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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

The Water Clauses Act Takes Much Time.

TO ENQUIRE INTO LIQUOR TRAFFIC

John Oliver's Timber Canard Gets Its Quietus.

Hon. Mr. Bowser reported on the motion of Mr. Oliver for a Select Committee to investigate the claims of John McClarty re certain timber limits alleged to have been staked by him on Vancouver Island, and of which he said he had been wrongfully deprived, that it was scarcely a matter for a Select Committee, as his Department had investigated it and found nothing irregular. Mr. Oliver's motion was defeated.

During the past week the big Water Act has loomed up largely, its bulkiness and weight proving so slow in progress through Committee of the Whole that it has blocked all other legislation and delayed prorogation for seemingly another week at least. The progress of the Bill has been chiefly delayed by the studious and painstaking criticism of the Leader of the Opposition. Some of his criticisms appear to a lay mind, to be hair-splitting, but to some extent at least they are justified as the measure is the most important that has been before the House for a long time. Hon. Mr. Fulton has consented to lay about half the 144 sections already considered, over for consideration, and there still remains 171 sections so that the Bill is likely to take up a great deal of the time of the coming week.

Another important measure was the Civil Service Reform Bill, introduced by Hon. Dr. Young. The Bill does not differ very materially from the similar measure introduced by him a year ago, but is more complete and more finished. The fine work of the actuary makes it rather difficult of criticism without a great deal of calculation, and it is likely to have a smoother voyage through Committee of the Whole than the Water Act.

One of the great surprises of the week was the adoption by the House of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's resolution asking for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the workings of the liquor traffic with a view to the establishment of liquor regulations on the Gothenburg system. In debate Mr. Hawthornthwaite was the only speaker. When the vote was called the House witnessed the rather singular spectacle of the Premier voting for it while the Hon. Mr. Tatlow, sitting right alongside him, held up his hand against it. It is not of course, thought for a moment that it will affect in any way the Government's promise to submit a plebiscite on the question of local option.

The division was:
Yeas—Messieurs Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ross, Shatford, McPhillips, Hunter, Taylor, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford, Grant, Behnsen, McGuire, Davey, Schofield—19.

Nays—Messieurs King, Eagleson, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald, Munro, Jardine, Brewster, Tatlow, Ellison, Young, Hayward—12.

Pairs—Messieurs Fulton and Henderson, Manson and Naden, Parson and Jones, Thomson and Yorston, Mackay and Hall.

5,000 FACTS ABOUT CANADA

The public will welcome the 1909 revised Edition of this valuable booklet, which has been happily described as a tabloid encyclopedia of Canada. It is unique and clever in its arrangements as worked out by its compiler, Mr. Frank Yeigh, of Toronto, the well-known writer and lecturer. 30,000 copies have already been sold. The resources, wealth and business of the country are given in a concrete form—a fact in a sentence. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P. for York, Eng., says: "It is an eye-opener to even a keen Canadian like myself." A copy may be had for 25 cents from the Canadian Facts Publishing Co., 697 Spedina Ave., Toronto.

NEW WIRELESS RECORDS

What United Wireless Equipments Are Accomplishing

One of the best long-distance overland wireless records ever made stands to the credit of the steamship Rupert City, sailing between Vancouver and Prince Rupert. On a recent trip to the north the Rupert City operator for the United Wireless Telegraph company was in communication with the land station of the United concern at North Vancouver. The vessel at the time was in the harbor of Prince Rupert.

As the country between North Vancouver and Prince Rupert is exceedingly mountainous, the aerograms must have passed over these high mountains. But added to this feat of the instruments aboard the Rupert City, the operator communicated direct to the United company's station in Seattle while the boat was at Prince Rupert. This distance is more than 500 miles and the messages must have travelled overland.

By wireless experts this feat is considered the most remarkable of any accomplished on the Pacific coast, or perhaps in the world. So far the best records have been made by the wireless stations and steamships of the Pacific. As the Rupert City is equipped with only a two-kilowatt capacity set of instruments, wireless engineers point out that the vessel must have a wonderful sending and receiving apparatus to be able to work at such long distances and with high mountains between the points of transmission.

