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Dominion Parliament Commences Business

ORDER PAPER IS BIG ONE

MANY QUESTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION ALREADY—MR. FOSTER WILL MOVE RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF CANADA UNDERTAKING PROTECTION OF COAST

(Western Associated Press.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 21 — Mild, almost spring-like weather conditions attended the formal opening of parliament at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The crowd of spectators in the hall was consequently even greater than in previous years, while there was a great crush in the galleries of both houses. The senate presented a particularly striking appearance, the number of ladies on the floor being larger than usual, while the display of gay uniforms around the throne was as brilliant as ever witnessed at an opening. His excellency the governor general was accompanied from Rideau Hall by an escort provided by the Princess Louise Dragoon guards while the Governor General's Foot guards provided a guard of honor, awaiting his arrival at the parliament buildings. As his excellency entered parliament the battery on Nepean Point boomed forth the usual salutes. The gentleman usher of blackrod, having summoned the members of the house of commons to the senate chamber, his excellency read to them, both in French and English, the speech from the throne.

The most interesting incident in connection with the sitting which marked the formal opening occurred when the commoners returned from the senate, where they had listened to the reading of the speech from the throne by his excellency, and Hon. G. E. Foster asked the premier when the minister of inland revenue, Hon. William Templeman, would be able to take his seat in the house. The premier said he was sorry he could not satisfy the curiosity of Mr. Foster on this point, the matter being a delicate one. Mr. Templeman had sustained a misfortune to which Mr. Foster himself, was not a stranger. Sir Wilfrid hoped, however, to be able to make an announcement at an early date.

Mr. Foster—We all have had our misfortunes.

The premier said that owing to a number of questions which had arisen, it would be more convenient to let the debate on the address go over to Monday and he would suggest an adjournment till that date.

Mr. Foster—Why the delay?

Sir Wilfrid—Well, then, let it be tomorrow.

A number of blue books were tabled, including two volumes of the auditor general's report and the public accounts

A select committee to strike standing committees was named as follows: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, R. L. Borden, Hon. William Paterson, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. J. G. Haggart and W. S. Calvert and George Taylor, chief whips.

The house adjourned at 4 o'clock.

The first order paper of the house will contain no fewer than 96 notices of motion and questions, with Hon. G. E. Foster again in the lead as the chief interrogator of the government. He has 33 notices on the list, covering a wide range of political issues, including the Cassels' commission, management of the Intercolonial, the Civil Service act, etc. His most important resolution for the consideration of the house is one calling for action by Canada to assume her proper share of the responsibilities and financial burden incident to a suitable protection of her exposed coast line and great seaports. Another resolution asks the commons to declare that the time has arrived a practical system of co-operation between the governments of Canaa and Great Britain for the settlement in Canada of suitable British immigrants."

Dr. F. L. Shanner of Souris, Man., gives notice of a resolution in favor of government ownership of grain elevators from Fort William to the Atlantic seaboard.

The speech from the throne was as follows:

Honorable gentlemen of the house of commons and of the senate, in welcoming you to the performance of your duties, at the first session of the new parliament, I desire to acknowledge with devout thankfulness the abundant harvest with which divine providence has blessed us.

Honored by the gracious presence of his royal highness the prince of Wales as representing his majesty the king, the Quebec tercentenary marked an epoch in the history of the dominion.

The general support given to this celebration by the federal parliament and provincial legislatures and by the people not only of Canada, but also of the other dominions and of the United Kingdom emphasized the community of sympathy which binds the various parts of the British empire to each other and to the throne of his majesty the king. The presence of representatives from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland and from the great and friendly republics France and the United States, with the ships of war of the three nations, served not only to add lustre to the occasion but to provide an assurance of increasing amity and peace.

I have much pleasure in announcing that a treaty relating to the great lakes and other international waterways has been agreed upon between his majesty and the government of the United States of America and is now awaiting ratification. Both countries are to be congratulated on having arrived at an amicable settlement which I trust will remove during the life time of the treaty many questions in the field of controversy. The treaty and papers relating thereto will be laid before you in due time.

A little more than a year ago the whole civilized world entered into a period of commercial, industrial and financial depression, which may not yet have completely spent its force. Signs there are, however, that it is gradually passing away. While it is hardly disputable that owing to the abundance and elasticity of her resources, Canada has sufered less than other countries, this depression has seriously affected our trade, producing an appreciable shrinkage in the public revenue and calling for exceptional caution in the administration of the national affairs.

The rapid settlement of the new provinces calls for new lines of transportation. The construction of the transcontinental railway has been vigorously pressed forward during the last year. The line was open for the carrying of the crops from Winnipeg to the Battle river, a distance of 675 miles.

Exploratory surveys for a railway from the western wheatfields to the Hudson's bay are being pushed forward Parties have been at work since August last. Upon their report it will be possible to reach a decision as to both the route to be followed and the approximate cost.

The provision of the Dominion Land act of last session for the sale of pre-emptions and the purchase of homesteads has created a source of revenue that will be sufficient to bear the cost of the railway to Hudson's bay without burdening the ordinary revenue. From Sept. 1, when the act came into force, until Jan. 1, sales of pre-emptions and the purchase of homesteads have amounted to over 2,000,000 acres, all subject to homestead settlement conditions.

The total volume of immigration has not reached the high figure of previous years but the number of those seeking homes on our unoccupied land have been fully maintained during the last season.

The government of the United Kingdom having expressed its willingness to include a representative of Canada among its delegates to the conference held in Shanghai to investigate the opium trade, W. L. Mackenzie King was despatched to Shanghai to attend that gathering.

The appalling calamity which has befallen Sicily and southern Italy and caused a total destruction of life and property absolutely unprecedented and unequalled in the long series of historic disasters, has induced my government to offer assistance for the immediate relief of the hundreds of thousands of sufferers who were helpless against famine and all consequent horrors.

The commissioner appointed to investigate the conduct of the officers in the department of marine and fisheries has concluded his labor, but has not reported. His report, however, is expected at an early date and when received will be placed in your hands.

A measure will be submitted to you, based upon similar legislation enacted in 1906 by the parliament of the United Kingdom aiming at the repression of the payment of secret commissions and gratuities on both public and private business.

You will be asked to consider measures relative to insurance, the civil service, immigration, naturalization and other subjects.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons—The accounts of the last year will be laid before you. The estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with a due regard for economy consistent with the requirements of the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the house of commons—I pray divine providence that it may guide your deliberations and that they may tend to a further increase in the prosperity of our country and the well being of our people.

ROCKEFELLER AND TAFT

Oil King and President-elect Greet Each Other.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 20 — Although William H. Taft and John D. Rockefeller have been guests at the Bonair hotel since Monday, it was 8:40 tonight at the banquet when they first met.

"How are you, Mr. Rockefeller?" was the jovial salutation of Mr. Taft.

"I got around the golf links in 88 today."

"I wanted to hear you speak this afternoon," was the reply of Mr. Rockefeller, who added with a touch of regret in his voice, "but I could not get near enough."

This ended the interview, as the other guests pressed forward for an introduction to Mr. Taft.

Brutal Murder.

MIDDLETOWN, Jan. 21.—A brutal murder, which is believed to have as its object the kidnapping of the young bride or one of the two victims, was committed just outside of this city last night. The victims were Fineso Gaelano, who was instantly killed, and Scanlon Carminco, his friend, who is dying in a local hospital from wounds inflicted by shots from a revolver. The bodies of both men were found stretched across the railroad tracks near the scene of the tragedy where they had ben placed with the evident intention of hiding the cause of their death.

IN ANNUAL SESSION

Nelson Board of Trade Hears Reports for the Past Year, Elects Officers and Transacts Other Important Business—Publicity Work Discussed—Railway From Procter to Kootenay Landing Advocated

The annual meeting of the board of trade was held last night at which, in addition to the submission and adoption of reports and election of officers, a large amount of important business was transacted. Among these was the consideration of the report of the committee on freight rates on the conference recently held with W. R. Lanigan, assistant freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., and J. H. Burnham, superintendent of the Great Northern, as a result of which substantial reductions in freight rates are promised, effective Feb. 1. There was some discussion over this but the report was adopted as presented. Another important matter was the decision of the meeting to send a resolution to the associated boards of trade asking for the co-operation of that body in bringing pressure to bear to secure the early building by the C. P. R. of a line of railway between Procter and Kootenay Landing.

The course to be pursued by the board in regard to publicity came up but was left over until next meeting.

There was a representative attendance at the meeting, including Fred. A. Starkey, president, E. K. Beeston, secretary, and W. H. Jones, Louis Pratt, R. S. Lennie, T. G. Procter, John A. Irving, W. G. Gillett, E. F. Gigot, Joseph Patrick, R. E. Larmour, H. E. Douglas, J. M. Lay, W. W. Beer, W. F. Roberts, I. G. Nelson, Allen Lean, George P. Weils, A. H. Gracey, A. W. Dyer, C. F. McHardy, H. C. Goodeve, H. E. R. Bedford, J. M. Whittier, Mr. Miller, S. A. Kelly and several others.

The first business to come up was the reading of the annual address of the retiring president F. A. Starkey.

After this had been done R. S. Lennie moved its adoption and in doing so said he did not know when he had heard so complete a report, dealing as it did with all the industries and interests of the country. He hoped the report would be adopted and that it would be given the fullest publicity through publication in The Daily News and also by being printed and distributed to the members personally.

T. G. Procter, seconded Mr. Lennie's motion which was adopted.

The financial report of the board and the report of the publicity department were presented and adopted. In connection with the former, H. E. Douglas auditor, said that there were a large number of members in arrears, both for the past and the present year, and he would suggest that these men be notified that, if they did not pay up, their names would be stricken from the membership list. A motion to this effect was passed.

Nominations for officers for the coming year were then called for. I. G. Nelson nominated Fred A. Starkey as president for another year. The nomination was seconded by Louis Pratt, who said that Mr. Starkey had, as president, done much for the mining industry of this country, particularly in connection with the securing of an extension of the lead bounty and the sending of a mining exhibit to Spokane. Starkey had recently taken in hand another matter, the sending of a proper exhibit to the A. Y. P. exposition at Seattle this year. He thought the members could not do better than show their confidence in Mr. Starkey and their appreciation of his past services than by electing him for another year.

Nominations then closed and Mr. Starkey was declared elected president for another year.

Mr. Starkey, in accepting the position, said that he fully appreciated the honor that had been bestowed upon him. At the same time he had hoped that someone would have taken up the work this year for he had already served three terms. He considered it a great honor to preside over an organization composed of men of the stamp of the members of the Nelson board of trade. He would endeavor to do, as he had done in the past, his best for Nelson and the surrounding district.

