justified as the season progressed and the interest that has been evoked in connection with Association football on Vancouver Island, in the senior grade was greater than on any previous season and has exceeded our expectations in every way culminating in the tie game and re-play game at Victoria on the 11 and 15th, between Ladysmith and Nanaimo. It cannot be said that the teams from Victoria contributed very much to this end, none of them managing to win a game against the teams from Ladysmith or Nanaimo. The people of Victoria have always been charged with being apathetic in connection with Association football, but it must be confessed that on the occasion of the tie game on the 11th inst. they redeemed themselves, for while there was a large contingent from Ladysmith and a considerable sprinkling from Nanaimo, the large majority of the 1,600 spectators was from Victoria and the same may be said of the five hundred people who turned out on a mid-week afternoon for the re-play. These two games were an object lesson to the people of Victoria, and will no doubt in time bear good fruit. Many people were present at those games who had never seen an Association football game before, and who expressed themselves as delighted. Unfortunately on both occasions the wind interfered considerably with the play, and coupled with the intense excitement under which the players labored, did not conduce to a good exhibition of the game, the result you know, Nanaimo United eventually winning the championship by 2 goals to nil.

In the intermediate series Victoria West, last year's champions, were easy winners, whereas in the Junior series the North Ward, last year's champions and Nanaimo juniors tied for first place, the North Wards winning the deciding game by a good margin.

I have seen a good many of the schedule games this season and have come to the conclusion that the quality of play has improved considerably.

Last year your delegates to the B. C.F.A. were compelled to fight against proposed amendments to the constitution of that Association and the season just ended has justified our objection to the main proposals of the Vancouver and District Association that the competition and not as a League or home and home competition. In the latter the interest is kept up to the very last, while in the cup competition the very reverse is the case, and I would recommend that strong exception be taken to such amendment if proposed again.

Our own constitution developed a weakness in connection with the transfer of players from other associations to ours, resulting in a good deal of bitterness and recrimination for a time, between the clubs concerned, this is a matter that will require to be adjusted.

At the time the discussion on this point took place at a meeting in Victoria I threw out the suggestion that a conference of the executive of the B.C.F.A., Vancouver and District, and our own be held for the purpose of drawing up a new constitution for the B.C.F.A., and the subsiding association to also make new constitutions, so as not to conflict with the B.C.F.A. constitution. I believe that both these bodies were written to asking that at their annual meetings soon to be held no amendments be made, but to wait until the suggested conference is held, with this end in view, no amendments to our own constitution has been submitted. Should this attempt to secure uniformity be unsuccessful, we can then re-draft, amend or make a new constitution to suit ourselves. My own personal opinion is that the B.C.F.A. is unwieldy and unnecessary, all that is needed to settle the question of the B.C. championship is for the clubs winning the respective leagues to mutually arrange home and home games, each home team taking charge of the arrangements and gate, the same as is done in the inter-league games; but if there is to be a B.C. F.A., its constitution and the constitution of our association and other associations in British Columbia must conform to it. One alteration in our constitution I think is badly needed. I refer to the age limit in the intermediate grade. I would respectfully recommend that the intermediate grade be eliminated and a second division established. This became evident during the season by the frequency with which the players well over the age of 21 were playing on intermediate teams, and as it was expected that this would be the last season for an age limit, no action was taken.

It is a matter of much gratification to myself that the season has passed without a single protest being made in any of the grades, this speaks well for the conduct of the clubs, spectators, players and referees, as well as the officials.

The thanks of the association are due to the officials of Ladysmith F. C. for the arrangements for the inter-league game played on their grounds—and for the assistance rendered by the home team in ordinary league matches at the gate.

I cannot close this rather lengthy report of the year's proceedings without expressing my deep personal thankfulness in having associated me with so enthusiastic, energetic and painstaking a secretary as Mr. E. M. Whyte. This, gentlemen, is no mere formal statement; I mean every word of it, and it would be hard to find a man to fill his place.

It must be a matter of gratification to all footballers on Vancouver Island to know at this time that our champion teams in the intermediate and junior grades, have also won the championship of the province. In the intermediate grade the Victoria West team won without even having to kick the ball, the Celtics of Vancouver, champions of the mainland not having even the courage to go up against them on their own ground. In the junior grade the North Ward Juniors from Victoria met and defeated the Shamrock juniors of Vancouver at Vancouver on Good Friday, by a score of 5 to 1 and defaulted the game at Victoria on the 25th inst., evidently the coming players of mainland are not too well supplied with courage. There is no reason to doubt that the senior championship will come to the Island too. Vancouver Island again proved its superiority over the mainland in no uncertain manner.

While I am compelled to sever my connection with the association, my place will easily be filled, but it would be nothing short of disaster if Mr. Whyte is not persuaded to keep the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

In taking leave of the Vancouver Island Football Association I wish to say that I am very much gratified at the great progress the game has made in the past three or four years, but particularly the present year, and I trust that each succeeding year will show as much progress as the last one, and that the grand old game will go on producing men both in mind and body, enabling them to go out in the battle of this world ready to give and take hard knocks (you are sure to get them) in the same sportsmanlike spirit that is manifested on the field.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. BROWN,
President V.I.F.A.

STANDING OF ISLAND TEAMS.