But the instruments aboard the Rupert City do not seem to be limited to this overland distance. On the same trip the operator was in communication with the United wireless station at Marshfield, Or. This is a distance of 1900 miles. These aerograms also must have come part of the way over the land, and for that reason makes the record all the more remarkable.

TAXICABS IN SEATTLE

Latest Form of Transportation Now on Coast.

Seattle, March 1.—The Seattle public will soon be provided with the latest forms of transportation by a perfect system of automobile cabs.

The Seattle Taxicab Company, which is inaugurating the service, has received three of the new cabs, which will be put on the street immediately, and others will be received at intervals as fast as they can be turned out by the factory, until, by June 1st, 50 taxicabs will be in operation.

The feature of the service that will appeal to the public is the cheapness of the rate for which their services will be rendered.

A tariff of 30 cents will be charged for the first half mile, and 10 cents for each additional quarter of a mile when the car is occupied by from one to three passengers. For more than three passengers and up to six, 30 cents will be charged for the first third of a mile, and 10 cents for each additional sixth mile, and a charge of 10 cents will be made for every six minutes that the cabs are kept waiting. Hand baggage will be carried for any distance with a passenger at the rate of 20 cents for each piece, and small trunks will be charged for at the rate of 40 cents each. Within certain limits, approximately three miles, no additional charge will be made for calling for passengers or for the return of the empty cars when dismissed by the passengers.

The taxicabs are equipped with an automatic device which, by an indicator, shows the passenger the amount of the tariff due as the cab proceeds, and the waiting time begins to count as soon as the cab stops, thus keeping the total constantly within view of the passenger.

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The cabs are so arranged that they may be either open or closed as the conditions of the weather will necessitate or permit.

AMERICAN MEAT SCANDAL.

Diseased Meat Shipped to London and Condemned by Medical Health Officer.

Startling allegations concerning the diseased condition of some recent consignments of American meat are contained in a report by Dr. Williams, medical health officer of the port of London, presented to the city council at the Guild Hall to-day. In a shipment of meat that arrived Feb. 2nd, consisting of tongues, kidneys, liver, tripe, lamb plucks and sweetbreads, Dr. Williams reports that he found 28 sheep livers and 130 lungs diseased out of a total of 2,400. There were also 300 frozen hog carcasses on board this of which 15 were minus the lymphatic glands. One carcass was effected with tuberculosis.

"There is no necessity," he declared, "of removing the lymphatic glands unless with some specific object which is presumably that, in the cases of the 15 carcasses found without glands, they had been discovered, on inspection in the United States, to show some evidence of disease."

Continuing, Dr. Williams pointed out that in the above consignment more than six hundred cases of tongues, livers, plucks etc., bore an official tag that they had been inspected and passed as sound in the country of exportation. The city council decided to forward Dr. Williams' report to the local government board with the idea that the incidents therein be brought to the notice of United States ambassador Reid and the sanitary authorities and that earnest representation be made to the board in the interests of health.

A number of the members of the health committee commented on the conditions set forth in Dr. Williams' report in unstinted terms. "If such abominable filth as diseased livers have been eaten by the poor," he said, "it will lead to an increase of the terrible disease of cancer." They declared the matter to be one of national importance, effecting the health of the whole United Kingdom, and they appealed to the corporation to give the discovery the widest publicity and take immediate steps to "prevent a recurrence of this disgraceful business."

HOSMER'S FREE WILD WEST.

Band of Elk Snowbound Three Miles North of Town.

Nelson News
The very deep snow in this vicinity has afforded the Hosmer people a little pleasure and excitement which will probably not fall to their lot again for some time to come.

Three miles north of the town a small herd of elk, consisting of one bull, two cows and a calf, have become snowbound. They are in such deep snow that it has been possible for most of the townspeople to get a good view of them without any danger to themselves. On Sunday several ladies visited the herd on snowshoe and were greatly pleased with the sight which they afforded. The bull elk possesses a splendid pair of antlers, which at times he seemed anxious to put into use. Several good snap shots have been secured by professional and amateur photographers both from Fernie and Hosmer.

Game warden Lewis, after inspecting the elk, has had them supplied with hay as there appears to be very little natural food where they are snowbound.