For vice president T. G. Procter and E. F. Gigot were proposed, but the latter withdrew and Mr. Procter was elected by acclamation.

In his acceptance Mr. Procter said that he felt highly honored. Having recently had his official position taken away he would be able to devote more time to the affairs of the board and would do all he could to assist the president.

For secretary only one name was proposed, that of E. K. Beeston, who was elected unanimously. Mr. Beeston in acknowledging the honor said that the members had seen his work during the past eight or nine months and that he would try to do even better than he had during that time.

H. G. Goodeve was re-elected treasurer and in replying said that when the board wanted money all it had to do was to come to him.

The following were elected members of the executive: J. M. Lay, W. G. Gillett, R. S. Lennie, Joseph Patrick, S. A. Kelly, I. G. Nelson, Louis Pratt, W. W. Beer, C. F. McHardy, John A. Irving, R. E. Larmour and H. E. Douglas.

T. G. Procter and Louis Pratt were elected delegates to the convention of the associated boards of trade at Trail next week, with W. W. Beer and I. G. Nelson as alternatives. Mr. Starkey is ex-officio a delegate.

The following new members were elected: William Waldie, Mighton & Cavanaugh, Allan Purvis, H. E. R. Bedford of Proctor and J. M. Whittier.

Letters from G. A. Hunter on behalf of the Kootenay Launch club, and L. B. DeVeber, on behalf of the Nelson Boat club, regarding petitioning the Dominion government for waterfront for boating purposes were read and a committee consisting of W. W. Beer, L. B. DeVeber, T. G. Procter, Dr. Morrison and W. G. Gillett were appointed to deal with the matter.

A letter from W. B. Lanigan, assistant traffic manager of the C. P. R. read in which he said that when the new tariff, which would take effect Feb. 1, was issued it would contain some reduction in addition to those he had promised at the recent conference with the board. He also paid a warm tribute to the work of Mr. Beeston in preparing the data which the board had submitted to him in support of its requests. Mr. Lanigan spoke of the friendly manner in which the conference had been conducted and hoped that the same cordial relations would always prevail between the board and the company.

J. E. Walsh, manager of the traffic department of the Canadian Manufacturers' association, wrote on the same subject and also spoke in the highest terms of the painstaking work of Mr. Beeston in preparing statistics, which had left the C. P. R. no option but to grant the board's request.

A letter from R. E. Larmour was read in which he said there was a special rate on settlers' effects coming into the country, amounting to one-half first class rates on less than carload lots and one-half sixth class rates on carload lots.

These letters were filed.

H. E. R. Bedford asked the co-operation of the board in getting a special market day rate to Nelson for the people of Procter and district, corresponding to the week-end rate to Procter now enjoyed by the people of Nelson. The matter will be taken up.

J. M. Whittier, T. G. Procter and William Anstie were appointed a committee to look into the matter of getting together a proper exhibit of the country's resources for the Seattle fair.

Mr. Beeston reported that he had forwarded the balance of the Fernie relief subscriptions, amounting to $322.38, to the committee of Fernie clergymen for the relief of suffering during the winter.

Mr. Beeston also reported that he had been assured by Harry Wright, government agent, that the building now used as a sheriff's office would be turned over to the board to be used as an addition to the present building.

A. D. Cartwright, secretary of the railway commission, wrote that the board would sit in Nelson some time in February to hear a number of cases, outside of the freight rates question, concerning which a settlement with the C. P. R. had been reached.

On motiton of R. S. Lennie, seconded by E. F. Gigot, the delegates to the associated boards of trade convention at Trail were instructed to present a resolutiton in favor of the immediate construction by the C. P. R. of the line of railway between Proctor and Kootenay Landing.

E. F. Gigot brought up the matter of proper remuneration for Mr. Beeston in connection with his work on the freight rates question. He said that the meeting had listened all evening to letters and remarks paying tribute to the good work Mr. Beeston had done in regard to this matter and he thought that he should be given more than the $150 which he had already received. It was decided that Mr. Beeston should be given another $150 to be paid when funds were available.

The question of publicity came up, Mr. Starkey suggesting that it was a matter that required the serious attention of the board. How it was to be carried on was the question. Were they to try to get the merchants and business men to subscribe so much a month as was done last year or would it be better to try to increase the membership of the board of trade and carry on such publicity work as the funds subscribed in this way would warrant?

John A. Irving suggested appointing a committee to see what could be done in the way of securing new members. The publicity work should be kept going no matter what happened.

A. W. Dyer favored going to the city council for assistance.

T. G. Procter said that the system in force last year was anything but a success. The whole cost of the publicity work had been borne by a few. That was not fair. He favored the suggestion to try to increase the membership of the board.

As the hour was getting late the whole question was finally left over until the next meeting, this ending the business of the evening.

President's Report.

The report of F. A. Starkey, as president for the past year was read as follows:

Gentlemen,—Last year at this annual meeting we were able to congratulate ourselves on twelve months' progress along practically all lines, and a general increase in business that recorded several high water marks. On this occasion I can but congratulate you on the success with which we have come through one of the most trying years in the history of the Kootenay; a year that has been the actual results of industry in excess of the best previously known; but its rewards, as in mining, lower than those of 1907, the banner year so far in our history. But there is another feature in the situation on which we may congratulate ourselves and that is the outlook for the coming year. So far as the indications can now be read, 1909 must prove to be an advance on any year the Kootenay in particular and the interior in general have yet known.

During the past year we have had our troubles and we have surmounted them. The great resources, the natural riches of the Kootenay have defied any artificial depression in the world's prosperity to affect us seriously. We have seen a financial depression settle on this country from border to border. We have seen this depression stay the progress of many parts of Canada and we have seen it affect our chief industries. At the same time, at the close of the year we can look back over 1908 and say that we have accomplished very nearly as much as in 1907. We have built many buildings in and out of Nelson, and we have raised nearly as much ore though the monetary returns for the latter has not been as proportionately large.

In the ordinary lines of business, it is safe to say that the last few months saw commerce in as flourishing condition and on a sounder basis than existed in the previous year. Here, in Nelson, and the Kootenay, the chief effect of the financial stringency was to teach us conservatism in our business transactions. It has not reduced the volume of our business, but it has taught us to keep that business well within our grasp. We were buying and selling as much at the close of 1908 as ever in the history of this city and district but we were buying on safer terms. We have learned to buy $100 worth per week for ten weeks rather than ten hundred dollars worth in one week to last ten weeks and we know better where we are. To this extent the policy of the great bankers of Canada has been a profit to the country, and that policy, in brief, may be said to have taught caution before caution would have come too late.

While there is a falling off to note in some respects in the past year's activities, there are yet indications that as a whole they have been greater than those of 1907. For example, the post office receipts for the year commencing in April 1907 and ending April 1908 were $24,000 while the revenue for the present post office fiscal year is so far proportionately greater. Again the customs receipts for 1908 show an increase of $7,866.95 over those of 1907, the total being $308,894.53.

In this general introductory recounting of our advantages I must include the two power plants that have harnessed the Kootenay river at Bonnington falls and are making it do the work of the district. There we have the West Kootenay Power & Light company to the mines and so cheapening the cost of production of metals in the Kootenay; and the Nelson city plant which is not only in the field for this purpose, but is successfully fulfilling the requirements of the public utilities of this city that depend on electricity and is capable of a greater strain than has yet been put upon it. Just here I would like to point out that this board through the publicity bureau with the assistance of the city can do much towards advertising the fact that Nelson has electric power for sale. It can make this fact known where it will attract industries that require cheap power and so do a great deal towards building up this city. It is hardly necessary for me to draw your attention to the fact that every industry brought to Nelson provides so much more employment for that increase of population which is not only expected but is already in evidence.

Another matter to which attention should be drawn at this time and to which the board and its next president should pay particular attention is the opportunity we have presented to us in the Alaska-Yukon exposition. You are all aware of the intention of the Dominion government to send a mineral exhibit representative of Canada, to that exposition and of the desire on the part of the government that Kootenay shall be fully represented there. It is our duty to see that the Kootenay exhibit shall be equal to the occasion and the opportunity. While the B. C. exhibit will include the Kootenay and the Canadian will include them all, we are not prevented from so marking and individualizing the Kootenay cabinets that they will attract attention as the Kootenay exhibit. But, to do this, we must take our own measures and I believe that one of the most important is the placing a man on the spot equipped with a knowledge of the Kootenay and its mines and provided with proper literature who will see to it that the representatives of the mining world are not allowed to overlook the peculiar claims of the district. I do not know of a more important matter than this to recommend for the careful consideration of the board. So far, we have done all we can. We have written letters to the mine owners soliciting samples of ore and subscriptions towards the providing of proper prominence for our exhibit and I am glad to say that the offers of support we have received so far indicate that we will be able to carry out our plans in this connection. What I want to do now is to ask that this board maintain its interest in this project until it has been carried to a successful conclusion.

Mining.

While the mining industry during the past year has suffered greatly by the financial stringency that affected the money markets of the world and particularly such industries as mining, of which capital is the life blood, yet we are able to record a distinct advance in this province during 1908. Taking the tonnage produced, we find an increase of 30 per cent. in both metalliferous and non-metalliferous minerals. The total tonnage of minerals raised in 1907 was 1,500,000 while that of 1908 was 2,000,000 tons, an increase of 30 per cent. I merely quote round figures. But while the tonnage shows such a large increase, the estimated receipts show only 6 per cent. gain on 1907, this being due to the tremendous falling off in the value of metals. In 1907 the receipts were $17,000,000 for metalliferous minerals and for the non-metalliferous $8,000,000. In 1908 the receipts for the metalliferous minerals are estimated at $18,500,000 while non-metalliferous minerals brought in $8,500,000.

A brief review of the principal producers in our own district show in the Boundary, the Granby, Snowshoe, Oro Denoro, Rawhide, Brooklyn, Mother Lode and others while the opening up of the Phoenix by the Consolidated promises a very large increase for the coming year accentuated by the more prosperous working of the Dominion Copper company's group of properties which have worked little during the past year, this being due to financial trouble originating in Boston. In the Rossland district camp, the most noteworthy feature is the increase of shipments from the Centre Star group of properties owned by the Consolidated. The Le Roi has shown little difference but it has been commonly stated that there has been a falling off here. This, however, is not an accurate view of the situation, which is fully evidenced by the profits of that mine for the last three months. These have totalled over $300,000 during that period. In Rossland it also may be noted tnat the Giant-California group of properties immediately to the west of Le Roi No. 2 (which was one of the best paying mines of the Golden City during 1908) has entered upon a new phase of existence. The high values which have been found upon the Le Roi No. 2 have been proved to be existent also upon the contiguous mines, and it is merely a question of capital and development to add another large shipper to the Rossland quota. Besides these, it might be mentioned that there has been much leasing upon minor properties especially those in the south belt, although it seems probable that at least as much capital must be expended upon the properties lying on the southern lip of the ancient gabbro filled crater known as Rossland camp, before equal results can be obtained.