Below is given the standing of all the teams, senior, intermediate, and juniors that took part in the Island league matches this season. The table includes the number of matches played, won, lost, drawn, the number of goals scored for and against

Seniors.	p	w	l	d	pt	g.f	g.a
Nanaimo United	10	8	1	1	17	29	11
Ladysmith	10	7	2	1	15	29	12
Esq. United	8	4	4	0	8	16	25
Y. M. C. A.	8	1	7	0	2	13	21
J. B. A. A.	8	1	7	0	2	10	28
Intermediates.	p	w	l	d	pt	g.f	g.a
Victoria West ...	6	5	0	1	11	23	7
Ladysmith	6	3	2	1	7	16	11
Nanaimo	6	2	3	1	5	20	14
Y. M. C. A.	6	0	5	1	1	8	36
Juniors.	p	w	l	d	pt	g.f	g.a
North Ward	5	4	1	0	8	17	8
Nanaimo	5	3	2	0	6	10	8
Ladysmith	4	0	4	0	0	5	14

VICTORIA LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Besides having exercised a true sport spirit this season, Victoria has also begun a wise move. The Capital City entered three teams in the Island League for the sake of encouraging and spreading the game there. It also helped the game here and at Ladysmith. Victorians generally felt that their teams would not stand as good a chance had a United team only, as in years before, been entered, but they wanted to see all the boys that could do so, playing football. They sacrificed their chances for gaining premier honors this season, but by doing as they have done, their chances for future years are much better than those of any other city on the Island.

V.I.F.A.'S FINE WORK.

The Vancouver Island Football Association is to be congratulated on having so successfully carried out their work of this season, which is now almost at an end, as far as it is concerned. From the first of the season to the last the officers of the association have pulled every match off, and handled all business that is connected with the association in a creditable and workmanlike manner. There has not been a protest registered throughout the season, nor has there been a match postponed, and the few players who were suspended were dealt with firmly and justly and with satisfaction to everyone concerned. The manner in which the crowds, attending the matches have been handled is also worthy of notice, particularly on the occasion of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith match at Victoria on April 11. There was a great crowd present and the order was of the best.

GOOD SPORTING SPIRIT.

For the splendid medals that they are to receive from the V.I.F.A. in token of winning the Island championship, the Nanaimo United men have to thank their old rivals of Ladysmith, for at the meeting of the Island Association on Wednesday night, both the Ladysmith delegates voted that the Nanaimo team be presented with the costliest medals the association could afford.

DISCOUNT UNCHANGED.

LONDON, April 30.—The Bank of England's rate of discount remained unchanged today at 3 per cent. The stock exchange will be closed tomorrow.

BROKER SUICIDES IN SENSATIONAL MANNER.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Following the suicide last night of Chas. Coster, a prominent broker and society man, the Stock Exchange firm of Coster, Knapp and Co., of which Mr. Coster was a member, announced its suspension today on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The firm had done an extensive business.

Announcement at the time of the suspension said that the action was directly due to the death of Mr. Coster. This formal statement was issued by a member of the firm.

Owing to the death of Mr. Coster, and the consequent condition of the firm's affairs, it has been deemed advisable to make a general assignment for the benefit of all creditors. This step was taken at the suggestion of most of the creditors, and Mr. Werner, of the law firm of Simpson, Werner & Gardner. The assignee has already started in to straighten out accounts, so as to make a correct statement to all parties interested as early as possible.

No intimation of the firm's assets or liabilities was given and it was not thought that anything like definite figures could be given pending the completion of the assignee's investigation.

Coster was well known in amateur athletic circles and was a member of many clubs and social organizations. He was rated as a millionaire and a successful business man. He had prepared for his voluntary death with a coolness and thoroughness which proved beyond any doubt that the act was premeditated. He selected a time when Mrs. Coster was at a reception, and, preparing himself for bed, telephoned for his family physician. He told the physician that Mrs. Coster had a severe cold and asked him to come to the house at once. Soon after the doctor arrived Coster retired to his room and shot a bullet through his head. The shot rang through the house just as Mrs. Coster entered, returning from the reception, and she rushed to her husband's room. At the door of the room she met the family physician who had found her husband dead with the smoking revolver in his hand.

The relatives of Coster said last night they were at a loss to account for his act. Today, however, J. M. Knapp, of the failed firm, issued a formal statement in which he declared that Mr. Coster had been speculating heavily and it was this speculation which brought about the suspension of the firm. Mr. Knapp said that the losses would fall almost entirely upon Coster and his brother and to a small extent upon himself.

STIRRING TIMES IN MOROCCO

MOROCCO, April 29.—Mulai Hafig, the so-called sultan of the south, is reported here to have suffered disaster and to have fled to Tadla, a town 128 miles southwest of Fez, where he has taken refuge with the Sidi Bendacula tribes. The news of his reverse was followed immediately by the departure for Fez of Sultan Abdul Azizs' army, 5,000 strong, with five cannon, under the command of Gen. Bagdeni, chief of the Sultan's army. Two French and some Algerian officers accompanied Gen. Bagdeni.

WILL NOT ENDORSE BRYAN

New Haven, Conn., April 29. The committee on resolutions of the Democratic state convention today refused to adopt a platform to place the convention on record in favor of Bryan, and also refused to accept a resolution expressing continued confidence in Mr. Bryan's leadership.

VANCOUVER WIRES

VANCOUVER, April 29.—W. A. Galliher is coming to Vancouver to be parliamentary agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

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SOLE AGENTS:

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HORRIBLE CRIME ON INDIANA FARM.

Mother and Three Little Children Burned to Death, it is Suspected by Repulsed Hired Man.

LAPORTE, Ind., April 29.—The removal of four charred bodies, the blackened forms of three children, huddled about their mother, as for protection, the arrest of R. Lampher formerly employed by A. Kunnes, the victim, and the collapse of Mampher at the jail last night, has caused excitement that may at any moment break into violence.