The remains of one elk was discovered in the snow, it had been shot by some unscrupulous person, and this fact has aroused the interest of the people of Hosmer so that an association for the protection of game and fish was formed on Saturday evening at the Royal hotel. The officers elected were, C. E. Winter, president; Mr. Drummond, vice-president; Lawyer Dunbar, secretary-treasurer.

John Welch, one of the Welland canal dynamiters, sentenced in 1900 to life imprisonment, died in the Kingston penitentiary on Thursday on Thursday last.

TIME CARD CHANGES

A change in the time table on the Great Northern came into effect on Wednesday. The train from Keremeos for Oroville leaves at two o'clock instead of three, as formerly. There is no change in the time of arrival from Oroville. The train leaves Oroville for Spokane a half hour earlier in the morning and returning leaves Spokane two hours earlier, arriving in Oroville at 7:30 instead of 9:30 p.m.

The change in the time card would appear to favor the granting of a through service to Keremeos and the cutting out of that objectionable lay-over at Oroville, but so far there is no suggestion of such further change being effected. Travellers making the round trip to Spokane will have three hours longer to remain in Oroville under the present arrangement.—Keremeos Trumpet.

"BUSTER BROWN" UP IN COURT

Ottawa Citizen Wins Against New York Herald.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the New York Herald vs. the Ottawa Citizen decided an important point in copyright law. The appeal involved the title to the comic page supplement known as "Buster Brown." The New York Herald in 1902 began the issuance of the series in question, but did not register it in Canada until 1906. The Ottawa paper first published the features under arrangement with the New York Herald but later issued a comic section of its own under the same title. Thereupon the New York paper took out an injunction to restrain the Ottawa paper from doing so.

The Exchequer Court dismissed the case on ground that the New York Herald, being sold in Canada without copyright, it became public property, which any person could use in whole or in part. This judgment has now been affirmed by the Supreme Court, Judges Davies and Duff dissenting, but it is understood that the decision will be appealed to the Privy Council.

GOTHENBURG SYSTEM FOR B.C.

Hawthornthwaite's Step in the Right Direction.

The legislature on Friday night adopted a resolution presented by J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Nanaimo, asking for the appointment of a royal commission to look into the facts of the liquor business in British Columbia and to make a study of the Gothenburg system with a view to the possible adoption of this system in the province. The Liberal wing opposed the resolution and it is probable that the matter will be made an issue at the next provincial campaign. This system, which at present obtains in Norway and Sweden, entails virtually government control of the manufacture and sale of liquors.

IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE

British Columbia's Representatives Take A Hand in the Debates

J. D. Taylor, New Westminster, introduced Bill Miners's escape, expressing surprise that in view of the development there has been no further investigation. He pointed out that a number of visitors were allowed to see Miner contrary to regulations, and although records were kept, the inspector of penitentiaries should have put them in his report prior to the escape. He quoted a press interview with C. P. R. detective Bullock which stated that the story that he believed Miner had bonds in his possession, was a myth, and although he had not personally interviewed Miner on the subject he was present when Jake Terry was permitted to see the convict. Mr. Taylor laid stress on the statement of ex-warden Burke that there had been a long delay in authorizing him to offer a reward.

This was explained by inspector Dawson claiming that the telegram was addressed to him personally and not to the inspector at Ottawa, and he being absent had caused the delay.

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A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.

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THE FRUIT INDUSTRY

The importance which the fruit growing industry is assuming in British Columbia is now not only realized by those engaged in the business in this province, but it is recognized in Eastern Canada and in the mother country where our apples have taken many prizes at competitive exhibitions. But what is of more advantage to us than any acknowledgment of our possibilities in this respect, in outside quarters, is the fact that the great transportation companies are showing a decided disposition to encourage fruit growing in the province by offering the best possible facilities and the lowest rates for carriage to our nearest and what must be our largest permanent market, the prairie provinces.