Turning to other portions of the Kootenay, the principal mines working have been the St. Eugene, Whitewater, Standard, Richmond, Vancouver, Hewitt, Westmont, Queen, Blue Bell, Arlington, Silver King, Recco and Nugget. These are scattered over a vast extent of country and are simply representative of the work that is being done upon some 180 properties. Some of these have shipped during the year and some have not. Generally speaking, the development has been very much retarded, more so here than elsewhere, by the low values of lead and silver and by the lack of solution so far of the zinc smelting problem. A noteworthy feature is the increase in gold lode mining. This is apparent chiefly in the Sheep creek district, where the Queen, Bonanza, Mother Lode, Kootenay Belle and especially the Nugget have shown some wonderful returns. Nor must be neglected the discoveries and work upon the Granite-Poorman group near Nelson. In the Lardeau, the Fish creek properties have not done as well in 1908 as they did in 1907. A point has been reached in their history where more capital is necessary and just as soon as this is forthcoming more commensurate results are to be looked for.

With reference to the solution of the zinc problem, the efforts of the Canada Zinc Co. in their plant at Nelson are worthy of all assistance and some definite results may be looked for during the current year. Another interesting development in this direction is the completion early this month of the magnetic iron zinc separator at the Blue Bell mine. The whole matter is complicated by the unstable state of the United States import law governing zinc imports, which s now subjudce. In any case whether the Unted States finally definitely decides to allow the free importation of Kootenay zinc ores or not the efforts of the Canadian companies noted to solve the problem on their own account should be aided and I would therefore urge this board of trade to again memoralize the Dominion government to push the inquiries of the

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HOUSE OPENS

Third Session of Eleventh Legislature

SURPLUS OF $2,292,705

NELSON TO THE FRONT IN THE ANNUAL REPORT ON SCHOOLS —PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE PAST FISCAL YEAR—A NEW CONSERVATIVE WHIP.

(Special to The Daily News.)

VICTORIA, Jan. 21—The legislature was formally opened this afternoon by his honor the lieutenant governor. The proceedings were devoid of special features although the attendance was very large despite the inclement weather.

After the reading of the speech from the throne by the lieutenant governor, the proceedings were very brief and of a purely routine nature.

The finance minister presented the public accounts for the past fiscal year. The minister of education presented the thirty-seventh annual report of the public schools. The attorney general introduced the first bill of the session, entitled an act to amend the Magistrate's act, the sole provision of which is that hereafter magistrates will make quarterly returns to the attorney general as well as to the provincial secretary.

The minister of education also presented the first report of the free text books branch of the department of education.

The public accounts show that the total revenue of the province for the past fiscal year was $5,979,054.96, and the total expenditure $3,686,349.96, leaving the handsome surplus of $2,292,705. The chief source of revenue was timber, the total coming from that source by way of leases, licenses and royalties, amounting to $2,332,609.72 an increase of over a million over the previous year's revenue from the same source.

The public schools report shows that the total enrollment in all colleges and schools in the province was 33,314, an increase of 3,275 over that of the previous year. The number of boys was 17,162, girls 16,152. The grand total day's attendance made by pupils enrolled was 4,512,303 an increase of 645,937. The average actual daily attendance was 23,195 an increase of 3,178, the percentage of regular attendance was 69.62, the highest in the history of the public schools.

J. G. Gillis, late inspector in Nelson, in the course of his report on his former inspectorate No. 3, says: "Many localities, which at the beginning of the year had very few settlers, became a few months later, centres of much activity. Land was subdivided and sold, families were arriving, and homes are going up on all sides. This increase of population led to many demands being made for school facilities and as a result, a considerable part of my work has been in connection with the organization of new districts. Schools were opened at Galena Bay, Thrums, Waldo, Erie, William's Siding, Pingston Creek Harrop and Fruitvale. It was also recommended that, after the summer vacation, schools be opened at Alice Siding, Begbie, Carson, Castlegar, The Needles, Robson, Perry Siding, Waneta and Three Valley.

A second division has been opened in the Rossland high school and each of the following cities also added a teacher to its staff: Cranbrook, Fernie, Greenwood, Nelson and Revelstoke.

"Nelson has a 12-room building in course of construction which will be thoroughly modern, and will leave little to be desired in design and equipment. Much care has been exercised in working out details in connection with proper lighting, heating and ventilation of every room. Many other districts have made alterations and improvements to their school buildings. In Revelstoke, the school grounds have been made most attractive, the lot has been graded and fenced, trees have been planted and flowers cultivated. With one or two exceptions the high schools are very well supplied with reference books for teaching literature and science as well as with chemicals and apparatus for laboratory work. The Nelson high school is particularly well equipped in these respects. There were employed in the inspectorate during the year 133 teachers, of whom 101 were women and 32 men. Twenty-four of these taught with temporary certificates.

Owing to the scarcity of teachers, one school remained closed during the whole year and a few others were open only for two or three months. The supply of good teachers must always fall short of the demand as long as the salaries offered them continue to be smaller than those paid in callings that require less preparation, are less exacting and less destructive of nervous energy. Nelson and Grand Forks have placed the minimum salary at $50 per month. The principals are paid $140 each. This step should enable these cities to retain their best teachers as well as secure efficient instructors when vacancies occur. Some of the other cities do very well, too, and their example will no doubt be followed by other districts. Whatever may be the

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MAY VISIT OLD COUNTRY

INDIAN CRICKET TEAM DISCUSSING PLANS

TO BE CAPTAINED BY PRINCE RANJITSINHJI

LONDON, Jan. 21—Lovers of cricket will learn with pleasure of the possibility of a visit to England this year of a first class Indian team, captained by prince Ranjitsinhji. Dr. M. E. Pavri, captain of the Bombay Parsi cricket team, who is at present in London on a visit, thinks, however, there are many difficulties in the way, although to his mind, they are not insuperable.

In an interview with him by one of our representatives last week Dr. Pavri describes the position of cricket in the Indian empire of today. Dr. Pavri has been captain of the Parsi team at Bombay since 1888. During this long period he has lost but three matches.

"Of course" he told our representative, "we have no single team in India that can compare with any first class country eleven here. Still, we have some remarkably good players. In all we have three teams—the Parsi, the Hindu, and the Mohametan—all of whom possess distinguished players. In the Parsi team we have K. M. Mistry, a left-handed batsman and the finest all-round man in India. If he only had a chance of coming to England, where he could play first class cricket, he would make a name for himself second only to 'Ranji.'

"Then we have Dr. Kanga, now in England preparing for admission to the Royal College of Surgeons. He played in Dr. Grace's team at the Crystal palace, and made over a thousand runs, including, I believe, seven 'centuries.' I hope to arrange with Mr. P. F. Warner for the inclusion of Dr. Kanga in the Middlesex eleven next year. The Hindus have several fine players, chief of whom I place Balu, one of the best bowlers I know, a left-handed player, and considered to be the Rhodes of India. The Bombay Mahometan team are excellent all-round men."

"Has the Indian play improved much of recent years?"

"In batting, yes, in fielding, however, the game has fallen considerably. This I attribute to the fact that in Bombay we are badly placed for a ground. All the practice is at the nets, which makes for good batting, but gives no practice in fielding. Even then, I must confess our batting is second-rate compared with a first-class English county team. I would except Mistry, Meherhomji, and H. D. Kanga from this category, however, for they are really first-class men, as good as any of your best English players.

"As regards supremacy in Indian cricket, I think I must say that up to the present the laurels remain with the Parsis, but I can't help thinking that in five years from now the Hindus will be ahead of us, and will from that time onward produce the finest Indian cricketers. Why? Quite simple. The Hindu population is 300,000,000, whilst the Parsi is but 90,000 all told; on the law of average alone they should be able to do it easily."

"Whom do you consider the best batsman in India?"

"Captain Greig, undoubtedly, although Mistry runs him close. Greig is the military secretary to the present governor of Bombay."

"And the best bowler?"

"Warden, the Parsi. Warden is a magnificent fellow; stands 6 feet 2 in., and has a left-handed high delivery that takes some standing up to, in addition to which he can 'break' both ways."

Cricket in India, added Dr. Pavri, owed much to lord Harris, one time captain of the Kent eleven, and ex-governor of Bombay. He gave a real impetus to Parsi cricket by arranging the presidency match fixture.

"Why," asked our representative, "do you not bring over an Indian eleven?"

"One reason is that the Parsi team, per se, is not good enough to face a first class English eleven. The same applies to the Hindu and the Mahometan teams. But this I am prepared to say: If we can get the pick of the three teams, captained, say, by 'Ranji,' we should probably startle the English cricket world.

"The difficulties are two: First, that of finance; and, second, that of getting sixteen men out of the country for six months clear. Four years ago we had it all arranged; we had the money but at the last moment Mistry was detained at the royal palace, where he is physician, and, as it was useless to come away with even only one man short, we stayed at home. Personally, I think it quite possible to bring over a first-class composite team, as I have suggested, next year, if 'Ranji' would only make up his mind, and use the great influence he has to get the leave requisite for the players. Everybody would be delighted to send a team from India, for there, as here, it has become a great national game, one taught in all the schools and colleges of the empire, and ranking first and foremost as the sport of the country.

LONGBOAT A THIEF CATCHER

Pursues Man in New York and Hands Him Over to Police.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—The Tribune this morning says: Tom Longboat, the Indian Marathon runner, used his speed yesterday to bring into the hands of the police James Smith a negro, who, it is charged, tried to steel a coat from a Tenderloin tailor shop. Sixth avenue, in the neighborhood of Thirtieth street, was treated to the sight of the famous long-distance runner giving a public exhibition without charge.

Paul Pashkin, a tailor at No. 145 west 31st street, had vainly pursued the man with the coat to 31st street, where Longboat and his manager chanced to be. Smith was turning into 30th street, going toward Broadway at top-notch speed. Before the short block had been covered by Smith the Indian speeded up behind him and took him by the collar to patrolman Haggerty of the west 30th street station. The discomfort of being held on a charge of attempted larceny was lessened when Smith learned that he had a distinguished captor.