Mrs. Gunnes lived at her farm near here with her three children. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning Joseph Maxwell, an employee on the place was awakened by smoke. He made every effort to rescue the family but failed.

Late in the afternoon the bodies of Mrs. Gunnes and her three children, Myrtle, Lucy and Phillip, were removed from the smouldering ruins. There was a rumor that the home had been fired because of malice and as the day advanced the police took up the story and began to investigate the report, which resulted in the arrest of Lampher last evening. Lampher had been employed on the Gunnes farm, and was infatuated with Mrs. Gunnes, who was a beautiful woman. She declared the man annoyed her and filed proceedings to have him declared insane, but a jury found him sane.

DYNAMITER GUILTY.

BOULDER, Col., April 29.— The second trial of F. E. Kiser for murder, growing out of the destruction of the Colorado & Southern station here by dynamite during the switchmen's strike in which several people were killed, ended yesterday when the jury returned a verdict of second degree murder.

The minimum penalty is ten years in the penitentiary. The first trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury. Kiser is the second person to be convicted on this charge.

"DEAN SWIFT" WINS EPSOM RACE.

EPSON, April 29.—The City and Suburban handicap, 2,000 sovereigns, for three-year-olds and upwards was won by J. B. Joels' Dean Swift. A. Steall's Simonson was second, and Baron Rothschilds' Leopold was third. Sixteen horses ran.

The betting on Dean Swift was 23 to 2 against.

RELIEF FUND.

London, April 29.—The American Line has subscribed $2,500 to the relief fund to the families of the men of the cruiser Gladiator, who lost their lives in the collision with the Str. St. Paul last Saturday.

FIGHTING ENDED.

New York, April 29.—Passengers who arrived yesterday from Bluefields, Nicaragua, reported that the fighting between Mosquito Indians and Nicaraguans has ended with the killing of the Indian chief. The fighting began about two months ago, and a large number of persons were reported to have been killed. Yesterday however, it was reported that not more than a dozen lives were lost.

STILL THEY COME.

Toronto, April 29.—Five hundred settlers left the United States for Western Canada yesterday afternoon. This was the last of the home-seekers' excursions of the season. About 5,000 have left during the two months past.

CHAMPION TENNIS PLAYER.

London, April 29.—A. F. Wilding, of New Zealand, who with N. E. Brooks of Australia, won the Davis cup at Wimbleton last year, has decided to go to America to compete in the lawn tennis championship contest. If Mr. Brooks can do so, he will probably accompany Mr. Wilding.

Dr. Munro, federal immigration inspector, was today made defendant on behalf of the government in test cases of seventy writs of Hindus who were detained on order in council, which was declared valid by Judge Morrison.

MUKDEN INCIDENT CLOSED.

PEKIN, April 29.—The Mukden incident arising out of an assault committed recently by a Japanese postman and other Japanese upon the native servants of the United States consul general Williard, is regarded as being satisfactorily closed.

M. Kato, the Japanese consul general at Mukden has written a letter of apology to Mr. Straight.

The postman has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment and his two accomplices have also been punished.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

Hongkong, May 1.—It was learned here that Admiral Evans has accepted an invitation for the fleet to visit Hongkong on its way round the world.

ANOTHER LINK IN MAKING OF THE WEST.

Direct Line of Railway from Winnipeg to Duluth—First Train Ran Yesterday.

FORT FRANCIS, Ont., April 29.—The first train to enter this town over the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg railway pulled into the Canadian Northern Station last evening. On board was a party of thirty prominent citizens of Duluth, Minnesota and St. Paul.

The coming of this train into Fort Francis was made possible by the completion of the bridge over the Rainy River between Rainier on the American side, and Pither's Point. It forms a link which unites the Canadian west with the south and east over the new r 'e. This road opens up a direct line of railway from Winnipeg to Duluth.

ENGLISH CHURCH BOOK OF PRAISE.

After Three Years' Work Looks as if New Hymn Book Would not be Acceptable.

TORONTO, April 29.—After a committee of 21 representing all shades of high and low church in Anglican communication had labored for three years in the production of a book of common praise, there are signs that in certain sections of the church at least the book is not acceptable. The objection comes from the anti-ritualistic party, who claim that the wording of some of the hymns is Romanish.

"They started out," says Hon. S. H. Blake, "to make a book of common praise to be used as a companion to the book of common prayer, but they have made a book of uncommon praise which teaches a different doctrine from that of the prayer book. There are tens of thousands of our people who will never use it, and I don't think the bishops will authorize it. The book in question has been printed in England and will be presented to the Synod in September when the question of adoption will be discussed. An Anti-Ritualistic League has been formed with headquarters here for the purpose of attacking what is alleged to be Romanish doctrines.

NANAIMO MEMBER'S QUESTION ANSWERED.

OTTAWA, April 28.—In the House of Commons yesterday Ralph Smith was informed that on March 28, the late Charles Drinkwater, on behalf of the C.P.R., applied to the government for permission to import from the Philippines two hundred Japanese immigrants for work in the C.P.R. irrigation district in Alberta. The Japanese government had declined to issue the necessary passports without the consent of the Canadian authorities.

Replying two days later the Minister of the Interior said if the intending Japanese immigrants were under contract for labor the government could not consent, but that there was room in Canada for a limited number of Japanese domestic servants and farm laborers. No other application of this sort had been received.

PROMISED CONSIDERATION.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 29.—A deputation from Frederickton, N.B., was yesterday promised consideration of a request for the Dominion government's annual grant of $50,000 towards holding a Dominion Exhibition in that city next year. A similar request has been received from Saskatchewan to which consideration has also been promised.