The conference between the fruit growers, the boards of trade and officials of the C.P.R. which opened at Victoria on Monday may very properly be regarded as an event in the history of the industry in this province. Those present were representative men and well fitted to take this whole question into consideration and decide what was best for the present and future requirements of the industry. The harmony which marked the discussions indicated the completeness with which all parties perceived the benefit which would accrue to every branch of trade by judicious encouragement given to enterprise in this direction. Indeed the transportation companies have no less reason to extend a helping hand to the settlement and development of our fruit growing areas than the public at large has. They have much to gain by doing so and that is realized thoroughly by the men in command of our great railway corporations.

As the result of the conference at Victoria we may reasonably look forward to still greater activity than has been shown in the past in the work of trans-

forming our fertile but unoccupied valleys into wealth-producing orchards. That responsible officials of a great railway company should have taken the initiative in bringing the interested parties in this important enterprise together will do much to carry conviction to those not accustomed to listen to a less authoritative voice.

And in this connection it is with no little pleasure that all who are interested in the progress of the fruit industry in British Columbia will learn of the efforts of one of our parliamentary representatives, Mr. Martin Burrell, in making known the opportunities offered by this department of productive labor. Twice since the session opened Mr. Burrell has addressed Canadian clubs on the resources of British Columbia and on the last occasion he dealt specially with our fruit industry. According to the report of his address in the eastern press he sketched the history of fruitgrowing in British Columbia, from the planting of the fruit tree in 1849 by Mr. James Douglas, chief factor of the Hudson Bay company and afterwards governor of the crown colony, up to the present tremendous development with 75,000 acres in orchard, a great deal of it under irrigation. The first shipment, he said, to outside markets was made in 1897. In 1902 the province produced 2000 tons of fruit; in 1904, 3000 tons, valued at \$250,000, and in 1908 over \$1,000,000 worth, which fruit was marketed not merely in the North West and Great Britain, but in far-off Australia. Mr. Burrell pointed out that the development of the fruit industry in British Columbia was only at its beginning, because, aside from the fact that there was much ground still to be planted, only 10 per cent. of the area thus far planted was now in bearing.

One statement in his address is especially worthy of attention as, in it, he contradicts and very properly so an ancient accusation made against our fruit. It was rather the habit, he said, of some people in the east, as well as in England, to say that, while British Columbia fruit had a pleasing appearance and while the orchard yielded abundantly, the fruit lacked quality. This he spoke of as a pleasing fiction, and drew attention to the number of prizes won by British Columbia fruit in competition with the very best that could be produced elsewhere. At the great show of the Pacific Coast Fruitgrower's association at which the best growers of Oregon and Washington were represented, British Columbia, he said, had taken the hundred dollar gold medal for the best five cases. And at the first great national apple show, held at Spokane, last year, which was attended by buyers not only from all over the United States but from Europe as well, the Kelowna district in British Columbia, which took there a small exhibit, won \$5500 worth of prizes and took also the cup for the best individual apple, in color, texture and quality in the whole exhibition. At the Royal Horticultural society's exhibition in England, where the judges were the most critical in the world, for six consecutive years, British Columbia had captured the gold medal.

That is the sort of talk which is of immense value to a country

like this; the earnest assurance by responsible and experienced men of the rewards which can be secured by honest and industrious effort. And Mr. Burrell certainly deserves the highest credit for his loyal endeavor to make known the advantages of this province.—Ex.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The Ottawa Free Press, the government organ, which is in a position to get inside information gives currency to the rumor that there is a strong probability that the Earl of Dudley will succeed Earl Grey as Governor-General of Canada. Earl Dudley is one of the most popular members of the House of Lords. He is 43 years of age and an all round good fellow. He married in 1891 a daughter of Charles Gurney, a lady of great beauty and a charming hostess. Lord Dudley was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1892 to 1906. Originally a Conservative in politics, he turned Home Ruler and is now classed as a supporter of the present government.

EARLY DAYS IN THE KOOTENAY

(Keremeos Trumpet.)

The Rev. A. H. Cameron on Monday returned from Revelstoke where he as moderator was attending a meeting of the Presbytery of Kamloops. In 1886 Mr. Cameron, by appointment of the Presbyterian church, took charge of mission work on the main line of the C. P. R., between Calgary and Revelstoke. He has favored the Trumpet with some interesting notes of his work there in the early days and of his recent trip.