John L. Gets Busy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—An offer of $75,000 for a match between Jeffries and Johnson has been made by John L. Sullivan according to a statement made by the former heavyweight champion pugilist.

Notes of Sport.

Longboat, despite his failure in the Marathon race at our Olympic games, is a phenomenal runner, and he turned out aaginst Dorando in the pink of condition, thanks to the admirable training he had undergone at the hands of Tom Flanagan.—Lloyd's Weekly News, London.

It is to laugh. Word is now being whiffed hither and yon that Ralph Rose, former University of Michigan athlete, wants to meet Jack Johnson in a finished fight. If ever Johnson gets Rose in the ring there will be a beautifully pathetic little story to tell of the blasted hopes of a sturdy young man who should have known better.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

No matter how cold the night, the hockeyist prefers a sheet of ice.

The Toronto ball club has held its annual meeting, president McCaffery has been re-elected and given a vote of thanks, and with Joe Kelly coming the fans' cup of joy is filled to overflowing. "But what shall the harvest be."

McPherson, the Dawson City curler who is with the Canadian curlers, left home Dec. 11 in order to be able to sail with the team Jan. 9. It is a long way to go for a curling game, but then it's worth something to get away from Dawson.

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FRUIT

Season 1909

Tenders for the handling of the crop of the members of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association for the season 1909 are invited by the directors of the Association.

Tenders may be made—

(a) for the strawberry crop alone.
(b) for the whole crop of all fruits.
(c) for the whole crop of all fruits and vegetables.

Either upon a commission basis or upon a flat rate f.o.b. at the point of shipment.

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Tenders must be in the hands of the undersigned not later than the 30th. instant.

The directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest commission, the highest flat rate or any tender.

Further information will be furnished by the undersigned.

E. K. Beeston

Acting Secretary, Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association.

Nelson, B. C., January 18, 1909.

Baptist Social

The ladies' aid of the Baptist church will hold an "At Home" at Mrs. B. H. Graves corner Ward and Latimer streets on Friday evening January 22.

The program will commence at 8.30 city time and will consist of songs from Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Ireland, the Misses Ellis and a dolly song by Bessie Wolverton. and Mr. Holloway; also piano solos by Mrs. Winters, Miss Hipperson and Mrs. Sturgeon; readings by Mrs. Simpson and Mr. R. Chave. A short contest, with prizes, will follow and coffee and cake will be served.

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In the matter of an application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title for Block "A," Subdivision Lot 791, Group 1, Kootenay District, British Coumbia. Map 812.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first pubication hereof, a Duplicate Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lands, in the name of Thomas Edward Wilkinson, which Certificate of Title is dated the 12th day of June, 1908, and numbered 8380A.

H. F. MACLEOD.
District Registrar.

Land Registry Office,
Nelson, B. C.
November 28th, 1908.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION for for the issue of a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 1, Block 18, Nelson City, (Map 206.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after tve first publication hereof a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned Lot in the name of August Engle, which Certificate is dated the 19th of June and numbered 515A.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar.

Land Registry Office,
Nelson, B. C.,
November 21st, 1908. 9-1-'09-4w.

TAKE NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Ymir Water Works Co., Limited, will be held in the company's office, Ymir, B. C., on February 8th, 1909, at 2:30 p. m.

S. F. ROSS.
Secretary.

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Children's white muslin drawers, all sizes from 3 years to 16.

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THE LEGISLATURE

The speech from the throne delivered by lieutenant governor Dunsmuir at Victoria yesterday when the British Columbia legislature was formally opened, forecasted the enactment of legislation governing the distribution of water for irrigation purposes; the enactment of various pension clauses in connection with the Civil Service act, and referred to the success of the government's negotiations with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the evident prosperity of the province.

It is a significant fact that never in its history has British Columbia been so free from political unrest, nor the prospects for a peaceful and business-like session so excellent as at the time of the opening of the legislature.

That the public affairs of the province are in a most satisfactory condition cannot be truthfully denied and the opening day of the sessions finds the conservative administration, of which Hon. Richard McBride is the honored leader, so strongly entrenched in office, that the opposition cannot hope to embarrass it in any debates which take place between now and prorogation.

The opposition, led by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, K.C., the member for Rossland, is weaker in its personnel than at any time since premier McBride took office over five and a half years ago.

One feature of the opening of the legislature was the presence of the new minister of public works, Hon. Thomas Taylor of Revelstoke. Mr. Taylor was chosen to fill the vacancy in the cabinet created by the provision of an additional portfolio at the last session of the legislature and was returned by his constituents on Saturday last, a socialist candidate contesting his re-election.

As foreshadowed in our special correspondent's dispatch from Victoria, when Hon. R. G. Tatlow, provincial treasurer, presents his budget, he will make the most satisfactory financial statement ever presented to the province and in proof of this it may be said that the public accounts for the fiscal year, brought down in the house yesterday, showed a splendid surplus of $2,292,000.

Opinions appear to differ slightly as to the probable length of the session but *it is improbable that much contentious* legislation will be introduced or that the debates will be prolonged, hence a comparatively brief session is generally looked for as the government has the chief business to be dealt with well in hand and ready for the house.

WATCHDOG OF TREASURY

Through the death of John Lorn McDougall at Ottawa a week ago, the dominion lost an independent and honest former civil servant.

The deceased gentleman represented South Renfrew, Ontario, from 1867 to 1871 in the Ontario legislature and subsequently represented the same constituency *in the federal house*.

Thirty years ago premier Alexander Mackenzie found himself besieged by the grafter element in the liberal party. As a measure of defence he brought in a bill authorizing the government to appoint an independent auditor general with full authority over the outlays. Mr. Mackenzie looked around for the right man to fill the place, and chose Mr. McDougall, then a liberal member of parliament. The appointment of this gentleman was received with satisfaction by both sides and the Mackenzie government gave Mr. McDougall every possible facility in the carrying on of his work, as did also the government of sir John Macdonald, which succeeded that of Mr. Mackenzie. Not until the Laurier government came to office did Mr. McDougall find any difficulty in the performance of his duties.

It is an open secret that Mr. McDougall was forced out of his position because *he would not stand for the* grafting of the present government. He rapidly declined in health and spirits after his enforced retirement.

Before resigning his position Mr. McDougall addressed a letter to Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, now minister of justice, calling upon that gentleman to see to it that the national audit was strengthened. He also forwarded a communication to the press, pointing out that with the growing expenditures the necessity for a better control of the outlays was increasing. In that address he stated that already "too much of the sweat-stained money of the people goes to men who have not earned it." When Mr. McDougall finally stepped out, the government punished him for his devotion to the public interests by refusing to give him the full pension to which under the law, he was entitled.

During the 27 years Mr. McDougall was auditor general of Canada he became known from one end of the country to the other as "The Watchdog of the Treasury," an able, progressive and fearless public official, in whom men of all classes of life, and belonging to all shades of politics had *confidence*. As guardian in a measure of the public expenditure, his name entered into political controversy in and out of parliament and was a household word. Every where it commanded respect.

Since 1879, during his term of office, Mr. McDougall issued the annual publication of the auditor general's reports on the finances of Canada. The tyranny of the Laurier government, which forced him out of office on account of his sterling honesty and his refusal to wink at corruption in high places are of recent and familiar political history.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Many Canadian, and not a few foreign newspapers have republished at considerable length extracts from The Daily News' annual review issued on Jan. 3, showing the wealth, the industries *and the opportunities* of B.C. generally and of Kootenay and Yale in particular. The issue has called forth many kindly and complimentary editorial mention and has proved an excellent advertisement for this city and southeastern British Columbia. The Toronto Globe in a lengthy editorial dealing with The Daily News' review, says in part: "The Pacific province is regarded as the dominion's great storehouse of minerals and timber. Nature has been magnificently kind in rearing the great peaks with their stores of mineral wealth and in clothing the coast slopes with a great growth of timber unequalled in the world. Much of the mineral wealth is still underground, and there are areas awaiting the more careful prospector. While it would be an over-courageous thing to declare the timber wealth of any region inexhaustible, the forests of the Pacific slope are certain to meet all the demands of this generation. A comprehensive review of the wealth, the industries and the opportunities of the province of British Columbia has been published in a special edition of The Nelson Daily News, and it shows not only the results of natural richness and productive capacity in timber and minerals, but a successful development in ranching, fruit growing and general agriculture. They have a great province west of the divide, the largest in area and with a possibility of proving the richest in natural wealth."

Now that reciprocity between the United States and Canada is being sought by the former with a degree of evident sincerity, it is interesting to note the view taken by the leading American papers of the result of the abrogation of the Canadian-American treaty of reciprocity in 1866. The New York Tribune, for instance, says: "Our abrogation of the arrangement was at the time considered a bad blow to Canada, and it did cause some temporary mistress, but it was in fact, one of the greatest blessings which ever befell that country, for it led directly to the organization of the dominion and the subsequent development of Canada as a well rounded and symmetrical nation, complete in agriculture, transportation, manufactures and commerce and self-sustaining," and the Tribune adds that the old arrangement was profitable to Canada only in a superficial and temporary way. It was not promotive of nation building and if it had continued the tendency would have been to make dominion merely an agricultural country, finding a lucrative market for its products in the neighboring republic.

JOSEPH HOWE

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The Chronicle Publishing company, limited, Halifax, has in the press a completed edition of the speeches and public letters of Joseph Howe.

The book is to be well printed and well bound and will contain two photographs of Mr. Howe as well as a facsimile of his handwriting, and is in every respect to be worthy of the memory of the greatest Nova Scotian.

"It seems only the other day that I arrived at Halifax to take up the duties of governor general of Canada. I had two great surprises on my arrival—First, my introduction to the two volumes which contain the speeches and letters of Joseph Howe, and, secondly the impossibility of buying a copy of those volumes except at a prohibitive cost. There is not a page of Howe's speeches or writings which does not stimulate the imagination, please the fancy and quicken the soul—and if the object of education is, as I believe it to be, to quicken the soul, the book containing Howe's speeches and writings ought to be on the bookshelf of every school teacher, not only in Nova Scotia, but in every portion of the British empire. I do not understand how it is that a province so proud of its possession of Joseph Howe, as Nova Scotia has every reason to be, has not taken the necessary steps to make this influence felt in every portion of the empire. If Joseph Howe is unknown in England, and in other parts of Greater Britain, Nova Scotia and Canada have only themselves to blame. I owe my *introduction to the volumes containing* Howe's writings to the fact that they had been placed in my bedroom at Government House by my greatly esteemed friend, Hon. Mr. Jones, your loved and lamented late lieutenant governor."—Earl Grey before the Canadian Club, Halifax, August 8, 1907.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

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Will Speak in States.