FIRE AT JAMESTOWN.

Norfolk, Va., April 29.— Fire of unknown origin on the Jamestown exposition grounds late last night destroyed the several colonial buildings, the arts and crafts village, "Ye Old Time Tavern," and the Philippine reservation, and was checked within fifty feet of the large states exhibit palace. The financial loss is not great as the buildings were of inexpensive construction.

DID GOVERNMENT PROTECT THE PUBLIC?

OTTAWA, April 29.— Claud MacDonald, M.P. for Toronto, has given notice of a series of questions in order to obtain the true status of the Yukon Gold Company, several thousand shares of which were placed upon the market a month ago after some spectacular advertising by Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston.

MacDonald is anxious to know if the statements made by the company's prospectus were correct as to their holdings in the Yukon territory, and if any were incorrect or misleading what steps the government took to warn or protect the investing public.

From a return brought down yesterday it appears that the Southern Alberta Land Co., of which J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, is managing director, has expended to March 1st some $52,000 in its undertakings. Assignment of franchise to the Southern Alberta Land Co., was approved by an Order-in-Council. The expenditure sums up as follows: Surveys, $15,400; drilling and equipment, $25,000; management expenses, $12-000.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

Booth Bay, Me., May 1.—The two-masted schooner from Parrsboro, N. S., Capt. W. W. Lamb, was wrecked on Eantam ledges at the entrance to this harbor early today, and probably will be a total loss.

C. P. R. PARTY ARRIVE IN CITY TODAY.

Nanaimo, April 29.

R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the Canadian Pacific railway, accompanied by H. E. Beasley, his assistant, H. J. Cambie, C.P.R. engineer, and R. M. Palmer, secretary of the provincial bureau on information and immigration, arrived in the city today on a tour of inspection of the E. & N. line. At Ladysmith, the party inspected the proposed land clearing area near there.

From the fact that R. M. Palmer is accompanying the party, it is thought that Mr. Marpole's visit, being the last he will make before his departure for England, has some significance with the early clearing of some large areas which would most readily be taken up for farming and fruit growing.

When seen at Victoria before leaving Monday night Mr. Marpole said that up to date there have been no tenders accepted for clearing at Qualicham, for which work several bids have been tendered, all of which were considered too high.

A contract for clearing 125 acres at Ladysmith had, however, been let to G. S. Lawrence, of Ladysmith, who, under the terms of the contract, is to commence work at once and to finish the undertaking within a few months.

It is likely however that the clearing at Qualicham will be commenced within a very short time. In the Vancouver Island lands the C. P. R. recognize that they have rich holdings. While it will take considerable expense to clear these lands, they will have a ready sale for them. The land is particularly well adapted for those of the prairie provinces who do not wish to cultivate too large an area, but who, having considerable means, are ready to buy property on the Island for the reason that they like the ideal climate and environs, and can yet make a comfortable competency out of the small tracts they would have to keep under cultivation, as compared with prairie lands. It is to fruit growing, however, that no doubt many of the settlers who come to the Island in the next few years will turn their attention mostly. The best experts have stated that Vancouver Island land is capable of growing as good fruit as any portion of British Columbia, which means as any part of the world.

No doubt Mr. Palmer will gain much information on his present trip that will later be used to the advantage of this portion of the Island.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA ISSUE ANNUAL REPORT

Comprehensive Review of Financial Situation Included in Neatly Gotten Up Booklet.

In issuing their thirty-eighth annual report the Royal Bank of Canada has almost succeeded in "painting the lily." No institution has ever placed before the public such an extravagantly gotten up booklet, descriptive of their own progress during the past decade, together with such a striking tribute to the financial development of the great Dominion of Canada as the pamphlet just received by the Free Press.

Not o are the principal branches of the bank, from Nova Scotia to Victoria pictured, but also statistics dealing with such diversified topics as the population, area, public debt, imports, coal, minerals, railways, immigration, yield of crop in the different provinces, customs, m als; in fact an encyclopaedia of every import and export throughout the Dominion.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

London, April 29.—The engagement of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the United States ambassador, to the Hon. John H. Ward, brother of the Earl of Dudley, was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Reid. The announcement does not come as a surprise to London society. where the attachment of the young people has been known for some time past to a large number of their friends. Mr. Ward is a favorite with King Edward, to whom he is an equerry in waiting. He is popular at the court and in the exclusive social set, and is well known as a racing man and sportsman.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Woodstock, Ont. April 28.— John Duke, proprietor of a barber shop, was arrested here yesterday charged with arson and attempt to defraud. It is charged that he set fire to the block in which his shop was located on Sunday morning in an endeavor to secure $500 insurance money on his shop furnishings. The fire caused about $2,000 damages to various establishments in the block.

GUILTY OF USARY.

Winnipeg, April 29.—Sarah A. Cleming, who is conducting the money lending business of D. H. Tolman & Co., here, was found guilty of usary yesterday by Judge McIrr, she was remanded for sentence as counsel for the defence intimated that the case would be appealed.

SQUIRES WON A MATCH.

Dublin, April 30.—In a glove contest held here this afternoon Bill Squires of Australia, knocked out Jem Roche, the former champion in the fourth round. The purse was $1,750 and there was a side bet of $1,000.

INTERMARRIAGE TO SOLVE RACE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, April 30.—The "Social Equality and Intermarriage" banquet given last night by the Cosmopolitan Society of Greater New York, is the talk of the town today. The white girls that attended are making no effort to conceal that fact but while advocating social equality and intermarriage of whites and negroes, they decline to say whether or not they would permit a negro to court them outright.