"The only other ministers in the Rocky mountains in 1886 were the Rev. Henry Irwin, generally known as "Father Pat," of Donald and the Rev. John McDougall of Morley. Father Cocola of Kamloops also held services on this line from time to time. The C. P. R. furnished "time passes" or free transportation. That favour does not now hold and even the half-fare permits were withdrawn this year so that now when ministers travel they have to pay full fare. In 1887 Revelstoke consisted of a few shacks—principally saloons—on the right bank of the Columbia river, a short distance below the C. P. R. bridge. In one of these shacks in February of that year I held my first Sunday service in Revelstoke. On Wednesday of last week the Presbytery of Kamloops met in Knox church and was constituted. A dozen ministers and several elders were present. There are two Presbyterian congregations in Revelstoke and Knox church, the second built, will compare favorably with the churches in much larger cities in the east. The saloon town of 1886 is now a prosperous railway city with wide concrete sidewalks, fine mercantile establishments and an over-abundant supply of snow. Fruit ranches are also in evidence there, or at least the tops of the fruit trees can be seen, but this year there may be considerable loss on account of the weight of snow breaking the trees. We went to Revelstoke by the Okanagan lake route and returned by way of Nelson and Oroville. In several places the road between Green Mountain and Penticton is bad enough to upset the nerves of strong men and should have the immediate attention of the road supervisor. A trans-continental clergy certificate stood me for all and more than I could have obtained with a C. P. R. half-fare permit on the trip from Nelson to Keremeos. I realize in this that my C. P. R. friends of the past are not my only friends of the present. In the mid-summer of 1888 I made the run from Revelstoke to Robson (then called Sproats' Landing) in John Blackhall's row boat. The fare was ten dollars and lots of muscle for the oars and the sleeping accommodation was a "fly" Rocky Mountain feathers and a blanket on the bank of the Columbia river. From Robson to Nelson (then called Salisbury) I enjoyed my old time foot pass. The town of Salisbury in 1888 consisted of Wand's canvas hotel and bright prospects. To-day Nelson is one of the most attractive mining towns in British Columbia and her wide awake business men are making a noble

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 issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
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 5-10 A. MEGRAW.

NOTICE

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 McKinney, B. C., intend to apply to the super-
 intendent of provincial police, P. S. Hussey, of
 Victoria, for a retail liquor license for the
 Camp McKinney Hotel, located at Camp Mc-
 Kinney, B. C.

HUGH CAMERON,
 Camp McKinney, B. C. Jan 10th, 1909. 4-5

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NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days
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 Police, P. S. Hussey, of Victoria, for a retail
 liquor license for the Granite Creek Hotel, lo-
 cated at Granite Creek, B. C.

LOUIS MARCOTT,
 Granite Creek, B. C., March 4th, 1909. 8-4

Notice to the Public.

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 same.
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 Fairview, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia,
 for the purpose of receiving an account of
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 HENRY LEK,
 Liquidator.
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Town and District.

Mrs. Innis of Keremeos is visiting Mrs. W. J. Forbes.

Who will be the first to hear a robin or see a buttercup?

Mr. R. G. Shier returned on Thursday last from a visit to the coast.

Mrs. Terrell went to Nicola last week to visit her daughter Mrs. McPhail.

Mr. V. J. Rose, of the Hedley Hotel, returned last week from a business trip to Victoria.

Mrs. Doran was married at Nanaimo on Feb. 17th. Her husband's name is Seth Critchley.

Presbyterian service was held in the church on Sunday evening last, Rev. Mr. Conn officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hackney have taken up their residence in Mrs. McKinnon's cottage on Kingston Ave.

Keremeos Board of Trade are endeavoring to have the government office moved from Fairview to Keremeos.

Rev. J. J. Nixon will hold divine service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening next. Everybody welcome.

A child playing with matches in a Kaslo home, set the house on fire, and a baby, two and a half years old, perished in the flames.

Parties holding South African, Veterans scrip, and wanting to dispose of it to advantage will please communicate with A. Megraw, Hedley, B. C.

L.W. Shafford M.P.P. has purchased a \$15,000 lot on Westminister Avenue, Vancouver, on which Vancouver papers say he contemplates erecting a four-story block.