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Jan. 21—Baron Korff, professor of law at Helsingfors university, has accepted an invitation to deliver a series of lectures at John Hopkins university in Baltimore beginning in May 1910.

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NEWS OF THE DOMINION

TORONTO, Jan. 21—A movement is on foot by the leading conservatives of Winnipeg to form a new conservative club to be patterned after the Albany club of Toronto.

TORONTO, Jan. 21 — A new liberal club, the Ontario club, was formally organized last night. It was decided by a vote of 50 to 9 that the club should apply for a liquor license.

TORONTO, Jan. 21—The government has under consideration the question extending the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway, from Charlton to Elk Lake, a distance of 28 miles.

QUEBEC, Jan. 21—In a fire in the residence over Beland's dry goods store on St. John street early this morning, Mrs. J. O. Filleau was asphyxiated. The other tenants were rescued with difficulty.

PRESCOTT, Jan. 21 — John Treneman, agent of the Grand Trunk railway here and a former divisional superintendent, died this morning after a lingering illness. Mr. Treneman was connected with the Grand Trunk for nearly half a century.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21 — No trace has been found of the discharged seaman Cringel and his unknown companion who went on board the ship Halewood yesterday and after brutally assaulting and robbing the mate, exchanged shots with the captain as they fled in a stolen gig.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 21 — A delegation, headed by bishop Casey and composed of leading clergymen and medical men, asked the provincial government to day for $300,000 for the establishment of a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis. Premier Hazen promised favorable consideration.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 21—Work on the mammoth new union stockyards at St. Boniface, which are to be controlled by the C.P.R., G.T.P. and C.N.R., will be started in a few days. The sum of $350,000 will be spent in laying out the yards, exclusive of any buildings, what ever. All the big packers are preparing plans for their packing plants in the yards.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21—Advices received here state that a Sydney syndicate which purchased the wreck of the Aron, lost last July on Christmas island, for £270 at Sydney from the underwriters are having success in salving the cargo, considered worth about £15,000, and will make a big winning on their speculation. The wreck itself is unsalvable, but the cargo of redwood and general merchandist, including, shipments of typewriters, engines, etc. can be secured.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21—Salvage claims are being put in by the Puget Sound Tug Boat company and the B. C. Salvage company against the schooner Melrose, for services rendered in towing her from a dangerous position off Dallas road foreshore Tuesday afternoon during a southwest gale. Capt. McCarron arranged for the Tyee to tow him to Port Townsend but the tug boat captain refused to take him from the unsafe position for ordinary towage. The captain was on shore when the Tyee and William Joliffe took the Melrose to a safe anchorage, the Joliffe anchoring and giving a line to the Tyee to steady her while she picked up the Melrose. The Melrose and the Tyee are being held here pending a settlement.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21 — The Chinese government has instructed the ministers at Washington, London, Paris and Tokio to make enquiries into the system and management of steamship business in the four countries with a view to the establishment of national steamship lines financed by the government and people of China and aided by subsidies similar to the Japanese state aided lines. It is proposed to establish services first on the Chinese rivers and on the Chinese coast, followed by a *trans-Pacific line*. The Chinese at Canton organized the project, which is now being backed from Pekin.

Carload of Babies.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 21—A carload of seventy-five babies was distributed in New Orleans today. The precious freight came from the New York Foundling and Orphan asylum. Scores of foster parents were waiting at the station to lay claim to the little ones for whom they had previously applied.

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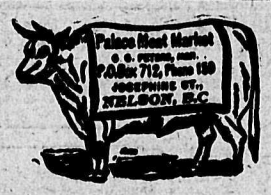

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NOTICE

CITY OF NELSON,
LICENSE DISTRICT.

I, the undersigned, Daniel Delzall, give notice that at the next meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners I intend to apply for a transfer of the licence of the Manhattan Saloon from myself to John Svoboda and Erik O. Nelson.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 12th day of January, A. D., 1909.
DANIEL DELZALL
16-1-'09-4w.

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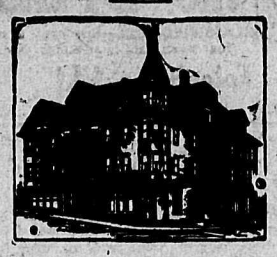
Application for Retal Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that I C. Robinson of Ymir, B. C., intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at the expiration of one month from the date hereof for a retail liquor licence for the premises to be known as the Sheep Creek Hotel, situated on the Queen Road at Salmo, B. C.

Dated at Salmo, B. C., Dec. 26th, 1908.
CONRAD ROBINSON.

HOTEL ARRIVALS OF A DAY



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ROYAL—J. M. Williams, C. O. Savage, R. L. Johnson, T. Marrs Fain c; F. E. Clement, Victoria; A. H. Carveth, Silverton.

IN ANNUAL SESSION

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zinc commission that was appointed a year ago.

Lumber.

The lumber industry has nothing to congratulate itself upon just now except its prospects and those, I am glad to say, are much improved. The lumbermen suffered much from the financial depression that settled on this continent in 1907, but, with the optimism that has so often saved the situation in this province, they looked for better things in the fall of 1908. They were justified in this by the prairie farmers having harvested the very successful grain crop which has been such a large factor in restoring confidence and stipulating trade in the last few months. It appears, however, that the lumber industry is to be the last to feel the effects of this bountiful harvest. Winter came on the prairies before the people had realized enough on their crops to put up the buildings that are undoubtedly called for there by the increase of population and that will just as undoubtedly be erected as soon as the winter is over. In the meantime, however, the lumber manufacturers have had the experience during the past year of cutting only a small percentage of their capacity and the one bright spot in their situation is the expected revival in the demand for lumber next spring.

Fruit.

During the past year the Kootenay fruit growers have demonstrated beyond the doubt of the most sceptical the fact that the valleys of the Kootenay can grow in quantity and especially quality, the best fruit in the world. They have added to the number of honors their fruit has won in England and the United States. They have shown that fruit growing can be made a commercial success in this district. They have had their troubles, such as spring from faulty organization and poor management, but it is very pleasant to be able to say that they appear to have found a solution of the problems that have confronted them and that they are apparently on the right road to successful marketing the end and aim of the industry, without which it would be merely ornamental. Of course with the fruit here and the market crying for it elsewhere, the question of how to get it to the market was bound to be answered correctly sooner or later and we can all congratulate ourselves that it has been answered sooner. I believe that in a very short time the importance of fruit growing to the Kootenay will reach proportions that will surprise even many present enthusiasts.

Other Industries.

Among other industries in Nelson the zinc smelter stands prominently out. While it was referred to before in connection with the mining industry, it is difficult to avoid mentioning again the great importance to this district with which its success is fraught. The fact that spelter has been successfully produced by the electrical process in the local plant is one of the most important of recent developments in the Kootenay. It is not too much to say that such an industry as this is entitled to all the support that public opinion allows to any other industry in Canada.

Nor most we overlook the fruit canning plant that is to be erected in this city. To a large extent what the zinc plant is to many mines, the fruit canning factory will prove to be to the fruit growing industry. It must make a very great difference to the growers in providing a market for fruit that cannot be packed for transportation.

Another industry that has shown marked activity in Nelson during the past year is building. A total of $200,000 has been invested in buildings with the attendant employment of labor and permanent increase of values. The new skating rink, the new Methodist church, the new fraternal hall built by the Eagles and a large number of new residences, testify to the fact that we are locally prosperous.

All present and future industries may expect to benefit from the generation of cheap power by the city's plant at Bonnington falls.

The Board's Work.

This board has had to deal during the year with many matters of varying importance to Nelson in particular and the Kootenay in general. One of the most important was the freight rates question and this we can congratulate ourselves on having settled in a fairly satisfactory manner. We have not secured all we wanted, perhaps, but we did succeed in getting general reductions that cannot fail to benefit the whole district and this without the expense that an argument before the railway commission would have involved.

At the very beginning of the year the board was instrumental in retaining for Nelson the benefit of a resident United States consul when the government at Washington proposed to withdraw its consulate here. By representations telegraphed to Washington and by other steps we retained the consulate.

At the same meeting we had to deal with the lead bounty. It was proposed to raise the bounty from £16 to £18, and we used our best endeavors, with success, to get it fixed at the latter figure. We appointed Messrs. Pratt and Retallack delegates to Ottawa to interview the government and the government showed a broad and liberal spirit in dealing with the matter, with the result noted. In this connection we sought and obtained the co-operation of the Alberta boards of trade, which I visited to solicit endorsement of our action. We cannot give too much credit to the Alberta boards for the hearty way in which they came to our assistance.

Another matter on which we felt it necessary to take action was the proposed increase in the taxation on coal and coke. At the request of the Fernie board of trade we sent a telegram of protest to Dr. Hall, M .P. P., and had the satisfaction of getting the matter held over and the tax modified.

We received a petititon for our help in getting a bridge put across the Kootenay river at Williams Siding and a memorial was sent to J. A. Schofield, M. P. P. I am pleased to say that Mr. Schofield has no doubt that the grant for the bridge will be made at this session of the legislature.

We were able to assist the public library to the extent of sending there a number of books of the Canadian Mining institute.

The freight rate question has already been referred to. Our committee reported recommending the employment of a solicitor to place the case before the railway commission. A personal letter from Mr. Lanigan put a different complexion on the matter and at his request we held a joint meetitng of representatives of the board with himself and Mr. Burnham of the Great Northern. The result of that conference will be reported to you and we can consider it satisfactory. I desire to thank Mr. Lanigan and Mr .Burnham for the careful consideration they gave our claims and Messrs. E. K. Beeston, our secretary, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Goodeve for their labor and assistance in presenting this board's views.

The question of the necessity for an enlargement of the post office was considered by this board and a request along these lines sent to the post office and public works department. An appropriation for this work is expected to be made at the coming session of the Dominion parliament.

Other matters which the board took up were the obtaining of relief in the duty on ore sacks which is still hoped for, and the endorsation of the petition of the Vancouver board of trade for the imposition of a duty on rough lumber entering Canada from the United States.