The banquet was given at Peck's French restaurant and was attended by twenty white girls and women, all but three being seated beside negro men. Mary Overton, a prominent settlement worker, and whose father is proprietor of the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, was the only white girl to occupy a seat by the speaker's table. Negro men, proud of their prominence, sat around her. Two white girls, claiming to be from Mississippi, the Misses Doolittle, sat on either side of J. H. Thompson, former adjutant of the Eighth Illinois (negro) regiment. He regaled his companions with stories of the campaign in Cuba. The girls chatted happily and laughed and made much of their entertainer.

Mrs. J. W. Gates and her 16-year-old daughter Bessie, who were introduced as prominent social leaders, occupied seats at one of the tables. Opposite the younger woman sat Edward Walker, president of an organization that preaches polygamy. Whenever the speakers mentioned socialism, social equality or intermarriage, they were frantically applauded, but groans greeted the names of Roosevelt, Taft and Bryan.

Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent, was the principal speaker. He said in part:

"Intermarriage, if continued long enough, will solve the race problem. I don't believe the white man would be so anxious to marry a negro woman as would be a negro man to wed the white girl, and vice versa, but this would continue, the negro man marrying the white girl until they would gradually grow bleached or until the race would run out."

Referring to the present conditions in the south, Holt said:

"Conditions are going to get even worse in the south before they get better. When the negro people get better educated the whites in the south will have to recognize them as their social equals."

SAFE BJOWER ON TRIAL AT CALGARY.

CALGARY, Alta., April 30.— The trial of Mason, one of the men accused of blowing open the safe at the Albert Laundry on the night of April 5th, was continued yesterday, and evidence was brought out that the suit case was found by the police in the C.P.R. check room, and owned by Curtis and the other man accused. $1.15 in silver was found hidden in the ice house and near by was a parcel containing nitro glycerine, fuses and caps. A witness swore that he had seen both prisoners at several fall fairs last year, and also in town a month previous as well as the day before the robbery. In the suit case were six watches, a lady's fur coat, skeleton keys, fuses and caps, and coat and vest matching pants worn by one of the prisoners, and pants matching coat and vest worn by him. The case was remanded till tomorrow.

PILGRIMAGE TO POPE'S JUBILEE.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Amid the cheers from a large crowd and much embracing and other tokens of farewell, the Cunard steamship Slavonia having on board a large number of Catholic pilgrims bound from Rome, sailed at noon today. The delegation numbers several hundred, including many prominent priests, laymen and women of the faith, and is headed by Bishop McConnell of Brooklyn, who officiates as the spiritual director of the pilgrimage. During the voyage mass will be celebrated daily in a cabin specially set aside for the purpose.

The first stop will be at Gibraltar From there the pilgrims will proceed to Naples. They will visit Pompeii, Capri and Monte Casino before going to Rome. The party will be present at the jubilee celebration of the Pope and then it will disband. Some women will visit the Holy Land, while others will go to Northern Rurope.

REEVE FARRES DEAD.

Port Colbourne, Ont., April 30. — Reeve Farres, of Humberstone township, died suddenly in his barn last night of heart disease.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 30.—The meeting of the Provincial Cabinet yesterday, His Grace Archbishop Matheson, of Ruperts Land, was appointed Chancellor of the University of Manitoba.

TRUSTEES FINED.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., April 30. - The School Trustees of Pincher City were fined $25 and costs for a prairie fire caused by a pupil emptying ashes containing live coals.

FIRST ARRIVAL.

Montreal, April 30— The Corsican of the Allan line, just arrived from Liverpool. She is the first arrival of the season.

TORONTONIAN DROWNED.

Toronto, April 30.—C. J. Harris, of Toronto, fears that his brother, Albert Harris, 20 years old, is among the drowned on the Gladiator, which was sunk in collision with the American liner St. Paul.

A BY-LAW.

A By-Law of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith.

A By-law for the purpose of borrowing money to construct an electric plant to supply electric light and power to the said City of Ladysmith and the inhabitants thereof and vicinity.

Whereas a petition under Section 69 of the Municipal Clauses Act has been presented to the Municipal Council of the City of Ladysmith, signed by the owners of more than one-tenth of the value of the Real property in the City of Ladysmith, as shown by the last revised assessment Roll, requesting the said Council to raise a sum of money sufficient for the aforesaid purposes

And whereas the Council desire to give effect to the said petition in the manner hereinafter set forth

And whereas the whole ratable land of the said City of Ladysmith according to the last revised assessment roll is $218,320.00

And whereas the whole ratable improvements of the said City of Ladysmith according to the last assessment roll is $238,975.00

And whereas the total amount required to be raised annually by rate for paying the debt which will be created herein and the interest thereon and for creating an annual sinking fund for the repayment of the said debt within twenty five years according to Law is $1,865.30.

And whereas it will require an annual rate of 5.55 mills on the dollar for paying this debt and interest

And whereas this By-law may not be repealed except with the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith, enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith to borrow on the credit of the said Corporation by way of debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $25,000 currency or sterling money at the rate of 4.86 and 2-3rds dollars to the one pound sterling, and to cause all such sums so raised or received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purpose and with the object hereinbefore recited.

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required not exceeding, however, the sum of $25,000.00 either in currency or sterling money (at the aforesaid rate) each of said debentures being of the amount of $100.00 or its sterling equivalent (at the aforesaid rate) and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof.

3. The said debentures shall bear date of the day after the final passing of this By-law and shall be made payable in twenty-five years from the said date, at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be designated thereon, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest, and the signatures to the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed or lithographed.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half yearly at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be expressed in the debenture and coupon.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause the said debentures and interest coupons, either or both, to be made payable at such places, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be desired.