The mines at Fernie were idle all day Tuesday while a mass meeting discussed the new wage scale and sent a draft of it to the central committee at McLeod.—Grand Forks Gazette.

It is reported that H. W. Yates has been fortunate in locating and disposing of a valuable claim in the Cobalt country, where he went about the first of the year. His many friends in Hedley are pleased to hear of his good luck.

Mr. J. Percy Watson a former typist on the Gazette staff, and two partners, have opened a job office in Victoria, under the name of the Acme Press. They have an entirely new plant, and with Percy's skill and taste should turn out good work. We wish the new firm all success.

Miss Forbes, of Colchester Co., Nova Scotia, arrived in Penticton on Monday evening and was met by her brother W. J. Forbes, who will bring her to Hedley by special rig. They will probably not reach Hedley before this evening after making call at Green Mountain and Keremeos.

B. Stone Kennedy, erstwhile editor of this great weekly lumphant, has "struck it" in real estate at the coast. Editors deserve to strike something after serving a term on a frontier newspaper. Stay with it B and leave a pile to the younger B's when the old B crosses the dark river.—Star.

Sparks from the stovepipe falling on the roof of Miss Lowndes' cottage on Monday afternoon was the cause of a fire which might have been serious had it not been for the timely assistance rendered by Mr. Terrill, who put it out with a few pails of water. Just now when the water is turned off, there is great danger from fire, and it is well for all householders to see that their stoves and stove pipes are in a safe condition.

GENERAL NEWS

Patrick Killen died in the Hospital at Phoenix from the effects of a fall in the Granby mine.

London, Ontario, has five cases of smallpox, while all around the city many new cases are developing. At Evelyn, a village west of London, several cases have developed and in all the schools and churches are closed. In East Williams it is estimated that 20 persons are quarantined.

The Kingston Board of Health has decided to compel all residents of the city to be vaccinated. Many people are leaving the city rather than comply with the law in this respect.

Ralph Smith, M. P., for Nanaimo, will probably be appointed chairman of the new standing committee of the Commons on Mines and Minerals, thus giving British Columbia the chairmanship of what promises to be one of the most important committees of the House. In the last parliament the province had no committee chairmanship.

The Conservatives of Calgary unanimously nominated Mr. R. B. Bennett as a candidate in the coming election.

There have been five cases of scarlet fever in the city of Rosland, and two of the rooms of Cook Ave. school have been closed on this account. Miss Milligan, one of the teachers is suffering from a mild attack of the fever. The rooms in the Cook Ave. school have been fumigated and will be re-opened on Monday next. One case of scarlet fever has developed at the Central school and the division attended by that child was immediately closed, and will be thoroughly disinfected before being re-opened on Monday. As an additional precaution, the division attended by a sister of the sick child has also been closed until Monday, and will also be fumigated. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.—Miner.

Dr. Rutherford, Dominion Veterinary director, is waging war against the inhuman practice of docking horses tails.

EXTENDING THE SYSTEM

United Wireless Reaching Out For The Orient.

Seattle, Wash., March 8.—The first attempt to establish wireless telegraph stations in the Orient, by foreigners, will be made at once by the United Wireless Telegraph Company, according to information given out at the headquarters of the concern in this city. Two representatives of the concern will leave New York in a few days for Japan and China, via the Pacific.

The men will carry with them several portable wireless telegraph outfits for demonstrating purposes. The telegraphers have been studying the Japanese and Chinese languages for several months and have familiarized themselves with the telegraph codes used in the Orient. In addition they will hire native interpreters.

It is planned to establish a chain of stations from Vladivostok to Aden. This chain will be similar to that of the United Wireless system on the Pacific coast of the United States, Canada and Alaska. This occidental chain of wireless stations now extends from Cordova, Alaska, to the Mexican coast and Honolulu. With stations on the Oriental coast, it is believed the shipping interests of the Pacific will be greatly aided.

As negotiations are now under way for the equipping of the Canadian Pacific, Pacific Mail and the line of boats to be operated between Puget Sound and the Orient by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, it is deemed necessary by the United concern to have ample facilities for handling the commercial trade that will be developed by these lines on both sides of the ocean. In addition to this consideration the United people want to be able to communicate direct with the Orient from the United States.