Last summer this board took over the affairs of the 20,000 club and established it as a publicity bureau and a department of the board's work. Money was needed to carry on the work and the citizens responded nobly to our appeal for financial assistance. There has been a most encouraging number of inquiries received as a result of the bureau's work, on which E. K. Beeston will read a special report. I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Beeston and Messrs. J. M. Lay, W. W. Beer, W. G. Gillett, J. L. Buchan and G. P. Wells, who formed the committee that worked with him, for what was accomplished by the bureau after we took it over. Mr. Beeston's work in this connection, as secretary, has been untiring, intelligent and successful.

A committee was appointed during the year to go into the question of insurance rates in Nelson and certain representations have been made to the board of underwriters, who have promised to go carefully into our claims. This is part of the unfinished business this board has still to deal with.

The board interested itself successfully in securing a reduction of the passenger rate to Procter to $1 return for the week end.

Nelson was honored during the year by a visit from the mining institute. Among the visitors were some of the most prominent mining engineers in Europe and America and their trip to Nelson and district cannot but prove of great benefit to the Kootenay. This board co-operated with the city and the local mining institute in receiving the visitors and making their stay here as pleasant and profitable to them as the resources of the city allowed.

A petition from the fraternal societies and citizens asking for a change in the time observed here, was ordered to be presented to the city council, which took action on it.

During the year, in addition to the mining institute, we received a visit from the Alberta & Eastern B. C. Press association and co-operated with the city and press in the reception and entertainment of these visitors. The visits of such bodies to this district cannot fail to produce excellent results in the attraction of population and capital.

This board found it necessary to point out to the government that this district had been overlooked in the itinerary arranged for the Scotch farmers who visited the province during the year. They were taken through by the government and were not brought to the Kootenay. However, we succeeded in getting three of them among us and they expressed their pleasure with what they saw of farming opportunities in our valleys. Mr. Scott of the immigration department, has assured us that in future such bodies will be brought to the Kootenay as well as to other parts of the province and in this I feel that we have done good work.

As mentioned earlier in this report there is much to be done in outside advertising of the fact that this city has power for sale. The matter was taken up during the year and it was decided to let it stand over until the installation of the second unit was complete. It still remains to be dealt with.

Through the efforts of this board an agent was appointed at the Salmo station, which has proved a great convenience to the travelling public and to business men.

At the time of the Spokane fair this board was called upon to financially assist the mining committee of the local fair in sending out a creditable mineral exhibit. We rendered that assistance and have the satisfaction of knowing that the exhibit carried off from strong competitors at Spokane, six cups and seven diplomas. As we all know, Spokane is an important mining centre and that exhibit could not fail to benefit this city and district by attracting the right kind of attention to its resources.

Tom Marks at the Opera House Next Week.

There is yet another visit to this city to chronicle: Messrs. Walsh and Breadner, of the Canadian Manufacturers' association, specialists on freight rates and customs, paid us a special visit and a special meeting of this board was called at which freight rates in particular were discussed. The information and assistance we gained from these gentlemen was of great benefit to us in our subsequent discussion with Mr. Lanigan of the C. P. R. and our thanks are due to both visitors.

I cannot conclude this report without a reference to the Fernie fire, the greatest catastrophe the Kootenay has ever seen and possibly the worst forest fire on record in the Dominion. Nelson rendered great help to the sufferers and from many outside points money was poured into the relief fund. The administration of that fund calls for admiration and it is a matter for rejoicing that the city of Fernie is now rebuilt and as progressive as ever.

In conclusion I would most heartily thank the members of this board in general and of the committees in particular, for the faithful work they have performed during the year. Our secretary Mr. Beeston, deserves high praise for the intelligence and industry he has devoted to the work of this board and it is by this energy and industry among the members that this board will continue to be a useful organization and an important factor in the development of the Kootenay and the consequent growth of Nelson.

HOUSE OPENS

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cause the results in arithmetic are still far from satisfactory. The tendency is to undertake too much, to attempt complex and intricate problems, and neglect the simpler processes that come within the range of pupils' experience and their probable future needs. More time should be given to the interpretation of each problem. There is too much attempt to solve by rule and after given types. Composition is generally very well thought out. Thirty-two schools sent up candidates to write on the high school entrance papers and out of 160 who wrote, 136 or 85 per cent, succeeded in passing. This is a very creditable record and must be taken as an indication of faithful and efficient work on the part of the teachers of these schools.

The attendance of members was unusually full for the opening day. There were only three absentees on the government side, Cotton, McKay and Garden; two on the opposition, Eagleson and Stuart Henderson. The socialist members were present in the lobby but did not take their seats on the floor of the house during the reading of the speech from the throne.

The house sits again tomorrow afternoon.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21 — Beyond forecasting the enactment of legislation governing the distribution of water for irrigation purposes, the enactment of various pension clauses in connection with the civil service act, the speech from the throne, delivered by lieutenant governor Dunsmuir at the opening of the house today contained little new. The speech refered to the prosperity of the province, the success of the negotiations of the government with the G.T.P. and the bountiful harvests of fruit and other products.

The day was cloudy and threatened rain so that the crowd attending the opening of the third session of the eleventh legislature was not as large as in other years. All the members, but five, were in attendance. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Nanaimo, will be presented to the speaker on Monday next. The house adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow.

It is rumored that W. H. Hayward, M. P. P. for Cowichan, will be the new conservative whip, to succeed Hon. Thomas Taylor, now minister of public works.

Peace is Assurred.

TOKIO, Jan. 21 — Marquis Katsura, the premier, opened the house of lords today and in his speech dwelt upon the cordial relations existing at present between Japan and other powers, which he declared, were especially favorable at this time.

He said that it behooved Japan to use her best efforts towards the development of the nation's resources, that the alliance with Great Britain had resulted in the strengthening of friendship and good feeling with that counccountry and that a satisfactory exchange of notes with the United States had removed all misunderstanding between Japan and the United States, while peace in the far east was absolutely assured.

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Regular .75; sale price .... .50	Regular 1.50; sale price 1.00

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HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HEAR REPORTS

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR THE YEAR

The annual business meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church was held in the church parlors yesterday evening. Rev J. T. Ferguson presided. There was a good representation of the congregation in spite of the disagreeable weather. Reports were presented for the session by the pastor and D. C. McMorris for the board of managers, by A. Currie for the ladies aid and by Mrs. F .M. Black on behalf of Mrs. Ferguson, for the women's foreign missionary society, by Mrs. Cribbs for the girls' guild of young helpers, by Miss Hazel McArthur for the Sunday school, boys' brigade and men's bible class by F. M. Black, and the young peoples' society by G. S. Rees. All the reports were of an encouraging character showing activity and harmonious working. There were 158 communicants on the church roll.

The treasurer's report showed a grand total of $5,353.03 raised during 1908, of which $1,561.60 had been paid towards the reduction of the debt, leaving a small debt still remaining on the manse of $462 it was suggested that this should be wiped out during the present year. A vote of regret and thanks was passed to F. M. Black on his resigning the office of Sunday school superintendent. The congregation were urged to increase their contributions to the schemes of the church during January and February so that by the time the general assembly's committee closed their accounts, St. Paul's church might have done what has been asked of it for home mission and augmentation funds. J. Hamilton, G. Motion, G. S. Rees and A. Shaw retiring by rotation were re-elected. At the close of the business refreshments were served and a short time was spent in social intrcourse.

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TIMBER REGULATION

B. C. Lumbermen Want Some Changes Made by Government.

Fred Fraser, a prominent timber limit owner of Revelstoke, informed the Province that leading up-country lumbermen were to have an interview with Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of works, in order to urge changes in the timber regulations with a view to securing greater security of title in connection with timber leases. The millowners feel that the provincial government should go a step further than to guarantee licenses for a period of more than 21 years. They realize that the present government does not contemplate any policy of confiscation after the expiration of the 21 years period, but realize that future administrations might adopt a vastly different policy.

During a visit to England last year for the purpose of selling timber limits Mr. Fraser found that he was handicapped by the existing regulations. All the financiers he met entered objections, claiming that British capial would not be invested until the government amended the timber laws. In one or two instances people who had bought limits in this province were anxious to sell and actually gave him options on several large tracts.

FEDERATION OF MINERS

Annual Meeting of Local Branch Being Held in Nelson.

The annual convention of the district association No. 6 of the Western Federation of Miners, is at present taking place in this city. The convention has been up to date one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the federation yet held and a number of resolutions affecting the present constitution of the division and the welfare of labor have been passed. These resolutions will be published fully tomorrow. Officers will be elected today.

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SEEING BENTLEY OFF

By Ethel Severo.

Amy Sheldon, leaning idly over the steamer's rail, watched the crowd on the pier and wished, just for a moment, there had been an opportunity to get word to some of the people she could trust.

This was all so different from her last sailing, and it brought more sharply to her memory the scene of two days before, when she had given Dick Nesbitt his ring and had declared that she hated the very sight of his face.

She had last sailed in June and the pier had been crowded, but until the very last she had seen Dick's smiling face framed in an indistinct blur of other faces. Now she would look in vain if, indeed, she looked at all.

She had about decided to go to her state room until the boat should swing into the stream.

She half turned to suggest to her aunt that course of action, when she caught sight of Dick making his way through the crowd about the gang plank, and presently he came on board with a heavy suitcase that seemed to argue his determination to take passage on the Aurania.

Amy half turned back to the rail, then turned again and made her way to the lower deck, where she knew that the purser's office was located.

Passing rapidly through the gangway she saw that it really was Dck, though he was in earnest conversation with a man in blue and brass buttons and he did not see her.

He had his pocketbook in his hand, and with flashing eyes Amy made her way back to the upper deck, where her aunt still sat in the winter sunshine enjoying the bustle that preceded the departure.

One of the most admirable things about aunt Molly was her willingness to do what her tempestuous little niece wished to do, but even the usually placid aunt Molly demurred when Amy stormed up and demanded that they leave the ship at once.

"But I said good-bye to the Brooks, and Mrs. Brooks is going to send all our mail in care of the London agent," protested the little old lady. "We ca'nt go back home after telling the Brooks that we were to be gone until fall. She will tell all her friends, and—"

"And that's just the trouble," interrupted Amy with a stamp of her little foot. "Mrs. Brooks has been talking—already. She must have gone to the telephone the moment we left last night and told everybody she knew."

"But what will Dick think if you start and turn back?" reminded aunt Molly, determined not to give up a spring in the south of France without exhausting every argument.

"That's just the trouble," exclaimed Amy. "That horrid Mrs. Brooks must have called him up last night after promising that she would not tell a soul. He's on board. I just saw him in the purser's office buying his ticket."