6. It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said Corporation. to dispose of the said debentures at a rate below par and to authorize the Treasurer to pay out of the said sums so raised by the sale of the said debentures, all expenses connected with the preparation and lithographing of the said debentures and coupons, or any discount of commission or other charges incidental to the sale of the said debentures.

7. For the purpose of raising annually the required sum for the payment of the interest on the said debentures during their currency, there shall be raised annually the sum of $1250.00 and for the purpose of creating the sinking fund aforesaid for the repayment of the said debt there shall be raised annually the sum of $615.30.

8. For the purpose of the payment of the said sums in the next preceding paragraph mentioned there shall be raised and levied in each year a rate of 5.55 mills in the dollar on all the ratable land in the City of Ladysmith and on fifty per cent. of the improvements in the said City of Ladysmith during the continuance of the said debentures or any of them.

9. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith aforesaid, to redeem any or all of the said debentures at par at any time after the expiration of five years from the date thereof upon giving six months' notice of their intention so to do, such notice shall be sufficiently given by a publication thereof in the British Columbia Gazette four times and although the holders of the debentures mentioned in such notice be not specifically named, after the expiration of the said period of six months all interest on the said debentures the numbers of which have been published as aforesaid shall cease.

10. This By-Law, before the final passing thereof, shall receive the assent of the Electors of the said Corporation in the manner provided for in the Municipal Clauses Act, and shall take effect on the day after the final passing thereof.

11. This By-Law may be cited as "The Ladysmith Electric Light and Power By-Law, 1908."

Passed by the Municipal Council on the 21st day of April, 1908.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the City Hall Ladysmith, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1908, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m.

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DEADLY POISON OF SNAKE TAKEN FOR SERUM.

NEW YORK, April 27. —Scientists are today discussing the important operation performed in the Bronx zoo, where Curator Raymond L. Ditmars, challenging death in the performance, took from the fangs of a snake seventeen and three-fourths grains of deadly fluid which is believed invaluable in the treatment of insanity, epilepsy and kindred diseases—the amount obtained being sufficient for more than 17,000,000 doses.

It is agreed by the scientists who witnessed the operations that the slightest slip of the curator's hand would have caused his death. Alienists say it has been shown that the poison when properly diluted is instantly effective in the treatment of mental diseases, but they have been unable to get enough of it.

The last was secured in 1838. The scarcity of this virus is due to the fact that the natives of Brazil where the "lance head" reptile lives, dare not capture them.

The snake operated upon yesterday is one of the few ever caught. After attendants got the four feet six inch snake out of a glass cage, the curator seized it be the neck and squeezed out seventeen and three-fourths grains of the deadly poison into a jar. The poison was mixed with 99 per cent. sugar and milk until it reached the consistency of a fine powder. From this serum, which measures less than a third of an ordinary teaspoonful, the world's supply will be drawn.

WINSTON CHURCHILL IS AFTER A SEAT.

DUNDEE, May 1.—Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, whose recent failure to be elected to parliament from the north west division of Manchester has forced him to seek a "safe" seat, arrived here to contest the vacancy caused by the elevation to the peerage of Edmund Robertson. Churchill has a well organized opposition to fight, but it will require an enormous turnover of votes to defeat him. The Unionist candidate, Sir George Baxter, has a powerful local influence and the labor candidate, G. H. Stuart, while a novelty in this country, is strong. Scrymgeour, of the United Irish League, is urging the voters to give their complete support towards Churchill on the grounds that Premier Asquith has adopted Mr. Churchill's pledges at Manchester regarding home rule for Ireland, as representing the policy of the government.

MOUNTED POLICE ON THETRAIL

LETHBRIDGE, May 1.—Corporal Mason of the mounted police, had an exciting time yesterday at Taber. A bad man named Moshier drew a gun on an old man named Fender. He was arrested by Mason and gave bail to appear in court in the afternoon, but stole a horse from Pierson's livery stable and skipped, and headed for the boundary with the constable in hot pursuit. It is not known whether Moshier was caught or not.

SIFTON AGAIN.

CALGARY, Alta., May 1. —Senator Jas. H. Ross, who is in Calgary, says the Hon. Clifford Sifton will re-enter the Dominion cabinet in the near future.

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LOCAL NEWS

There was a big crowd at the depot on Wednesday evening and their nationality didn't need two guesses. The occasion of the gathering was the departure for Scotland of Mr. and Mrs. R. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Penman and Messrs. J. Ford and A. Allan. Mr. Jas. Forsyth is also going some little way with the party and Mr. D. Paterson accompanied them to Vancouver. It was a great send-off the travellers had and their last memory of Ladysmith will always be a pleasing one. However it is a safe bet that a year will see them all back again.

After a week's strenuous work Mr. Eli Rowland's shoe repairing parlors lies stranded on a rising shoal with in sight and hail of port. From the livery stables to Cavin's shoe store the street is littered with the broken spars and splinters of runners of the derelict building. Eli himself was forced to abandon the ship, and it is reported that Mayor Nicholson has been entrusted with salvage operations. Meantime the building is left standing sheer across the street and the curious are calculating exactly what would happen if in the night a flying motor car should dash into it amidships.

Chief Calander is in Vancouver today, his place being taken by Officer O'Connell.

Those who took the trip on the Joan to Vancouver this morning, were bound they would not miss the boat, for the streets were alive at half past seven with the enthusiastic football boys' backers. It proved none too pleasant for those who awaited for the boat to arrive from Nanaimo as the rain descended steadily the while—which was fully an hour and a half.