Wireless experts believe it will be an easy feat to transmit aerograms across the Pacific with the apparatus it is planned to install. Patents have been secured on an improved receiving device that is claimed by wireless men to be the most sensitive in the world. It was owing largely to the use of this device that the United station at Russian Hill, San Francisco was able to pick up the Japanese messages direct from Japan. With stations of the same system established on the Japanese coast, the operators say aerograms will be sent over the Pacific with ease.

IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE

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Burke had hinted that the telegram had been falsified by an interested person in Ottawa.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth answered that it was unfortunate that a matter of this kind had been made the matter of trial by a newspaper, particularly when the paper was the organ of a member of the house.

J. D. Taylor interposed that the Columbian had taken no other part in the matter than to publish a signed statement.

Mr. Aylesworth continued, charging that when he heard the series of questions regarding the escape, the Columbian was the only newspaper to mention chief inspector McIntosh as the one who gave away certain information, when the name should be McKenzie.

Mr. Taylor interposed that the Columbian had no despatch from Ottawa, the article being copied from the Vancouver Advertiser.

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Mr. Aylesworth continued, quoting a letter from ex-warden Burke, dated Feb. 9, stating that he had given all the information in his possession. The minister repeated inspector Dawson's explanation of the delay in offering a reward. Everything had been done that was possible to do, and the Ottawa officials had nothing to apologize for. It had been shown that the penitentiary officials were to blame in so far as they had failed to observe the regulation.

R. L. Borden deprecated what he characterized as an effort to discredit the member for New Westminster and thought Mr. Aylesworth should withdraw the statement that the item did not appear in other B. C. papers.

Mr. Aylesworth replied that he had been informed that was the case, he did not make it from personal knowledge.

Mr. Borden remarked the minister should have personal knowledge before making the statement. The minister failed to touch on the real points of the case. He argued that it was the government's bounden duty to have an immediate inquiry to see what Burke and others had to say under oath.

Solicitor general Bureau argued that a full inquiry had been made and there was nothing that could be done, citing Burke's letter that he had nothing more to add to his evidence.

Martin Burrell resented the sarcastic remarks made about British Columbia. Too much is being made of an error in a press despatch and the minister should have made a further retraction of his statements. People of British Columbia want to know if there will be a further inquiry. Developments show that there should be a further inquiry and inspector Dawson should not figure in it as he mixed up in the affair.

G. H. Cowan, Vancouver and A. S. Goodeve appealed to the premier to rise above partyism and to clear the justice department of all suspicion, lest the public lose confidence in the administration of justice.

The premier complained that Mr. Taylor neglected to give notice to the department and consequently the decision could not be as complete as it would otherwise have been. They had all been delighted at the capture and conviction of the American desperado, and felt ashamed at his being allowed to escape. However, there was nothing to prove that there should be an other investigation. He deprecated the introduction of irrelevant matter.

Hon. G. E. Foster said the irrelevant matter had been introduced by the acerbity of the minister of justice. The conduct of the matter showed neglect and in view of the later information an investigation was necessary.

J. W. Macdon, Cape Breton, wanted the rumor that the stolen C. P. R. bonds had been returned investigated.

Glen Campbell, Dauphin, pointed out that nobody had been punished for the offence of permitting Miner to escape and this was a blot on the department of justice.

The house went into supply on the railways estimates.

Renewing Hostilities.

Mrs. Caller—I'm surprised that you recognized me. It has been more than five years since we met. Mrs. Naggeby—I had almost forgotten your face, but I remembered that dress you have on.

Didn't Dispute It.

Mr. Stynlate—After all, society is a deuced bore, don't you know. Miss Weary (yawning)—Yes, some people's society.—Exchange.

Don't tell all you know, keep a little for a nest egg.—Schoolmaster.

Safe.

Merchant (to hawk)—Call those safety matches? Why, they won't light at all! Hawker—Well, wot could yer 'ave safer?

Silver money 250 years old is still in circulation in some parts of Spain.

Subject to sinking spells—divers.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