"I thought that they bought them at the dock," objected her aunt Molly, but Amy shook her head.

"You can buy tickets on board at the last moment. I suppose that Dick—Mr. Nesbitt—had to wait until he could settle about his practice being looked after; not that there s so much to the practice," she added spitefully. "I don't believe that he's been in court this month."

"Is he altogether to blame for that?" asked aunt Molly, fencing for time in which to marshal other arguments.

"And suppose that I did let him waste a lot of time with me," retorted Amy. "I've been telling him for the last month that I was tired of seeing him about and that our engagement was all a mistake."

"Then, I don't think that he is following you," advanced aunt Molly. "Dick is not the sort of a man to follow when he is not wanted. If he is on board it is because he has to reach Europe by the first steamer and he won't bother us in the least."

"Because I shall not give him an opportunity," explained Amy promptly. I am going down to the stateroom to have the steward take our steamer trunks ashore. It is lucky that we arranged to have our other baggage follow."

"But what will the people say?" demanded aunt Molly as she rose and prepared to follow her energetic niece. It was plainly to be seen that the trip was off or at least postponed, and aunt Molly knew the signs well enough to realize that resistance was useless.

Amy by dint of liberal tipping, managed to collect her things on the dock just as the final warning sounded. For the moment it was useless to try and leave the dock.

The port captain stood beside the remaining gangway ready to superintend the lowering of the last connection between ship and shore and a line was stretched to keep back the crowd who had gone to the end of the pier to wave a last farewell.

The sides of the ship were lined with eager faces, some smiling, some bedewed with tears. Aunt Molly stood guard over their belongings and looked wistfully at the fortunate ones on the decks.

Just as the signal was given to hoist Dick Nesbitt appeared at the head of the gangplank and dashed down, his feet not touching the dock before the upper end of the plank was hoisted clear of the ship's side.

He sprang lightly aside to escape the swinging edge of the chute, and in doing so almost bumped into aunt Molly, who was making a brave endeavor not to look disappointed.

The black bulk moved slowly past the open section of the shed, but aunt Molly did not see it now, she was busy watching Amy and Dick.

Nesbitt, after a single glance at the frowning girl, devoted his conversation to aunt Molly, with whom he was a favorite.

"Did you get afraid of seasickness at the last moment?" he demanded gayly. "I didn't even know that you were thinking of going aboard or I should have sent some flowers."

Aunt Molly glanced triumphantly at Amy, but that crimson checked young woman gave no sign that she had heard the disclaimer.

"I came precious near to taking the trip myself," continued Dick. "You know what a pest Fred Bentley is when there is a wedding. He always wants to decorate the trunk and do all those things that aggravate the bridal pair."

"When it came to getting married himself, he was scared stiff, for he knew of a dozen chaps who had it in for him. He married Belle very quietly last night and came aboard this morning before daylight. Some reporter asked Ben Houghton about it, and we found that Fred was locked in his stateroom.

"Trimmins, the purser on this ship, is a jolly sort of chap. I've crossed with him three times and I know him quite well. The boys got me to hustle down here with a lot of junk in a suitcase. I gave Trimmins some money to tip Fred's cabin and saloon stewards and Fred's going to get a daily reminder from his victims. I was so busy explaining that Trimmins had fairly to fire me down the gangplank."

"And you were not sailing yourself?" asked aunt Molly.

"I only wish that I could—to see the fun," declared Dick, with twinkling eyes. "If it hadn't been that I caught a big case last night, I think that I should have done so. I bet that Fred's sorry by this time tomorrow that he ever heard of white ribbons and old shoes as decorations for trunks and hacks."

Amy was watching the steamer swing into midstream with the aid of two bustling tugs, but from the corner of her eye aunt Molly saw that the girl heard.

"And speaking of hacks," ran on Dick. "Shall I get you one?"

Without waiting for an answer, he tore off up the dock to retain one of the few waiting hacks, then hurried back to escort aunt Molly and the trunks.

It was not until he had helped aunt Molly into the hack and had turned to show a similar courtesy to Amy that she spoke.

"I thought that Mrs. Brooks had told you we were leaving on this steamer and that you were following me," she said hurriedly. I am sorry that I was so silly; and yet, I am glad, because I know now that it was just because I was tired and silly that I broke the engagement. Will you come over tonight Dick—and bring back the ring?"

"Will I?" he echoed jubilantly. "I should say that I would; and do you know, I am almost sorry that I put up that job on Fred."

"Don't worry," reassured Amy smilingly. "That case will be over and we'll be on our honeymoon before he gets back to play tricks on us. If you had not played that trick I should have sailed, and you—"

"Wouldn't be the happiest man in town," completed Dick. "I guess Fred was of some use after all."

Favors Postal Savings Banks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—Declaring in favor of postal savings banks postmaster general Von Meyer delivered an interesting address today to the national board of trade now in session in this city. At the banquet of the board last night vice president Fairbanks and speaker Cannon discussed the tariff question. Referring to the presence of Sir Charles Ross of Canada, the vice president spoke in a complimentary manner of that country stating that "Canada is linked to us by many ties."

President is Removed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21—Harlow N. Higginbotham, for years the president of the board of trustees of the Field Museum of Natural History, has been removed from that position, Stanley Field, nephew of Marshal Field who found the museum and in his will left a bequest of $8,000,000 for the housing of the institution, was elected in Mr. Higginbotham's place.

Carnegie Medals Awarded.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 21—The Carnegie hero fund commission at its annual meeting here yesterday awarded 26 medals $24,600 in cash and pensions aggregating $565 per month for deeds of valor performed since the last meeting of the commission last October. Among those whose deeds of heroism were awarded by the commission are two full blooded Indians living on government lands. The cash awards made by the commission since its organization in May 1905, including those made today, amount to $163,452.26 and the pensions allowed to $15,440 annually.

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

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By order,
W. E. WASSON,
City Clerk.

Nelson, B. C.,
January 19th, 1909. 229-6

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

NOTICE

Applications are invited and will be received by the undersigned up until noon on the 25th inst. for the following positions for 1909, i.e.

1. Medical Health Officer, salary $50 per month.
2. Auditor, salary $25 per month.

W. E. WASSON,
City Clerk.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Crawford Bay & St. Mary's Railway Company, to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an act amending its charter, so as to extend the time limit for the construction for the said railway and its charter, for power to change its name to that of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba Railway Company, to change its head office, to be authorised to enter such arrangements with the Northern Empire Railway Company, as are permitted by articles 361, 362 and 363 of the Railway Act, and for other purposes.

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METALS

New York, Jan. 21.—Silver, 51⅜; Electrolytic Copper, 13⅝ to 13⅞, dull and normal.

London, Jan. 21.—Silver, 23 11-16; Lead, £13 2s. 6d.

Jan. 21.—Closing quotations on the New York curb and Spokane exchange, reported by Mighton and Cavanaugh

	Bid	Asked
Alberta Coal	.10	.11
B. C. Copper	8.00	8.25
Chas. Dickens	....	....
Can. Con. Smelters	35.00	100.00
Copper King	.04¼	.04½
Dominion Copper	.37½	.63⅝
Galbraith Coal	....	....
Gertie	.03	.03⅛
Granby	100.00	
Hecla	3.00	4.00
International Coal	.72	.77
Kendall	.80	1.00
Missoula Copper	.03½	.03½
Nabob	.02⅜	.02¾
Oom Paul	.04	.05
Panhandle	.02¾	.02⅞
Rambler Cariboo	.15	.17
Rex	.06	.08½
Snowshoe	.07	.07¾
Snowstorm	2.06	2.10
Sullivan	.00⅝	.00¾
Sullivan Bonds	....	....
Stewart	.62½	.75
Tamarack-Chesapeake	.80	1.10

OPENING COPPER QUOTATIONS
(Reported by McDermid and McHardy)

Granby	102.00	106.00
B. C. Copper	8.00	8.25
Dominion Copper	.43¾	.56¼

NELSON NEWS OF THE DAY

The L. O. L. meet tonight in K. of P. hall.

The Socialists meet tonight in Miners' hall.

The conservative convention opens at Victoria today.

The next dance of the Nelson Quadrille club will be held in Fraternity hall on Thursday next.

J. H. Young, one of the proprietors of The Office saloon leaves for a trip to Comaplix tomorrow morning.

The officers elected at the meeting of the Nelson brewery on Wednesday last were: manager, William Gosnell; secretary, J. M. Lay and auditor, E. K. Beeston.

The Baptist ladies' aid are giving a social at which a musical program will be rendered at the residence of Mrs. Graves at the corner of Ward and Latimer streets this evening.

Court Royal Nelson, A. O. F. will hold an important meeting in Fraternity hall this evening at 8:30 city time. At this meeting the installation of officers for the ensuing year and a number of initiations will take place.

Today is the ninth anniversary of the accession of king Edward the seventh. A dance will be given under the auspices of the 102nd regiment in the drill hall tonight from 9:30 to 1 o'clock. Members may obtain tickets from the secretary, J. Teague.

TURIN, Jan. 21.—The Gazete di Tourni asserts that the duke of Abruzzi continues to correspond by telegraph with Miss Elkins, sending despatches from telegraph offices abroad in order to avoid the eyes of the public.

The members of the degree team of Queen City, Rebekah Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F., are requested to assemble in the lodge room this afternoon at 3 o'clock, city time, for practice. This meeting is called to make preparation for the official visit of the grand master on Tuesday evening next. Every member is therefore urged to be in attendance.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—The duke of Abruzzi, travelling under an assumed name and accompanied by a friend believed to be George P. Herrick, an American, passed through here this evening on his way to Turin. The duke aluded all attempts to obtain a statement from him in regard to his alleged resignation from the navy and renunciation of loyalty, but it is alleged he met a representative of the Elkins family, although there is no confirmation of this.

The program at the Arcade Moving Picture Theatre for Friday and Saturday will be an exceptionally comic one. There are nine subjects: "Johnnie's Aunt," "Clown and Statue," and "Student's Jokes." Thtse three ar very comical. "Tracked by Police Dog," "Haunted Castle," "Tramp and Nursing Bottle," "Levitsky's Insurance Policy," "A First Snow Ball," and "A Lion Killer, all of these are of an extremely comical nature. The public cannot afford to miss this excellent program.

EDUCATION OF NEGRO

Senator Tillman Sees Danger in Providing Schools.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Senator Tillman today gave a brief statement in reply to the statement made in yesterday's newspapers that president elect Taft, in his speech delivered the previous day at Augusta, had spoke of him as lacking in sympathy with the negro race. Mr. Tillman attributed Mr. Taft's criticism to misstatements caused by malicious editorials in some southern papers "in which he said his attitude had not been clearly stated.