A grand reception for the football boys will be held on Tuesday night at the Opera House. Win or lose there will be a royal time.

After a long and adventurous trip which will go down as one of the chief events in the city's history, the now famous shoe-repairing parlors of Eli Rowland were moved safely alongside the walls of the Carlisle block.

Misses Rose Lewis and Janet Simpson, were among those who went over decked in the good old red and white, to cheer for the local boys.

Fifty-four passengers were abroad the Joan from Nanaimo this morning, the majority going over to witness the great championship game today at Vancouver.

The total coal shipments for the week ending May 2 amount to 1,089 tons.

Jack Russell returned this morning from a business trip to the mainland.

The big game does not commence until 6 o'clock to-day. An intermediate match precedes it, hence the late hour of commencement. As the game progresses, news will be received at Blair & Adam's store.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mooney, who died yesterday was laid to rest today at the local cemetery. Hilbert had charge of funeral arrangements.

The Joan pulled out from the Provincial Government wharf this morning at 9:30 with 180 Ladysmith people aboard, all bound to Vancouver to take in the great football game there today.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Editor Standard.

Sir,—If you will permit an old man to say a word or two in your paper, you can accept his thanks to begin with. I have been in your city a little while, but I don't travel around much at night. You have no lights on your streets, and I see too many dangerous places in the day time to venture out at night. Now, I am not going to write you a long letter, for I am inexperienced and may make blunders, but I see you are going to vote for or against lights an May 6th, and as one who has been across the continent, I thought my experience might not be amiss to some who may be undecided as to how to cast their votes. In travelling around I usually, when I stay long enough in one place, learn how an incorporated place is run, etc., and I have invariably found that where a city or town anywhere from Nova Scotia to the Pacific coast borrows money in reasonable amounts to put streets etc., in proper condition, they are the most prosperous and the people are much better satisfied. The time was when all utilities, such as water works, lighting plants, etc., were owned by private corporations or individuals, but that is fast going out of fashion as the people realize that they can make more out of their own systems than by depending on a company or individual (there are exceptional cases, of course). But it seems to me if you have to pay $3,000 a year for street lighting it would be better spent in paying for a plant, as that alone would soon pay for a good plant.

I also hear that the Canadian Bank of Commerce is going to build a bank this year, and also the Bank of Vancouver intends starting business very soon, and there is no getting around the fact that these people don't sink their money in a place that has no future before it, and with the population you have, I fully expect to hear when I leave here that Ladysmith has had the good judgement to carry the Electric Light By-Law by a big majority.

A. SOJOURNER.

ACTIVE ERUPTION.

Messina, April 30— Mount Aetna is now in active eruption and at night the contrast between the flames from its zone and the snow-capped mountains is most picturesque.

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MAY SECURE TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

REGINA, May 1.—The telephone bills were considered in committee in the legislature yesterday. In reply to a question by Dr. Elliott as to whether the government were negotiating for the purchase of any system at the present time, the Hon. Mr. Calder asked that such questions should be left until the general discussion of the bills, at the same time adding that the government had received two communications from two of the largest telephone companies, the Bell and the Saskatchewan company, operating at Moose jaw, to the effct that they were prepared to sell out their telephone plants. He did not believe there would be any difficulty in making the purchase or other agreements satisfactory to all concerned.

MAN CARRIES 21 REVOLVERS.

Walking Arsenal Arrested in San Francisco—Refuses to Say Anything Except that he is From Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 — San Francisco detectives are not opposed to arsenals in the right places, but when it comes to those of the walking variety they protest most strenuously. John Williams, who will admit just one thing—that he came from Seattle on Friday — has learned at least this much to his sorrow since he has been here. Armed with twenty one revolvers of all sizes and makes, he was arrested, and today occupies a cell at police headquarters.

Just what he intended to do with the weapons is not known. One of the detectives suggested that Williams might have been preparing to give the Atlantic fleet a national salute, using a different revolver for each salute, making twenty one, but the prisoner has nothing to say on the question. Williams will be held until the police learn more about him.

ENGLISH LIBERALS' LOVE FEAST.

LONDON, April 30—The Liberals held a party love feast at the Reform Club this morning to welcome their new chief, Premier Asquith, and give him an opportunity of publishing a declaration of his policy. Resolutions of loyalty to the new premier were adopted by acclamation, after which the premier proceeded to outline his programme. He nailed to the mast the flags of free trade and education, licensing and old age pensions, but he fought shy of home rule. This is considered as confirmation of the rumors following the defeat of Winston Churchill in the northwest division of Manchester that the premier had notified him of his disapproval of Mr. Churchill's pledges to the Nationalists regarding home rule.

BUSY WEEK AT THE WATER FRONT.

The week ending today has been the busiest in many a season at the coaling wharves. There has been no let up for the wharf hands as no fewer than thirty vessels of various sizes have taken on fuel during the week. The boats taking on fuel were, the Steamers Otter, Czar, Amur, Flyer and scow, ship Alex. Gibson, Tug Lorne, Celtic, Delhi, Tyee, Daisy and scow, Spray and scow, Marion, Albatross, Ranger, Venture, Burrard, J. E. Boyden, Queen, Clayburn, Pioneer, Prosper, Trader, Robert Dunsmuir, Selkirk, Henrietta, Canadian and Thordis.

The steamer Georgia also took on fuel and cargo after unloading ore, and the freighter Ophir arrived this morning from Ladner, and is discharging hay and feed.

"Keno" Callander went down the line on a fishing trip this morning.

A. E. Hilbert was in town this morning.

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A DJUBLE TRAIN SERVICE ON JUNE 1ST.