"In the first place" he said "I am not opposed to negro education at all, provided it is of the right kind, knowing that education increases intelligence and that intelligence increases the usefulness of the citizens. What I said and meant, and by which I stick, is this, that the republican policy of the last forty years has been to compel the south to recognize the political equality of the negro. That in its essence would mean the denomination of the negro in South Carolina and Mississippi, and many other southern states. We have enfranchised every negro we could under the fifteenth amendment and the only instrumentality available was to require an educational qualification.

"There is now an agitation in South Carolina for compulsory education. That would mean a heavy burden to provide more schools which the white taxpayers would have to bear, and here would be no discrimination against the negro on account of race and color. Hence we would present the spectacle of educating the negro at a very heavy expense to hurry forward the contest for supremacy between the two races as soon as we should have given the negroes the necessary qualifications to vote."

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This preparation is said to restore the natural function of the kidneys, so they will sift and strain the poisonous waste matter, uric acid, etc., from the blood, purifying it and relieving rheumatism. Backache will be relieved, and the urnie will be neutralized and cleared and no longer a cause of irritation, thereby overcoming such symptoms as weak bladder, painful, frequent and other urinary difficulties.

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C. P. R. WORK FOR YEAR

What Company Proposes Doing on the Prairies.

MONTREAL, an. 21.—It was announced by William Whyte, second vice-president of the C .P. R. that the program for extensions in the west has been settled by the executive. One of the most important lines to be built will be from Weyburn to Lethbridge about 400 miles running about midway between the main line and the interternational boundary . Twenty-five miles of this line is expected to be completed this year. The gap between Edmonton and Saskatoon is to be completed this spring. There is to be another line from Lethbridge to connect MacLeod with the Calgary and Edmonton line, a little north of High river station. A branch north from Cheadle to connect with the line from Lacombe to Alix will be carried as far as Ghost creek this year.

The foundation for a huge scheme of the terminals at Port William will also be laid this year. Mr. Whyte added that, while he did not wish to state the exact amount of the appropriations for western development, it ran into the millions.

RUMORS ARE REVIVED

Talk of Marriage of Duke of Abruzzi to Mrs. Elkins.

ROME Jan. 21.—The court and ministry of marine deny the report published in the Petit Parisienne that the duke of Abruzzi has decided to resign from the navy and renounce all rank and honor, in order to marry Miss Katharine Elkins. According to the denial there is no truth whatsoever in the published articles, with the exception of the statement that the duke is preparing for an expedition to the Himalayas.

Deposits Are Increasing.

ALBANY, Jan. 21.—Increases within a year of over $464,000,000 and over $50,000,000 in a little over a month in the resources of the trust companies in the state and an increase of nearly $500,000,000 in deposits in a year and over $44,000,000 in a few weeks are shown in a report by A. R. Williams, state superintendent of banking, giving the condition of 87 trust companies as on January 1 last and of November 27, 1908. This is taken as an indication that the financial institutios of the state are rapidly recovering from the financial depression of a year ago.

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WHOLESALE RETAIL

NELSON NEWS OF THE DAY

William Poole registered last evening from a trip to Spokane.

James Cronin is staying in the city for a few days. Mr. Cronin was at one time manager of the St. Eugene mine and is now residing at Spokane.

Owing to the mildness of the weather it has been considered advisable to close the skating rink until the frost returns in order that the present good ice may be preserved.

There will be a social entertainment in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, January 26th at 8 o'clock, city time, Further particulars will be announced later.

Joe Kelly who was arrested on Tuesday night for causing a disturbance in the Lakeview hotel has been fined $20 and costs or 30 days yesterday by E. A. Crease, and is now in the provincial gaol.

In consequence from a request from the general assembly's evangelistic committee the half yearly meting of the Presbytery of Kootenay will be held at Cranbrook on Friday the 9th inst., instead of February 16th as previously announced.

Commencing today the tug Yale will make connections with trains at West Robson for Edgewood and intermediate points instead of at Materia Yards as follows: North bound, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and south bound, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

One of the first settlers of the new year reached Nelson on Monday in the person of W. H. Robson of Lethbridge, accompanied by his wife and two sons and a carloar of effects. Mr. Robson purchased last fall through Toye, Taylor and McQuarrie of this city 20 acres of land at Burton on the Columbia and this spring he will set out 8 acres in orchard and will at once put up a residence. Mr. Robson has been spending a couple of days here purchasing material and supplies for his ranch and is going to Burton immediately. He is the type of the excellent settler that is wanted in this district.

J. McDonald of Rossland is a guest at the Hume.

A. R. Heyland o Kaslo is a guest at the Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lowe of Fernie are staying at the Hume.

B. company of he R. M. R. will parade at 8:15, city time, at the armory tonight.

The temperature in Nelson yesterday ranged between 28 and 32 points above zero.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halpenny of Grand Forks arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Hume.

Neil T. Mackay, M. L. A., of Kaslo, came into the city yesterday on his way to Victoria for the session which has just commenced and registered at the Strathcona.

The secretary of the Nelson Curling club has received a letter from the Rossland club stating that the posponed bonspiel will take place, weather permitting, about February 9th.

Timber inspector Carley of Kaslo was in the city yesterday. He was in East Kootenay quite recently and says that the whole stock in hand ot some of the mill yards has been bought up. Mr. Carley looks for much better times for the lumbermen this spring.

A fund in aid of the sufferers in the recent earthquake in southern Italy is being raised locally and subscriptions to the same will be received at Dr. Wolverton's office, Bell Trading company, Nelson Hardware company, C. P. R. station and the Great Northern ticket office.

The Burns' evening in St. Paul's Presbyterian church nert Monday promises to be an interesting and attractive event. Some of the best known favories among the poet's songs will be sung,and the recitaalons will be characteristic. Tickets are being sold by the members of the ladies aid.

The public schools will open in this city this morning. The teachers who occupied the old part of the new building will continue there until the new seats have arrived with the exception of the principal who will take a room in the old building. Miss Ross will occupy the room formerly used by the principal. Those who bring pupils who are attending school for the first time are asked to take them direct to Miss Thom's room and should enter the building by the main entrance in Stanley street. Miss Thom's room is the first on the left of this entrance. Other new pupils should go direct to the principal's room on the ground floor. For the convenience of parents there will be two girls of the principal's class at the main entrance who will conduct them to the room which they are seeking and two boys for the same purpose will be at the Mill street door.

Owing to lack of space The Daily News is unable to present to its readers the report of publicity work of the past year presented at the meeting of the board of trade last evening, or of the report of the committee on freigh rates which was also read and adoped, after some discussion. Both will appear tomorrow, however.

The following cases came before judge Forin in Chambers yesterday morning: Winlaw vs. Cushing in which S. S. Taylor, K. C., made application for an order to issue a concurrent writ. An order was granted. Mabel Wray, widow, applied for letters of guardianship of her children, Alonzo and Ottaglina. The application was granted.

The Cinderella club held one of their periodical dances in the hall of the Doges at the Strathcona last night. There were about 50 couples present and he affair was altogether a most successful one. These dances are becoming some of the most attractive social events of the season, an increasing number of the lovers of the gentle art having been present on each occasion since the inauguration of the club

At a meeting of the young Conservative club last night it was decided to make arrangements for a series of entertainments in connection with the club. The first of these events will be held at an early date and will consist of a smoking concert and other attractions. A committee was selected last night to make the necessary preparations, and was composed of G. C. Hodge, Fred Bell, D. W. Wilson, J. E. Taylor and Will Irvine.

A gold brick of a value approaching $4000 was brought into the city on Wednesday night from the Queen mine at Salmo. This brick was somewhat smaller than is usually sent in from this mine owing to operations having been suspended for some time lately owing to the temporary failure of electric power from the West Kootenay Power and Light company's plant.

A brakeman on the C. P .R. named William Leathong was taken to the Home hospital on Wednesday evening suffering from injuries to the tops of three fingers of one hand and to his lefe knee. Mr. Leathong was riding on the pilot or cowcatcher of an engine which was travelling along the track about a mile from Procter when he slipped and fell, being rolled over and over by the cylinder by the side of the locomotive. He was able to sit up a little yesterday afternoon and will probably be able to leave the hospital within a few days.

The Edmonton Bulletin in speaking of "In North Carolina" which will be presented at the opera house here next week by Tom Marks and his well known company says; Tom Marks, who for years has provoked alternate laughter and tears before Canadian audiences, appeared in the Edmonton opera house last night in the good old southern story, "In North Carolina." Tom Marks has lost none of his subely in merrimen and pathos and in his comvany are some very meritorious artists, who will do credit to any performance they choose to present. "In North Carolina" is one of the southern dramas which never fail to touch the human heart. The old Rogers' farm where the family have slaved for years is sold for the iron ore it is thought to contain. witr wealth at her command Mrs. Rogers the family autocrat drags old man Rogers and her daughter away from old ties and compels them to se the world with her. The enire performance was clean and refined with a most entertaining variety of drama, vaudeville and moving pictures.

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Montreal Masons do Not Claim Fredericksburg's Honor.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 22—The Fredericksburg lodge of Masons, which possesses the bible on which Washington was entered, passed and raised, and also the records showing when he was given his first degree in that lodge, has been somewhat annoyed recently by a story which was given wide publicity to the effect that the Lodge of Antiquity of Montreal, is the possessor of the bible in which Washington was obligated as a Mason.

In order to clear up the matter, Clarence R. Howard, past master of the local lodge, wrote the Montreal lodge and has received a reply saying that the Montreal lodge does not question the claim of the Fredericksburg lodge.

NOT A CASTRO TRICK

Special Envoy Denis Gomez is Acting for Former President.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 21—Certain allegations recently published in Paris to the effect that there existed a secret understanding between Juan Vicente Gomez, the actual president of Venezuela, and Cipriano Castro, his predecessor, who is now in Berlin, aroused suspicion here and Jose de la Paula the special commissioner of president Gomez to the states of Europe, was questioned on the subject today. He promptly gave out a formal denial. The developments in Caracas since the advent of president Gomez, he declared, demonstrated the absurdity of the story.

He said the fact that numerous Venezuelan exiles expelled by Castro, already had returned and established themselves as political factors in Caracas, precluded the possibility of Castro's return and he called attention to the flight into Colombia of Castro's brother, who had been the former president's mainstay as commander in chief of the Venezuelan army.

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