R. Marpole States that New Order Will go into Effect About June 1st.

VICTORIA, May 1.—R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C.P.R., returned from Nanaimo yesterday morning well pleased with the trip and said in the afternoon that upon the report of R. M. Palmer, who accompanied him as an expert, and the report of H. J. Cambie, assistant to Mr. Marpole, being presented, the improvements and clearing work therein suggested would be carried out at once. This work will embrace large areas at Ladysmith, Qualicham and Duncans, which, it is understood will be reported as suitable for settlement by Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Marpole announced that the double daily service between here and Nanaimo will be put into operation about June 1.

The proposed line from Cowichan to Duncans will be proceeded with in all probability at an early date, or as soon as labor conditions permit.

Mr. Marpole expressed himself as extremely pleased with his trip and said that as far as he could learn there was very few idle, and that everything looked in good shape and prosperous. He will leave for Vancouver tonight en route for Montreal and England, and will be absent for three months, meanwhile the recommendations of Mr. Cambie and Mr. Palmer will be put into effect at once.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON'S DREAM.

DETROIT, Mich., May 1.— In his address to the Wholesalers' Association after luncheon here yesterday, Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, said:

"The problem of the future is the government of America by Americans. In the working out of this problem I believe we must obliterate the imaginary line between the United States of America and the Canadian States of America. I can see no reason for the division and I believe the flag bearing the stars and stripes must finally float from the Bering sea to the gulf of Mexico.

The intellectual energy of the country must be directed to the commercial union of the countries, if to no other. I spoke in Sarnia, Ont., on the same topic some time ago, and my words were greeted with even greater enthusiasm than you are now showing. If the products of business men of Detroit went free and unhampered into Canada perhaps the flag would follow."

TWO MINERS' HORRIBLE DEATH

Working in 300-Foot Level When Cave-in Occurs— Buried Under tons of Ore and Rock.

PHOENIX, B.C., April 30.— Two miners met a terrible death last Sunday afternoon, the result of a cave-in at the Granby Co.'s mines. The victims, Chris Martin, aged 45, and Kingsley Smith, a young Englishman, were working on the 300-foot level when a cave-in occurred. Tons and tons of ore and rock came down upon them without any warning. Martin leaves a widow of only 16 years of age. Smith was unmarried.

NEGRO GIRL GOES BACK TO HER RACE.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Christian League Woodyear, the negro girl adopted by Mrs. Elizabeth Grannis, president of the National Christian League for Purity, after fourteen years of white child treatment, goes back to her own race. Mrs. Grannis has arranged with Booker T. Washington for Christian's admittance on July 1 to the celebrated negro institution at Tuskegee, Alabama.

There is some difference of opinion as to whether Christian will take to the proposed change in her surroundings for she has been reared by Mrs. Grannis as a white child. Enemies of Mrs. Grannis say she has made Christian's lot far harder than had she raised the child as a negro with the proper respect for her own race.

Mrs. Grannis' negro ward became nationally famous when her adopted parent was arraigned before the heads of her church upon the following charge:

"That the said Elizabeth Grannis has treated the official board of the First Church of the Disciples of Christ with contempt, in that she refused to heed the request of the officers of the church that she either leave her young child protege at home, or else sit in the back part of the church; said request having been made by the officers after a formal resolution to this effect had been adopted by the official board, prompted by complaints made by members of the church sitting in the vicinity of the pew of the said Elizabeth Grannis to the effect that the unrestrained antics of the child were an annoyance that prevented them from properly enjoying worship in the church."

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PERSONALS

Mr. Ed. Whyte was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. J. G. Brown spent a few hours in town on Wednesday.

Mr. R. Gibson was in town on Thursday.

MONTREAL BRICK LAYERS' STRIKE.

MONTREAL, May 1.—Six hundred bricklayers struck work this morning as a result of the decision of the builders to adopt a sliding scale which amounts to a declaration of an "open shop."

Some time ago the union was notified that on May 1 "open shop was to be declared and that the rate of wages would range from 35 to 50 cents an hour. For some years the men have been paid 50 cents an hour, and expected the same rates this year.

BIG RAILWAY IS RETRENCHING

BOONE, Ia., May 1.—The Chicago and Northwestern railway has issued an order which practically closes the machine shops at Boone for an indefinite time. It is understood there that this is part of a general order shutting down shops all over the system with the exception of those at Clinton and Chicago.

VESSEL AGROUND.

New York, May 1.—The vessel which is aground at Zeachs Inlet, ten miles west of Fire Island, was identified today as the four-masted German schooner Derk Rikmers. The ship has all sails set.

SASKATOON IS A LIVE TOWN.

SASKATOON, May 1.—The Saskatoon citizens most emphatically decided today in favor of the forward movement inaugurated by the city council, carrying all the money by laws by a large majority. The by-laws carried provide for a municipal hotel, fire hall, and equipment, and a traffic roadway on the new C.P.R. bridge, involving an expenditure of over $200,000.

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NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company will on Monday, the fourth of May, sell at Ladysmith, the whole, or in parts, a carload of hay now at Ladysmith, shipped from Okotoks, Alta., by R. O. Children, consigned to Order advise Ladysmith Lumber Company. The carload of hay is said to contain twenty nine thousand two hundred pounds and is being sold for unpaid charges

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners of the City of Ladysmith at their next regular meeting for a transfer of the Retail Liquor Licence now held by us for the premises known as the New Western Bar, Ladysmith, B. C., from ourselves to John Pausche and John Dunbar.

JOHN PAUSCHE.
JOSEPH TENSZ.
Ladysmith, B.C., March 31, 1908.

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